



# **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 15, 2020  
Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time  
10:00 AM

*The congregation's responses are in bold italics.*

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

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

**Prelude**             *How Firm a Foundation*                             P. Harris

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

**Call to Worship**     *Psalm 123 (NKJV)*                             **p.537**

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession**

*Trusting you does not always come easy when each day we are faced with the ugliness of the world. We do not believe that love conquers fear. We are not convinced that power comes through weakness. We cannot conceive how you could heal us. Forgive our lack of faith, O God, and renew our trust in you, for we would be disciples of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.*

**Assurance of Pardon**

Forgiveness is ours through Jesus Christ.

***Thanks be to God!***

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Old Testament Lesson**     *Zephaniah 1:12-18 (ESV)*                             **p.814**

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

## Call to Offering

### Offertory

*If That Isn't Love*

D. Rambo

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

## Prayer of Dedication

### 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.*

### New Testament Lesson *Mark 9:42-50 (NASB)*

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

### Sermon

*"Sin and Salt"*

### \* 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 *God of Our Fathers, Whose Almighty Hand* G. Warren

## 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
- November 11** 6:30 PM Midweek Fellowship in Sanctuary
- November 14** Set-Up Fellowship Hall 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 16** 5:30 PM Christian Ed 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

### 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 Soddors, Dean Smith, Essie Moore.



## Announcements

The **Lay Reader** today is Anne Mabry.

The **sanctuary flowers** this morning are given by Dennis & Linda Janiak for the glory of God and in celebration of Eann's 6<sup>th</sup> birthday.

The **Thanksgiving Offering** will be collected this morning for the Presbyterian Children's Home of the Highlands. This offering will be matched by our ACT for Missions funds.

The **Session** meets today for its monthly stated meeting. If you have a prayer concern for which your elders could pray, we invite you to write it on the insert and place it in the offering.

The **Youth Group** meets today at 6 PM.

The **C E Committee** meets this Monday, Nov. 16, at 5:30 PM.

Tuesday morning **Bible Study** meets Nov. 17, at 10.

**Midweek Fellowship** meets Nov. 18, at 6:30 PM.

Volunteers are needed to help with packing care packages for the **Claire Parker Foundation**, Thursday, Nov. 19, at 6:30 PM at 1019 9<sup>th</sup> Street. Please sign-up on the bulletin board if you would like to participate.

## 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*



Monday, November 23, is the deadline for the **December "Link" newsletter articles**. Items for the Link may be e-mailed to the church office.

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.

## Schedules

**Usher for November**

**Lay Reader, November 22**

Sang-il Lee

Terry Watson