

Worship for Palm Sunday

April 5, 2009
10:00 AM

*An asterisk * indicates standing, as you are able.
The congregation's responses are in **bold italics**.*

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

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

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

Prelude *The Palms* arr. E. L. Ashford

You are invited to pray silently during the prelude. This prayer is offered for your use.

Almighty God, you built your church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets. With Jesus Christ himself as the cornerstone. Join us together by their teaching, so that we may be a holy temple in whom your Spirit dwells; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Choral Introit

TO PRAISE GOD'S NAME

Call to Worship *Psalm 118:19-29* **Hymnal #232**

Proclamation of the Entrance into Jerusalem *Luke 19:28-40*

* **Hymn of Praise** *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* **Hymnal #89**

*The Children shall enter waving palm branches
and those wishing to make their Two-Cents-a-Meal offering may do so
as the children bring the urn down the isle.*

Call to Confession

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Proclamation of Pardon

* **Response of The Forgiven** *Gloria Patri* **Hymnal #579**

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

Choral Anthem *Behold The Lamb* arr. Andy Albritton

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us, and we remember the promise made that all who come in faith find forgiveness at the cross. So we share in this bread of life and we drink of His sacrifice as a sign of our bonds of peace around the table of the King

The body of our Savior Jesus Christ, torn for you, eat and remember; the wounds that heal, the death that brings to life paid the price to make us one. So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice, as a sign of our bonds of love around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin, shed for you drink and remember; He drained death's cup that all may enter in to receive the life of God. And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond and to remember our call to follow in the steps of Christ as His body here on earth. As we share in His suffering we proclaim Christ will come again! And we'll join in the feast of heaven, around the table of the King, around the table of the King, around the table of the King. My sovereign King.

Passing the Peace of Christ

The peace of Christ be with you. ***And also with you.***

*Let there be a time of greeting and fellowship as we pass
the peace with each other!*

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

*All children are requested to join Rev. Button at the front of the sanctuary
for a short message before leaving for Children's Church.*

Children's Message *Why a donkey?*

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading *Zechariah 9:9-10* **p. 824**

New Testament Reading *John 12:12-16* **p. 936**

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

Sermon *Understanding in Hindsight*

TO THANK GOD

* **Hymn of Thanks** *What Wondrous Love is This* **Hymnal #85**

* **Profession of Faith** *Nicene Creed (Ecumenical)* **Hymnal p.15**

**Reception of Tithes and Offering and
Special Gifts for One Great Hour of Sharing**

Solo *The Holy City* Rev. Bob Button

* **Thanksgiving Response** *Doxology* **Hymnal #592**

* **Prayer of Dedication**

TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD IN SACRAMENT

*During the hymn, children involved in Children's Church
will be returning to the sanctuary to rejoin their family.*

* **Hymn of Preparation** *Bread of Heaven* **Hymnal #501**

Sacrament of Our Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer for the World • The Lord's Prayer (sins)

Sharing in the Bread and the Cup

Prayer at the closing of the Meal

TO DEPART TO SERVE GOD

* **Hymn of Parting** *Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!* **Hymnal #91**

* **Commission and Blessing**

God sends us forth, each with our own mission
to hasten the day of Christ's rule.

*We are ready to serve where God sends us,
and to do what God requires.*

This is a day God has made;
Let us continue to rejoice and be glad in it.

*God has opened to us the gates of righteousness.
We will go through them with joy.*

God has caused light to shine on us
and offered salvation to transform us.

*We give thanks for the goodness of God
whose steadfast love endures forever.*

Amen. *Amen.*

* **Congregational Response** **Supplement #2280**

Postlude *Triumphal March* Theodore duBois

Announcements

Welcome to Altavista Presbyterian Church! If you are a guest with us today, we extend to you the hand of fellowship in the name of Jesus Christ. We are glad you are worshipping with us, and hope you will return. If you are interested in more information about our congregation, please speak to the pastor or one of the greeters at the door.

The **Lay Reader** today is **Glenn Berger**.

As is our Easter tradition, everyone is invited at 9:00 AM Easter morning to share in our **Easter Breakfast** in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a breakfast dish to share. Your extended family and guests are welcome to join us for our meal!

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

Circle I meets Tuesday, April 7, 10:00 AM in the parlor.

Circle II meets Tuesday, April 7, 7:00 PM in the parlor.

The **Presbyterian Men** will meet for our monthly men's lunch this Tuesday, April 7, at the Main Street Emporium in downtown Altavista at 11:45 AM. Those of you with a lunch hour free, come join us for food and fellowship!

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.

Saturday, May 2nd APC will be traveling to **Volunteer Farm in Woodstock, VA** (South of Winchester, VA) to donate time & talents for the planting of fruits and vegetables for this year's harvest. Volunteers will meet at APC at 5AM the morning of the 2nd and return approximately at 4 PM the same day. Traveling arrangements are still being planned. **All ages are welcomed.** Please sign up on the bulletin board by the office.

Schedules

Ushers, April

Sue Ferguson, Mark Younkin,
Gary & Jane Strebel

Greeters, April

Henry Pittard, Murrell Routon

Lay Reader, April 12

Doug Hecht

Lay Reader, April 19

Debbie Berger

Nursery, Maundy Thurs.

Jennifer McCrickard

Nursery, Good Friday

Abbey Bogert

Nursery, April 12

Kevin deBernard

Nursery, April 19

Anne Mabry

CC Teacher, April

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CC Helpers, April 19

Beverly Eubank, Kevin deBernard

Communion Servers, today

David & Sally Sease, Maxine Montague,
John & Cynthia Erb, Al Smith,
Gary & Barbie Andrews

Daily Scripture Readings

Theme: *The Cost of Right Choices* Psalm of the week: 56

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| MONDAY | Acts 14:19-28 | THURSDAY | Isaiah 53:1-6 |
| TUESDAY | 1 Peter 2:21-25 | FRIDAY | Isaiah 53:7-9 |
| WEDNESDAY | 1 Corinthians 1:3-11 | SATURDAY | Isaiah 53:10-12 |

Schedule of worship for Holy Week:

Maundy Thursday worship – April 9, 7:30 PM

Good Friday worship – April 10, 7:30 PM

Easter Sunday breakfast – April 12, 9:00 AM

Easter Sunday worship – April 12, 10:00 AM

A nursery will be provided Thursday, Friday, and Sunday morning. There will be no Sunday School or Children's Church on Easter Sunday. Families and friends visiting with you are always welcome at our services.

Joys and Concerns for Prayer 4/5/09

- Pastor Bob Button and his ministries
- The session and the staff
- The Mission Study Task Force Team
- Praise: the Nominating Committee. A job well done.
- 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: A speedy recovery from recent surgery.
- Health (Gary Alley, Mike Barker, Dave Campe, Tim Coleman, Eula Dillon, 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, Charles Thomas, 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
Clerk of Session, Presbytery Delegate

Shannon Moorman
Nursery Attendant

Other Contacts

Sue Ferguson
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