

# Worship for the Lord's Day

March 8, 2020  
Second Sunday in Lent  
10:00 AM

*An asterisk \* indicates standing, as you are able.  
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** *God Leads Us Along* arr. David Hegarty

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

**Call to Worship** Psalm 121 (NASB) p.536

\* **Hymn** *Lead On, O King Eternal* Hymnal #447

## 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!*

\* **Passing the Peace of Christ**

May the peace of Christ be with you. *And also with you.*

\* **Song of Praise** *Gloria Patri* Hymnal #579

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.*

\* **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.*

## A Time For Young Christians

*All children 6 and younger are invited to Children's Church in the nursery.*

## Prayer for Illumination

**Old Testament Lesson** *Genesis 12:1-4 (NIV)* p.55

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

**Anthem** *Merciful God* arr. Craig Courtney

**Offering** *Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God* Karen Lafferty

*During the offertory, you are invited to offer silent prayers of gratitude.*

\* **Song of Thanksgiving** *Doxology* Hymnal #592

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Him, all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

\* **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.*

\* **Hymn**      *Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord*      Hymnal #392

\* **New Testament Lesson**      *Mark 6:45-56 (ESV)*      p.873

*Please remain standing for the reading of God's Word.*

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

**Sermon**      *"Misunderstanding"*

\* **Hymn**      *Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name*      Hymnal #539  
*We Raise*

\* **Charge and Benediction**

\* **Postlude**      *Love Lifted Me*      Howard Smith



## **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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*Altavista Presbyterian Church strives to show compassion to all people within our Congregation and beyond our doors just as Jesus showed compassion to all those in need.*

## **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
- Ryan Hedgepeth
- Carol Moorefield
- Al Smith
- The Drumheller family
- Kay & Chuck Gagnon
- Wes Hege- cancer
- Cherie Maulbeck – cancer
- Margaret Liebchen
- 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.

## **People to Contact at APC**

### **Session (Active Elders)**

- Kevin deBernard ('20)  
*Christian Education*
- John Erb ('21)  
*Clerk of Session*
- Susan Gilliam ('20)  
*Ministry Beyond the Congregation*
- Carolyn Lees ('20)  
*Worship*
- Barbara Podrebarac ('21)  
*Ministry Beyond the Congregation*
- Jack Ritzer ('20)  
*Ministry Support*
- Chip Roark ('21)  
*Property*
- Janette Walker ('21)  
*Ministry Within the Congregation*
- Rev. Ed Soto  
*Moderator of Session*

### **Staff**

- Rev. Ed Soto  
*Pastor*
- Carolyn Doss  
*Church Secretary*
- Dot Hogan  
*Organist*
- Dennis Janiak  
*Treasurer*
- Stephanie Moehlenkamp  
*Choir Director*

### **Other Contacts**

- Jack Ritzer  
*The Men of the Church*

## **Schedules**

### **Ushers, March**

LeeAnn Head, Jean Murphy  
Sang-il Lee

### **Lay Reader, March 15**

Martha Moore

### **Lay Reader, March 22**

LeeAnn Head

### **Nursery, March 15**

Need Someone

### **Nursery, March 22**

Charlotte Mabry

## March Events

<b>March 1</b>	10 AM Worship/Communion/Children's Church
<b>March 3</b>	10 AM Bible Study Men's Lunch at Noon – Taste of Italy
<b>March 4</b>	12:10 PM Lenten Service 7 PM Holden Evening of Prayer
<b>March 7</b>	4 PM Youth Participate in Dodgeball Tournament
<b>March 8</b>	10 AM Worship/Children's Church Collect Special Offering for the Bahamas Stewardship Coffee Hour after Worship 5 PM Youth Group Meeting
<b>March 9</b>	6 PM Ministry Beyond Meeting
<b>March 10</b>	10 AM Bible Study
<b>March 11</b>	12:10 PM Lenten Service 9:30 AM Prayer Fellowship 10:30 AM Women's Fellowship 7 PM Holden Evening of Prayer
<b>March 15</b>	10 AM Worship/Children's Church Called Congregational Meeting after Worship Session Meeting after Congregational Meeting
<b>March 17</b>	8:30 AM Bingo at Dialysis Center 10 AM Bible Study Men's Lunch at Noon – El Cazador 1:00 PM Bingo at Dialysis Center
<b>March 18</b>	8:30 AM Bingo at Dialysis Center 9:30 AM APC Serves Lunch at Daily Bread 12:10 PM Lenten Service 1:00 PM Bingo at Dialysis Center 7 PM Holden Evening of Prayer
<b>March 22</b>	10 AM Worship/Children's Church Koinonia Luncheon, Stewardship Brainstorming
<b>March 24</b>	10 AM Bible Study April Link Deadline
<b>March 25</b>	12:10 PM Lenten Service 9:30 AM Prayer Fellowship 7 PM Holden Evening of Prayer
<b>March 29</b>	10 AM Worship/Children's Church 5 PM Youth Group Meeting
<b>March 31</b>	10 AM Bible Study

## Announcements

The **Lay Reader** today is **Dana Taylor**.

A **special offering** will be collected today, to benefit the Bahamas. This offering will be matched by our ACT for Missions Trust. Please make checks payable to APC and indicate in the memo line that it's for the Bahamas.

We will have a **Stewardship Coffee Hour** immediately after worship today.

The **Youth Group** will meet today at 5 PM at the church.

The **Ministry Beyond Committee** will meet this Monday, March 9, at 6 PM at the church.

Tuesday morning **Bible Study** will meet March 10, at 10 AM in the adult classroom. All are welcome to join as Pastor Ed leads us through various studies and discussions of scripture, theology, and church history. This week's lesson is on the Southern Kingdom II, II Chronicles 17-20; 24.

The **Prayer Fellowship** will meet this Wednesday at 9:30 AM in the pastor's study.

The **Women's Fellowship** will meet this Wednesday, March 11, at 10:30 AM in the adult classroom, all women are invited.

**Holden evening of prayer** will be held each Wednesday in Lent at 7 PM.

Our spring stated **Congregational Meeting** will be held Sunday March 15, immediately after worship. The purpose of the meeting is to elect the 2022 Class of Elders and to conduct any business of the APC Corporation.

We will have a **Movie Night** March 21, at 6 PM. Please bring snacks to share.

We will have a **Koinonia luncheon** Sunday, March 22, followed by a time of stewardship brainstorming. Food for the luncheon will be provided.