

Worship for the Lord's Day

October 25, 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 *Chorale, Be Ever Near Me, Lord* arr. A. Schreiner

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 based on Psalms 34: 1-8

I will bless the Lord at all times;
God's praise shall continually be in my mouth.

***My soul makes its boast in the Lord;
let the afflicted hear and be glad.***

O magnify the Lord with me,
and let us exalt God's name together!

Yes, we will exalt God's name together!

I sought the Lord, and God answered me,
and delivered me from all my fears.

***Look to God, and be radiant;
so your faces shall never be ashamed.***

This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him,
and saved him out of all his troubles.

***The angel of the Lord encamps around
those who fear God, and delivers them.***

O taste and see that the Lord is good!

Happy is the person who takes refuge in God!

* **Hymn** *O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!* Hymnal #476

Unison Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, you bring light into our world when we are caught in the darkness. You open up eyes that are blind and hearts that cannot see. But there are times when we would rather live in the darkness. We are comfortable in our ignorance and complacency. We like to have things our way, even if that way conflicts with your love and grace. Forgive our foolish ways and our hard hearts. Open us up to the light of your love and the peace of your grace. We pray in the name of The Light of The World, even Jesus 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 of All Grace* Beebe

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 *Job 42:1-6* p.464

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 10:46-52* p.879

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

Sermon *A Cure for Blindness*

To Thank God

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

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

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

Offering *Hark My Soul, Be Still* Cesar Malan

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 for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* **Hymnal #466**

* **Charge and Benediction**

* **Congregational Amen** **Hymnal #537**

Postlude *Onward, Christian Soldiers* Hymn Tune

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 **sanctuary flowers** are given by Jean Murphy for the glory of God and in loving memory of John Hurt Weeks.

The **Lay Reader** today is **Megan Ingram**.

Tomorrow 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

Next Committee Meeting Night: November 3, 2009

Schedules

Ushers, November	Gary & Jane Strebel Gary & Barbie Andrews
Greeters, November	Doug Hecht, Gary Strebel
Lay Reader, November 1	Glenn Berger
Lay Reader, November 8	Linda Janiak
Nursery, November 1	Jeannie Smith
Nursery, November 8	Kelly deBernard
CC Teacher, Nov.	Stephanie Moehlenkamp
CC Assistant, Nov. 1	Jean Murphy
Youth Group Helper, Nov. 1	Ron Coleman
Youth Meal Preparer Nov. 1	Dana Taylor
Communion Servers, Nov. 1	Kelly & Kevin deBernard David, Anne, & Allison Mabry Chip, Jenny & Holly Roark

Daily Scripture Readings

Theme: *A Resurrection People* Psalm 90

MONDAY	John 11:1-16	THURSDAY	John 11:38-44
TUESDAY	John 11:17-27	FRIDAY	Acts 17:22-23
WEDNESDAY	John 11:28-37	SATURDAY	Romans 6:1-11

Weekly Calendar

Sun., Oct. 25	Adult Sunday School	9:00 AM
	Worship/Children's Church	10:00 AM
	Youth Group Meeting	5:00 PM
	Adult Study Group	5:30 PM
Wed., Oct. 28	Prayer Fellowship - Pastor's Study	9:30 AM
	Second Helping Lunch	11:00-12:30 PM
	Choir Practice	5:30 PM
Sun., Nov. 1	Adult Sunday School	9:00 AM
	Worship/Communion	10:00 AM
	Children's Church	
	Youth Group Meeting	5:00 PM

Joys and Concerns for Prayer 10/25/09

- 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

Jennifer McCrickard
Ministry Within the Congregation,

Stephanie Moehlenkamp
Worship & Nominating

Caroline Peerman
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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
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Nursery Attendant

Other Contacts

Sue Ferguson
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Prayer Fellowship Request

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