

Worship for the Lord's Day

September 20, 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 Reverie Claude Debussy

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 Psalm 1

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
or take the path that sinners tread,
or sit in the seat of scoffers.

***But their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and on his law they meditate day and night.***

They are like trees planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season,
and their leaves do not wither.

In all that they do, they prosper.

The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,

nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

***For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.***

* **Hymn** Crown Him With Many Crowns Hymnal #151

Unison Prayer of Confession

O Lord, if we climbed the highest mountain or sank to the depths of the sea, you would be there. There is no place we can go, no condition we can adopt, no attitude we can assume that would put us outside your pale. Why then, Almighty God, do we attempt to live as if you were not around? We confess that we like to think of you as being confined to the walls of this sanctuary. We confess that when we are away from this Holy Place, we live our lives as if you are not there. Forgive us, Lord, for confining you to certain times and places. Teach us that you are our constant companion and that you are concerned about the totality of our lives. We pray in the name of the always present Christ. 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 God Leads Us Along arr. Cotrell, Hopper, Fettke

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 31:10-31 p.572

Message for Children

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

New Testament Reading Mark 9:30-37 p.877

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

Sermon The Importance of Welcoming Children

To Thank God

* **Hymn** *O God of Bethel, by Whose Hand* **Hymnal #269**

(add verse between 3 & 4)

Keep us from claiming special place,

Don't let us be beguiled;

Give us humility and faith,

As like a little child.

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

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

Offering *Trust and Obey* arr. Gail Smith

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** *We Meet You, O Christ* **Hymnal #311**

* **Charge and Benediction**

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

Postlude *Lift Up Your Heads* arr. John Burson

Announcements

The **sanctuary flowers** are given by Mary Woodie for the glory of God and in celebration of Les' birthday.

The **Lay Reader** today is **Sally Sease**.

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.

This Monday (Sept. 21st) 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

The next **Adult Study Group** will be next Sunday, September 27, beginning at 5:30 PM instead of 6:00 PM. The group will meet the second and fourth Sundays of each month. Books may be purchased through the church office.

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

Our church has the honor of hosting the annual **Altavista Area Church Leadership Summit** October 4, at 5:00 PM. Sponsored by the Altavista Area Ministerial Association, this is an evening of worship and learning designed for leaders in our local congregations. Everyone is welcome and there is no cost. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the hall by the office.

The **Presbytery of The Peaks plans a Fall Leadership Event** on October 17, 9 AM to 3 PM. The leadership of all of the Churches in Peaks Presbytery is invited to gather at Second Presbyterian Church in Roanoke, VA. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Richard Boyce, and there will be numerous workshops designed to assist congregations to develop their ministries. If you are interested, please sign up on the bulletin board in the hall by the office.

Next Committee Meeting Night: November 3, 2009

Schedules

Ushers, September	Georgie & Holly Roark, Allison Mabry, Faith Mari Tucker
Greeters, September	Christine Oliver, Jeannie Smith
Lay Readers, September 27	Stephanie & Jackson Moehlenkamp
Lay Reader, October 4	Jane Strebel
Nursery, September 27	Kevin deBernard
Nursery, October 4	Anne & Erika Mabry
CC Teacher, Sept.	Anne Mabry
CC Assistant, Sept. 27	Barbie Andrews
Youth Group Helper, Sept. 27	Cynthia Erb
Youth Meal Preparer Sept. 27	Jenny Roark
Communion servers, Oct. 4	Kelly & Kevin deBernard David, Anne, & Allison Mabry Chip, Jenny & Holly Roark

Daily Scripture Readings

Theme: *God's Unlimited Grace* Psalm 141

MONDAY	Colossians 2:8-15	THURSDAY	Romans 8:1-11
TUESDAY	Ephesians 2:1-10	FRIDAY	2 Timothy 2:1-13
WEDNESDAY	Romans 6:1-14	SATURDAY	John 8:1-11

Weekly Calendar

Sun., Sept. 20	Adult Sunday School Worship/Children's Church Session Meeting immediately after worship Youth Group Meeting	9:00 AM 10:00 AM
Wed., Sept. 23	Prayer Fellowship - Pastor's Study Second Helping Lunch Choir Practice	9:30 AM 11:00-12:30 PM 6:00 PM
Sun., Sept. 27	Adult Sunday School Worship/Children's Church Youth Group Meeting Adult Study Group	9:00 AM 10:00 AM 5:00 PM 5:30 PM

Joys and Concerns for Prayer 9/20/09

- Congratulations to Rob & Susan Gilliam on the birth of a granddaughter, Sophie Grace Oken!
- 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
- Barbara Hare, sister of David Sease, health concern.
- Sue Ferguson, upcoming surgery
- Hospice patients and caregivers.
- Health (Gary Alley, Cayla Coalson, Mollie Cofflin, Tim Coleman, Alvin Dalton, Dianne Emmett, Dante Erk, Tim Fenn, Steve Graham, Diane Janiak, Elizabeth Hawkins, John Hawkins, Doug Hecht, Marie Hoffman, Tim Howdysshell, 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

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Ministry Beyond the Congregation

Kelly deBernard

Ministry Within the Congregation

Bill Ferguson

Property & The Men of the Church

Rob Gilliam

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