



Altavista Presbyterian Church

A congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA)
in the Presbytery of the Peaks



Our Mission

As members of the Body of Christ is to be
His voice and hands helping all people.



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Worship for the Lord's Day

November 1, 2020
All Saints' Sunday
10:00 AM

Welcome The Lord be with you. *And also with you.*

Announcements *Please see the bulletin insert for all announcements.*

Prelude *Balm in Gilead* R. Wilson

In order to prepare for worship, you are invited to pray silently during the prelude.

Call to Worship *Psalm 34:15-22 (NKJV)* p.482

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, You set before us a rich feast of blessing, but we are drawn to lesser things that cannot satisfy. Our ways are not Your ways; our thoughts do not ascend to Your thoughts. Forgive us when we fall short of Your commands for our lives. We ask this in the name of our Savior, Your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

With gratitude, in faith, we will walk the way of the cross.

Thanks be to God!

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Lesson *Revelation 7:9-17 (ESV)* p.1076

This is the word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God!*

Call to Offering

Offertory *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* E. Broughton

During the offertory, you are invited to bring your offering to the communion table.

Prayer of Dedication

Communion of the Saints

While the organ plays, you are invited to come forward and light a candle in memory of a deceased loved one. Place the lighted candle in the sand box, so that we can all glimpse the great cloud of witnesses.

Litany for the Saints

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Second Scripture Lesson Hebrews 12:1-4 (NASB) p.1052

The word of God for the people of God. *Thanks be to God!*

Sermon "The Great Cloud of Witnesses"

* Profession of Faith Apostles' Creed (Traditional)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

*Mine Eyes Have Seen the
Glory*

W. Steffe

November Events

- November 1** 10 AM Worship/Children's Church
6 PM Youth Group Meeting
- November 3** 10 AM Bible Study in Sanctuary
6 PM Ministry Beyond Meeting
- November 4** 6:30 PM Midweek Fellowship in Sanctuary
- November 8** 10 AM Worship/Children's Church
Return Items for the OCC
5 PM Youth Group Meeting at the Church
- November 10** 10 AM Bible Study in Sanctuary
5:30 PM Christian Ed Meeting
- November 11** 6:30 PM Midweek Fellowship in Sanctuary
- November 14** Youth Retreat
Set-Up for OCC Packing Party
- November 15** 10 AM Worship/Children's Church
Collect Thanksgiving Offering
OCC Packing Party after Worship
Session Meeting after Worship
6 PM Youth Group Meeting
- November 17** 10 AM Bible Study in Sanctuary
- November 18** 6:30 PM Midweek Fellowship in Sanctuary
- November 19** 9 AM Virtual Presbytery Meeting
- November 21** 5-7 PM Curbside Pick-Up BBQ Dinner
Fundraiser
- November 22** 10 AM Worship/Children's Church
Congregational Meeting after Worship
6 PM Youth Group Meeting
- November 23** December Link Deadline
- November 24** 10 AM Bible Study in Sanctuary
- November 25-26** Church Office Closed for Thanksgiving
- November 29** 10 AM Worship/Children's Church

Joys and Concerns for Prayer

Please contact the church office if you have prayer concerns.

Prayers For...

- God's church here at APC and for His guidance.
- Our session & church leaders.
- Our nation and all our elected leaders.
- Hospice patients and their caregivers.
- Dianne Emmett
- Glenn Jefferson
- Carol Moorefield
- Al Smith
- Kay & Chuck Gagnon
- Robert Lovelace
- Margaret Liebchen
- Ann Andrews
- Alline Ritzer
- Joyce Coleman
- Billy Robertson
- Kathi Bogert
- Our service members: Jeremy Larkin, Grant Martin
- Our homebound members: Tim Coleman, Janet Sodders, Dean Smith, Essie Moore.

Announcements

The **Lay Reader** today is Samantha Janiak.

The **Youth Group** will meet today at 6 PM at the church.

Tuesday morning **Bible Study** will meet November 3, at 10 AM in the Sanctuary.

The **Ministry Beyond Committee** will meet this Tuesday, November 3, at 6 PM at the church.

Midweek Fellowship meets Wednesday, November 4, at 6:30 PM in the Sanctuary.

The **Thanksgiving Offering** will be collected Nov. 15, for the Presbyterian Children's Home of the Highlands. This offering will be matched by our ACT for Missions funds. Please make checks payable to APC and indicate on the memo line or the pew envelope as Thanksgiving Offering.

Our fall **Congregational Meeting** will be held Sunday, November 22, immediately after worship to present the 2021 Operating Budget, approve the Pastor's 2021 Terms of Call and to elect the 2021 Nominating Committee.

People to Contact at APC

Session (Active Elders)

Harrison Bell ('22)
Ministry Support

Keegan deBernard ('21)
Youth Elder

Kevin deBernard ('22)
Christian Education

Cynthia Erb ('22)
Worship

John Erb ('21)
Clerk of Session

Linda Janiak ('22)
Ministry Beyond the Congregation

Barbara Podrebarac ('21)
Ministry Beyond the Congregation

Chip Roark ('21)
Property

Rev. Ed Soto
Moderator of Session

Staff

Rev. Ed Soto
Pastor

Carolyn Doss
Church Secretary

Linda Giles
Organist

Dennis Janiak
Treasurer

Stephanie Moehlenkamp
Choir Director

Other Contacts

Jack Ritzer
The Men of the Church



Schedules

Usher for November

Sang-il Lee

Lay Reader, November 8

Harrison Bell

Lay Reader, November 15

Anne Mabry