



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

February 21, 2021
First Sunday In Lent
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 *Jesus Loves Me* Mary McDonald

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

Call to Worship *Psalms 5:8-12 (NKJV)* p.466

Hymn of Praise *I Will Rise* Chris Tomlin

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, You have called us to gracious living, to love where it is undeserved and unexpected. We confess how quickly we are seduced by the calculating life. We habitually judge who is worthy or unworthy, and measure our actions accordingly. Forgive our pride, Lord. Forgive our self-deception. Forgive our resistance to unmerited grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson *Genesis 9:8-17 (ESV)* p.7

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

Call to Offering

Offertory

The Lord's My Shepherd

T. McKibben

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 11:27-33 (NASB)

p.880

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

Sermon

"By Whose Authority?"

* 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

Like a River Glorious

J. Mountain

February Events

- February 1-4** Pastor Ed out of town on Study Leave
- February 2** No Bible Study
6 PM Ministry Beyond Meeting
- February 7** 10 AM Worship/Children's Church
Rev. Tom Friedrichs Preaching
Collect Souper Bowl of Caring Offering
Collect Two-Cents-A-Meal Offering
5 PM Youth Group Meeting at the Church
- February 9** 10 AM Bible Study in Sanctuary
- February 14** 10 AM Worship/Children's Church
5 PM Youth Group Meeting at the Church
- February 16** 10 AM Bible Study in Sanctuary
- February 18** 9 AM Presbytery Meeting
- February 21** 10 AM Worship/Children's Church
Session Meeting after Worship
6 PM Youth Group Meeting at the Church
- February 22** March Link Deadline
- February 23** 10 AM Bible Study in Sanctuary
- February 28** 10 AM Worship/Children's Church
6 PM Youth Group Meeting at the 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 elected leaders.
- Hospice patients and their caregivers.
- Dianne Emmett
- Carol Moorefield
- Al Smith
- Kay & Chuck Gagnon
- Robert Lovelace
- Margaret Liebchen
- Phillip Webb (cancer)
- Kelly Farmer
- Lynn Bennett
- Alex Eubank
- Glenn Jefferson
- John Tucker
- Alline Ritzer
- Caroline Peerman
- Ann Andrews
- 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 Dana Taylor.

The **sanctuary flowers** this morning are given by Al & Jeannie Smith for the glory of their Lord and Savior and in loving memory of their dear sister Dolores "Dodie" Drumheller.

The **Session** meets today immediately after worship 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 this evening at the church at 5:00.

The Tuesday morning Bible Study will meet at 10:00.

February 22, is the deadline for the **March "Link" newsletter articles**. Items for the Link may be e-mailed to the church office.

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



Schedules

January Usher

Sang-il Lee

Lay Reader, February 28

Martha Moore

Lay Reader, March 7

Cynthia Erb