

# Worship for the Lord's Day

August 30, 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** Gavotte J. S. Bach

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

**Choral Introit** When All Thy Mercies, O My God Crüger

## To Praise God's Name

**Call to Worship** Based on Proverbs 22:1-6

A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches,  
***and loving favor rather than silver and gold.***

The rich and poor meet together,  
***the Lord is the maker of them all.***

The prudent man foreseeth the evil and hideth himself;  
***but the simple pass on, and are punished.***

By humility and the fear of the Lord are riches,  
and honor, and life.

***Thorns and snares are in the way of the forward:  
he that does keep his soul shall be far from them.***

Train up a child in the way he should go;  
***and when he is old, he will not depart from it.***

\* **Hymn** All Things Bright and Beautiful Hymnal #267

## Unison Prayer of Confession

***O God who demonstrated to us what perfect love is all about, we confess to you that we have been slow in learning that lesson. We love others when it best suits us and when we can get the optimum rewards for ourselves. In our marriages we have failed to love unconditionally. In our parental duties we have loved our children when they have lived up to our expectations. In our communities we have loved when it has been convenient. Certainly, Lord, we have missed the mark. For you have taught us to love unconditionally and to forgive without ceasing. Give us new and loving hearts so that we might be reflections of Your love and grace. We pray in the name of Christ who loves us unconditionally. 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!**

**Choral Anthem** The Earth Is the Lord's Nygard

### 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** Song of Solomon 2:8-13 p.581

### Message for Children

**New Testament Reading** Mark 10:6-8 p.877

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

**Sermon** A Joyful Meeting

## To Thank God

\* **Hymn**                      *Models of Your Love*                      **Tune Hymn 533**

Vs. 1 - O Perfect Love, that calls us to each other  
We will rejoice in fellowship divine.  
We praise you Lord, for binding us together,  
So that in love we find our joy divine.

Vs. 2 - O Joyous Love, that binds us male and female;  
We know in truth the bounty of thy grace  
As we rejoice within the bond of marriage;  
We will experience you face to face.

Vs. 3 - O Lasting Love, that celebrates our oneness.  
Husbands and wives inspired from above;  
Teach us to play and joyfully show to others  
That we are simply models of your love.

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

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

**Offering**                      *Prayer from "Judas Maccabeus"*                      G. F. Handel

*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**                      *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord (Vs. 1-4)*                      **Hymnal #441**

\* **Charge and Benediction**

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

**Postlude**                      *Trumpet Tune*                      Anne Davis

## Announcements

The **sanctuary flowers** are given by Al & Jeannie Smith for the glory of God and in celebration of their 47<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

The **Lay Reader** today is **Gary Andrews**.

Our next church-wide **Committee Meeting Night** will be this Tuesday, September 1, at 7:00 PM at the church.

**Circle I** meets this Tuesday, Sept. 1, 10:00 AM in the parlor.

The **Presbyterian Men** will meet this Tues., Sept. 1, at the Main Street Emporium in downtown Altavista at 11:45 AM.

**Children's Church** for Pre-K through second grade children will begin September 6, during the service.

The **Property Committee** will have a maintenance workday September 12, from 8 AM to 12 Noon. Please sign up on the bulletin board by the church office if you are able the help.

The **Youth Group** will have a kick-off meeting today at 5:00 PM at the church followed by meetings every Sunday beginning September 13, from 5:00 to 7:00 PM.

We will have an **Adult Study Group** beginning Sept. 13, at 6:00 PM for anyone who is interested in discussing **Respectable Sins: Confronting the Sins we Tolerate by Jerry Bridges**. The group will meet the second and forth Sundays of each month. Books may be purchased through the church office.

During the month of September we will once again have a church wide **collection for DAWN** (Donation A Week Neighbors) here at APC. Please take the enclosed list along to the grocery store to purchase items that we will be focusing on each week, but we will gratefully accept any donation you wish to make. Please place your donations in the boxes in the hallway and they will be delivered to DAWN each week. Thank you for being generous so we can make a difference for some of our neighbors.

There will be a **Communion Class** for young children and their parents September 13, 20, 27, and October 4, at 9:00 AM at the church.

## Schedules

<b>Ushers, September</b>	Georgie & Holly Roark, Allison Mabry, Faith Mari Tucker
<b>Greeters, September</b>	Christine Oliver, Jeannie Smith
<b>Lay Reader, September 6</b>	Les Woodie
<b>Lay Reader, September 13</b>	Dolores Drumheller
<b>Nursery, September 6</b>	David Mabry
<b>Nursery, September 13</b>	Billy Robertson
<b>Communion Servers, Sept. 6</b>	Glenn & Debbie Berger, Gary & Jane Strebel

## Daily Scripture Readings

Theme: The Centrality of Christ Psalm of the week: 18:1-19

MONDAY	John 1:19-28	THURSDAY	John 6:66-71
TUESDAY	John 14:1-11	FRIDAY	John 12:20-36
WEDNESDAY	Colossians 1:15-23	SATURDAY	John 11:1-16

## Weekly Calendar

<b>Sun., Aug. 30</b>	Adult Sunday School Worship	<b>9:00 AM</b> <b>10:00 AM</b>
<b>Wed., Sept. 2</b>	Prayer Fellowship - Pastor's Study Second Helping Lunch Choir Practice	<b>9:30 AM</b> <b>11:00-12:30 PM</b> <b>6:00 PM</b>
<b>Sun., Sept. 6</b>	Adult Sunday School Communion/Worship Children's Church Fellowship Time Immediately after worship	<b>9:00 AM</b> <b>10:00 AM</b>

## Joys and Concerns for Prayer 8/30/09

- Pastor Bob Button and his ministries
- The session and the staff
- Standing 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
- Hospice patients and caregivers.
- Doug Hecht, speedy recovery from surgery
- Tim Howdysshell (Susan Alley's brother) surgery Aug. 31
- John Farmer with Inter Varsity Christian Fellowship, in the death of his Mother, Brenda Farmer on August 19.
- Phil and Carol Wills McCartney, 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, , Marie Hoffman, Mary Bennett Humphreys, 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, Ruth Knight, Wilmoth McClelland, Martin Strebel, Roy Tucker, Margaret Young)

## People to Contact at APC

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

Barbie Andrews

*Ministry Beyond the Congregation*

Ron Coleman

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Kelly deBernard

*Ministry Within the Congregation*

Bill Ferguson

*Property & The Men of the Church*

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*Worship*

Jenny Roark

*Christian Education*

Robert E. (Bob) Button

*Moderator of Session*

### **Staff**

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### **Other Contacts**

Sue Ferguson

*Link Newsletter Editor*

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*Women's Circles*

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*Meal Coordinator*

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*Nursery Coordinator*

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*Prayer Fellowship Request*

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