

Worship for the Lord's Day

March 15, 2009 – Third Sunday in Lent
10:00 AM

The Church is Gathered

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

Announcements Please see the bulletin insert for all announcements.

Prelude *A Lenten Meditation* arr. E. Broughton

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

Choral Introit *Jesus, I Will Ponder Now* J. S. Bach

To Praise God's Name

Call to Worship based on Psalm 19, 1-4

The heavens declare the glory of God;
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

*Day after day they pour forth speech;
night after night they display knowledge.*

There is no speech or language
where their voice is not heard.

*Their voice goes out into all the earth,
their words to the ends of the world.*

* **Hymn** *Holy God, We Praise Your Name* Hymnal #460

Unison Prayer of Confession

Lord God we are such foolish people. We honestly believe that we have achieved success by our own smarts and will power. We dismiss the spiritual side of life as too weak and ineffectual. We want to remove all mystery from our faith and put everything on a factual and provable basis. Forgive us, O God, and teach us that there are just some things that we need to accept on Faith. Teach us also that we need the power of your Grace in order to be successful in this life. And further teach us that the true meaning of success has more to do with relationships than it does things. We pray this in the name of Jesus, Your Son who rose from the grave to make our relationship with You possible. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

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

Response Forgiveness is ours in Jesus Christ. Thanks be to God!

Choral Anthem *Jesus Paid It All* arr. R. Kingsmore

I hear the Savior say, Thy strength indeed is small;
child of weakness, watch and pray, find in Me thine all in all.

Lord now indeed I find thy pow'r and Thine alone
can change the leper's spots and melt the heart of stone.
Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe. Sin had left a crimson stain,
He washed it white as snow.

For nothing good have I whereby Thy grace to claim
I'll wash my garments white in the blood of Calvary's Lamb.
And when before the throne I stand in Him complete,
I'll lay my trophies down, all down at Jesus' feet.
Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe; sin had left a crimson stain,
He washed it white as snow, He washed it white as snow.....

Passing the Peace of Christ

The peace of Christ is with you. And also with you.

*As our Passing of the Peace ends, all children through fifth grade
are invited to depart for Children's Church.*

To Hear God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading *Exodus 20:1-17* p. 63

New Testament Reading *I Corinthians 1:18-25* p. 991

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

Sermon *The Foolishness of Faith*

To Thank God

* **Hymn** *What Wondrous Love Is This* Hymnal #85

* **Profession of Faith** *Apostles' Creed* Hymnal p.14

Prayers by and for the People · The Lord's Prayer

Offering *Cross of Sorrow* Franz Schubert

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**

To Depart to Serve God

* **Hymn** *At the Font We Start Our Journey* **Supplement #2114**

* **Commission and Blessing**

A new day is dawning when God's promises
will be renewed in the risen Christ.

*All of us will know God,
from the least of us to the greatest.*

We are people of the covenant,
in touch with the Eternal in our midst.

*God has acted in Christ to save us,
that we might live as children of God.*

Go forth as followers and servants,
among all who are being drawn to Christ.

*We take the risks of faith,
rejoicing in our discipleship.*

Amen. *Amen.*

* **Congregational Amen** **Supplement #2280**

Postlude *The Way of the Cross Leads Home* arr. Franklin Ritter

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Next Week's Sermon

"Lifting Up The Lord"

Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22; Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:14-21

Announcements

The **sanctuary flowers** this morning are given by Dolores Drumheller for the glory of God and in loving memory of Harold.

The **Lay Reader** today is **Cynthia Erb**.

The **Session** meets immediately after worship 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.

Our spring stated **Congregational Meeting** will be held Sunday, March 29, immediately after worship. The purpose of the meeting is to elect a slate of elders for the Session and to conduct any business of the church corporation.

Again this year we are hosting the weekly **Lenten Lunches**, each Wednesday during Lent beginning at noon. Sponsored by the Altavista Area Ministerial Association, each week a different area preacher offers a brief sermon. A light lunch is provided after every service. Come join us during your lunch hour for this long time Altavista tradition.

The **Sanctuary** will again be **decorated for Easter**. If you would like to contribute to the cost of the floral decorations, please leave your donation in the church office and indicate for Easter decorations.

The Presbyterian **One Great Hour of Sharing Offering** will be received on Palm Sunday. All gifts will be matched by our ACT for Missions trust.

Friday, March 20, is the deadline for articles for the **April "Link" newsletter**. Items for the Link may be e-mailed to Sue Ferguson at billsueferguson@aol.com

The **Mission Study Task Force** will meet next Sunday, March 22, immediately after worship.

Schedules

Ushers, March

Ron Coleman, Travis Taylor,
Garry & Dana Taylor

Greeters, March

Preston Andrews, Alex Eubank

Lay Reader, March 22

Jerry Sodders

Lay Reader, March 29

Barbie Andrews

Nursery, March 22

Brian McCrickard

Nursery, March 29

Chip Roark

CC Teachers, March

Sue Simmons, Anne Mabry

CC Helpers, March 22

Mary Woodie, Bill Ferguson

Daily Scripture Readings

Theme: *Getting Ready to Serve* Psalm of the week: 19

MONDAY	Luke 16:1-13	THURSDAY	Hebrews 12:12-17
TUESDAY	Matthew 20:20-28	FRIDAY	1 Peter 4:1-11
WEDNESDAY	Philippians 2:1-11	SATURDAY	John 12:20-36

Weekly Calendar

Sun., March 15	Sunday School	9:00 AM
	Worship	10:00 AM
	Children's Church & Sunday School for 4 th and 5 th Graders	
	Session Meeting immediately after worship	
Wed., March 18	Prayer Fellowship - Pastor's Study	9:30 AM
	Lenten Luncheon	12 Noon
	Choir Practice	6:00 PM
Sun., March 22	Sunday School	9:00 AM
	Worship	10:00 AM
	Children's Church & Sunday School for 4 th and 5 th Graders	

Joys and Concerns for Prayer 3/15/09

- Pastor Bob Button and his ministries
- The session and the staff
- The Mission Study Task Force Team
- The Nominating Committee
- Help to grow in the grace and knowledge of God, and to share the Good News with others this year.
- Those who are lonely and those in need
- Financial uncertainty and the unemployed
- Ellen Ragsdale for quick recovery from recent surgery.
- Doug Hecht health concern
- Health (Gary Alley, Mike Barker, Dave Campe, Tim Coleman, Eula Dillon, Patty Eller, Dianne Emmett, Tim Fenn, Steve Graham, Jim Hankins, Elizabeth Hawkins, John Hawkins, Doug Hecht, Hannah Johnson, Ralph Liebchen, Betty Sue Moehlenkamp, Darnell Moorman, Conner Niblett, Bob and Ellen Ragsdale, John Trotti, Heath Tuttle)
- Leaders in the town, county, state, country and world.
- Military and their family (Jeremy Larkin, Grant Martin, Joshua Wright)
- Our church mission projects.
- John and Beth Muehleisen in Kenya/Uganda (Their newsletters are posted on the bulletin board.)
- John Farmer with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship at UNC.
- Residents in retirement homes and residential care (Thelma Blanchard, Tom Chappelle, Francis Harvey, Ruth Knight, Wilmoth McClelland, Martin Strebel, Margaret Young)

People to Contact at APC

Session (Active Elders)

Ron Coleman
Ministry Beyond the Congregation

Kelly deBernard
Ministry Within the Congregation

Rob Gilliam
Ministry Support

Sang-il Lee
Prayer & Visitation

Anne Mabry
*Worship & Discipleship,
Nominating Committee*

Jennifer McCrickard
*Ministry Within the Congregation,
Visitation*

Stephanie Moehlenkamp
Worship & Discipleship

Caroline Peerman
Home Communion & Pulpit Supplies

Chip Roark
*Visitation, New Membership,
Presbyterian Men*

John Tucker
Visitation & Nominating Committee

Mark Younkin
Ministry Beyond the Congregation

Bob Button
Moderator of Session

Staff

Carolyn Doss
Church Secretary

Stephanie Moehlenkamp
Choir Director

Dot Hogan
Organist

Preston Andrews
Treasurer

John Erb
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