

# Worship for the Lord's Day

September 13, 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** *Andante Cantabile* P. I. Tchaikovsky

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

## Choral Introit

### To Praise God's Name

**Call to Worship** Based on Psalm 19

The heavens are telling the glory of God,  
and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

***Day to day pours forth speech,  
and night to night declares knowledge.***

There is no speech, nor are there words;  
their voice is not heard;

***yet their voice goes out through all the earth,  
and their words to the end of the world.***

(All) Let the words of my mouth,  
and the meditation of my heart  
be acceptable to you,  
O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

\* **Hymn** *To God Be the Glory* Hymnal #485

## Unison Prayer of Confession

*Heavenly Father, we have learned from Scripture that when You spoke, the created order was formed. And when you spoke your word came forth in the form of your Son. We know Jesus to be your word spoken from your very heart. But when we speak, Lord, our words do more to confuse than to clarify. Our mouths send forth words that hurt and destroy others. And our words are often cutting and derogatory. Forgive us, Heavenly Father for being so insensitive as to the ways that our words hurt and maim. Forgive us when we speak without thinking about the ramifications of our words. And remind us of the love and grace that Jesus' words brought to a very troubled world, so that we might model our language after our Savior. We pray in Christ's name. 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

### 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** *Proverbs 1:20-33* p.547

### Message for Children

*After the children's message all children through the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are invited to depart for Children's Church.*

**New Testament Reading** *James 3:1-12* p.1055

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

**Sermon** *Free Speech: Blessing and/or Curse*

## To Thank God

\* **Hymn**      *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*      **Hymnal #281**

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

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

**Offering**      *Teach Me Thy Way*      Stewart Landon

*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**      *O Word of God Incarnate*      **Hymnal #327**

\* **Charge and Benediction**

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

**Postlude**      *Allegro Vivace*      G. F. Handel

## Announcements

**Welcome to Altavista Presbyterian Church!** Our church exists to proclaim the good news of God's love made known in Jesus Christ, to build a fellowship of Christian love, and to serve this community and the world in the way of compassion. If you would like information concerning membership in this church or information about the Presbyterian tradition, the pastor or a greeter would be happy to assist you.

The **Lay Reader** today is **Dolores Drumheller**.

A **love offering** will be collected this Sunday for Cayla Coalson, a student at Altavista Elementary School who has a serious heart problem. The offering will be matched by ACT for Mission funds.

Altavista Presbyterian Church members and guests are invited to the **Koinonia Luncheon, today**, immediately following the worship service.

We will have an **Adult Study Group** beginning this evening 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.

The **Session** will meet next Sunday, September 20, immediately after worship for its stated September meeting.

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

Next Monday (Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>.) is the deadline for articles for the **October "Link" newsletter**. Items for the Link may be e-mailed to Sue Ferguson at billsueferguson@aol.com

**Next Committee Meeting Night:** November 3, 2009

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

## 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 20</b>	Maxine Montague
<b>Lay Readers September 27</b>	Stephanie & Jackson Moehlenkamp
<b>Nursery, September 20</b>	Jenny Roark
<b>Nursery, September 27</b>	Kevin deBernard
<b>CC Teacher, Sept.</b>	Anne Mabry
<b>CC Assistant, Sept. 20</b>	Alline Rogers
<b>Youth Group Helper, Sept. 20</b>	Alline Rogers

## Daily Scripture Readings

Theme: **Reconciliation** Psalm 130

MONDAY	2 Corinthians 5:16-21	THURSDAY	Acts 10:34-43
TUESDAY	Romans 5:1-11	FRIDAY	Luke 6:37-42
WEDNESDAY	2 Corinthians 13:1-12	SATURDAY	Luke 17:1-6

## Weekly Calendar

<b>Sun., Sept. 13</b>	Adult Sunday School	<b>9:00 AM</b>
	Worship/Children's Church	<b>10:00 AM</b>
	Youth Group Meeting	<b>5:00 PM</b>
	Adult Study Group	<b>6:00 PM</b>
<b>Wed., Sept. 16</b>	Prayer Fellowship - Pastor's Study	<b>9:30 AM</b>
	Second Helping Lunch	<b>11:00-12:30 PM</b>
	Choir Practice	<b>6:00 PM</b>
<b>Sun., Sept. 20</b>	Adult Sunday School	<b>9:00 AM</b>
	Worship/Children's Church	<b>10:00 AM</b>
	Session Meeting immediately after worship	
	Youth Group Meeting	<b>5:00 PM</b>

## Joys and Concerns for Prayer 9/13/09

- 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.
- Barbie Andrews's recent surgery.
- The Dalton family in the death of Alvin Dalton (Anne Andrews' Brother-in-law
- Health (Gary Alley, Cayla Coalson, Mollie Cofflin, Tim Coleman, Dianne Emmett, Dante Erk, Tim Fenn, Steve Graham, Diane Janiak, Elizabeth Hawkins, John Hawkins, Doug Hecht, Marie Hoffman, Tim Howdyshell, Mary Bennett Humphreys, Brenda Hunt, Hannah Johnson, Ralph Liebchen, Phil and Carol Wills McCartney, 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  
*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*

### **Staff**

Rev. Robert E. (Bob) Button  
*Interim Pastor*

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  
*Link Newsletter Editor*

Sally Sease  
*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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