

Worship for the Lord's Day

August 16, 2009

10:00 AM

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

The Church is Gathered

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

Announcements Please see the bulletin insert for all announcements.

Prelude *How Can I Keep from Singing* Lowry, Smith

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

To Praise God's Name

Call to Worship From Psalm 111

Praise the Lord!

***I will extol the Lord with all my heart.
In the council of the upright and in the assembly.***

Great are the works of the Lord;
they are pondered by all who delight in them.

***Glorious and majestic are his deeds,
and God's righteousness endures forever.***

God has caused wonders to be remembered.
The Lord is gracious and compassionate.

***God provides food for those who fear The Lord.
God remembers the covenant forever.***

The works of God's hands are faithful and just.
All God's precepts are trustworthy.

***The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
all who follow God's precepts have good understanding.***

(All) To God belongs eternal praise! Amen

* **Hymn** *O God of Earth and Space* **Hymnal #274**

Unison Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Father, you created us in your own image. You set us in a land flowing with milk and honey. Everything we need to live is available to us if we would expend the energy to plant and harvest. But we have moved beyond the simple life and have grasped the fruit of the knowledge of good and evil, and in so doing, we have aspired to be wiser than you and more discerning than you. We engineer structures that challenge the beauty of the mountains and the streams. We alter the genetic structure of plants to produce crops that give greater yield. We replace our human parts with titanium and switch organs from one human to another in order to ease pain and extend life. In the process, Lord, we forget that you are the Creator and sustainer of life. We have become our own gods and we fail to acknowledge you and give you thanks. Forgive us Lord for our idolatry and teach us again that it is all about you, not us. We pray in the name of Jesus, our Savior. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

* **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.

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

Passing the Peace of Christ

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

To Hear God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading *I Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14* **p.292**

Message for Children *Who Wants to be a King/Queen?*

After the children's message all children through the 2nd grade are invited to depart for Children's Church.

New Testament Reading *Ephesians 5:15-20* p.1020

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

Sermon *Facing Evil Days!*

To Thank God

* **Hymn** *Since Jesus Came into My Heart* **Supplement #2140**

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

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

Offering *Ville Du Havre* Bliss, Loree

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

* **Charge and Benediction**

* **Congregational Amen** **Supplement #2241**
(verses 1& 4)

Postlude *Clonmel* Wellman

Announcements

Welcome to Altavista Presbyterian Church! If you are a guest with us today and are searching for a church home, we encourage you to join us in the great adventure of Christian discipleship. Our mission is to proclaim God's kingdom begun in Jesus Christ, and to live lives which point to its coming fulfillment in Him. Simply speak to the pastor or a greeter if you are interested in joining us in this work.

The **Lay Reader** today is **Holly Roark**.

The **Musician** today is **June Lee**.

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 **Circle II** meeting was cancelled last Tuesday and has been rescheduled for this Tuesday, August 18, at 7:00 PM in the parlor.

The Session has called a **Congregational Meeting** after worship next Sunday Aug. 23, for the purpose of electing a Standing Nominating Committee.

A special offering will be collected today for **Habitat for Humanity**. Please make checks payable to Altavista Presbyterian Church and include Habitat for Humanity in the memo line.

Next Monday (Aug. 24) is the deadline for articles for the **September "Link" newsletter**. Items for the Link may be e-mailed to Sue Ferguson at billsueferguson@aol.com

Next Committee Meeting Night: September 1

The **Prayer Fellowship** meets each Wednesday morning at 9:30 AM in the pastor's study and is open to all.

Schedules

Ushers, August

Emma, Chandler, Brian & Jennifer McCrickard

Greeters, August

Henry & Nancy Pittard

Lay Reader, August 23

Vika Henderson

Lay Readers, August 30

Gary Andrews

Nursery, August 23

Rob Gilliam

Nursery, August 30

Kelly deBernard

Daily Scripture Readings

Theme: The Mystery of God's Gifts Psalm of the week: 145

MONDAY	Matthew 8:1-4	THURSDAY	Matthew 9:18-26
TUESDAY	Matthew 8:5-13	FRIDAY	Matthew 9:27-34
WEDNESDAY	Matthew 8:14-17	SATURDAY	Mark 10:46-52

Weekly Calendar

Sun., August 16	Adult Sunday School Worship Stated Session Meeting immediately after worship	9:00 AM 10:00 AM
Wed., August 19	Prayer Fellowship - Pastor's Study Second Helping Lunch	9:30 AM 11:00-12:30 PM
Sun., August 23	Adult Sunday School Worship Congregational Meeting immediately after Church	9:00 AM 10:00 AM

People to Contact at APC

Joys and Concerns for Prayer 8/16/09

- Pastor Bob Button and his ministries
- The session and the staff
- 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
- Hospice patients and caregivers
- Marie Hoffman, Mother of Linda Janiak, health concern.
- Doug Hecht, upcoming surgery on Aug. 25th.
- Mary Bennett Humphreys, Mother of John Tucker, health concern.
- Health (Gary Alley, Mike Barker, Mollie Cofflin, Tim Coleman, Alvin Dalton, Dianne Emmett, Dante Erk, Tim Fenn, Steve Graham, Diane Janiak, Elizabeth Hawkins, John Hawkins, Doug Hecht, Brenda Hunt, Hannah Johnson, Ralph Liebchen, Betty Sue Moehlenkamp, Darnell Moorman, Conner Niblett, Bob and Ellen Ragsdale, Charles Thomas, John Trotti, John Tuck, Heath Tuttle, Kathy Woodall)
- Leaders in the town, county, state, country and world.
- Military and their family (Robert Kinard, Jeremy Larkin, Grant Martin, Joshua Wright)
- Our church mission projects.
- Missionaries: John and Julie Farmer with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, John and Beth Muehleisen with World Gospel Mission, and Paul and Reinhild Sydnor with the International Teams. (Their newsletters are posted on the bulletin board.)
- Residents in retirement homes and residential care (Thelma Blanchard, Joseph Eller, Francis Harvey, Marie Hoffman, Ruth Knight, Wilmoth McClelland, Martin Strebel, Margaret Young)

Session (Active Elders)

Barbie Andrews

Ministry Beyond the Congregation

Ron Coleman

Ministry Beyond the Congregation

Kelly deBernard

Ministry Within the Congregation

Bill Ferguson

Property & The Men of the Church

Rob Gilliam

Ministry Support

Sang-il Lee

Christian Education

David Mabry

Property & The Men of the Church

Jennifer McCrickard

Ministry Within the Congregation,

Stephanie Moehlenkamp

Worship & Nominating

Caroline Peerman

Worship

Jenny Roark

Christian Education

Robert E. (Bob) Button

Moderator of Session

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Organist

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Treasurer

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Other Contacts

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Women's Circles

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