

# Worship for the Lord's Day

October 18, 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** *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* arr. Croft

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

**Choral Introit** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* Störl

## To Praise God's Name

**Call to Worship** from Whispers of God

Bring to God your sacrifices of praise,  
and the consecration of your hearts.

***Help comes from God's sanctuary.  
God answers us in our day of trouble.***

God causes us to rise and stand upright,  
and fills our lives with new purpose.

***Light shines in our darkness,  
and we know God's glory in the face of Christ.***

Look beyond these earthen vessels that we are  
to know the transcendent power of God.

***May the Spirit come mightily among us  
to heal and grant new life.***

\* **Hymn** *God of Grace and God of Glory* Hymnal #420

## Unison Prayer of Confession

***God of Grace and Mercy: You have created us all in your image to live abundantly and to enjoy the fruit of liberation and salvation, sown through the blood of Jesus Christ. Forgive us when we think that the color of our skin, the content of our culture, or the character of our creeds gives us license to oppress, depress and repress others. Be merciful to us when we allow the vicious views of those who hate us to define our humanity and determine our destiny. Pardon us when we are silent, but should speak against the forces of darkness that desire to singe the sacred ties that bind together the human community. Teach us how to speak truth to power and to use the weapon of love, the defense of the gospel and the instrument of your Holy Spirit to create a world where justice rolls down like a river, and righteousness like an ever flowing stream. In the name of Jesus Christ, the one of who came to save us all, we pray. 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** *Kumbaya* arr. Sjolund

### 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** *Isaiah 58:6-9* p.638



## 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 session is delighted to welcome to our pulpit today **Dr. Robert Herron**. Dr. Herron is a graduate of Wheaton College and Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, VA. He received his Ph.D. in counseling from The University of Minnesota. In 1975 he moved to Greensboro and became the director of the Presbyterian Counseling Center until he retired last year. He is a member of Salem Presbytery. He and his wife, Judy, have three daughters and four grandchildren. One of his deep interests is helping to feed the hungry around the world. He has become an advocate for the organization: Bread For The World.

The **sanctuary flowers** are given by Gary & Jane Strebel for the glory of God and in celebration of their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

The **Lay Readers** today are **Anne & Charlotte Mabry**.

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

Our church will once again host the **Second Helping Lunch** this Wednesday. Volunteers are needed to sign up on the bulletin board outside the church office to serve and provide menu items.

Next Monday (October 26<sup>th</sup>) is the deadline for articles for the **November "Link" newsletter**. Items for the Link may be e-mailed to Sue Ferguson at billsueferguson@aol.com

Our **church secretary**, Carolyn Doss, will be on vacation this week.

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

## Schedules

<b>Ushers, October</b>	Bill Ferguson, Vika Henderson Doug & Anne Hecht
<b>Greeters, October</b>	Jerry & Janet Soddors
<b>Lay Readers, October 25</b>	Megan Ingram
<b>Lay Reader, November 1</b>	Glenn Berger
<b>Nursery, October 25</b>	Darlene Robertson
<b>Nursery, November 1</b>	Jeannie Smith
<b>CC Teacher, Oct.</b>	Martha Moore
<b>CC Assistant, Oct. 25</b>	Lynn Copes
<b>Youth Group Helper, Oct. 25</b>	John Tucker
<b>Youth Meal Preparer Oct. 25</b>	Kathy Doss

## Daily Scripture Readings

Theme: *When Jesus Calls* Psalm 139

MONDAY	Luke 7:36-50	THURSDAY	Acts 9:10-18
TUESDAY	Mark 5:1-20	FRIDAY	Luke 6:27-36
WEDNESDAY	Matthew 9:1-12	SATURDAY	John 9:1-12, 35-41

## Weekly Calendar

<b>Sun., Oct. 18</b>	Adult Sunday School	<b>9:00 AM</b>
	Worship/Children's Church	<b>10:00 AM</b>
	Koinonia Luncheon after Worship	
	Youth Group Meeting	<b>5:00 PM</b>
<b>Wed., Oct. 21</b>	Prayer Fellowship - Pastor's Study	<b>9:30 AM</b>
	Second Helping Lunch	<b>11:00-12:30 PM</b>
	Choir Practice	<b>5:30 PM</b>
<b>Sun., Oct. 25</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>5:30 PM</b>

## Joys and Concerns for Prayer 10/18/09

- Pastor Bob Button and his ministries
- The session and the staff
- All the Committee members.
- 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.
- Health (Gary Alley, Cayla Coalson, Mollie Cofflin, Tim Coleman, Nancy Cummings, Dianne Emmett, Dante Erk, Tim Fenn, Sue Ferguson, Steve Graham, Anne Hecht, Diane Janiak, Barbara Hare, Elizabeth Hawkins, Marie Hoffman, Tim Howdysshell, 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*

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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*

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*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*

Annie Shelton  
*Nursery Coordinator*

Janet Sodders  
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