

Worship for the Lord's Day

November 1, 2009, All Saints' Day
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 *There is a Fountain* arr. Winifred Winans

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 24

The earth is the Lord's and everything in it,
the world, and all who live in it.

***For God founded it upon the seas,
and established it upon the waters.***

Lift up your heads, O you gates, be lifted up,
you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory?

The Lord strong and mighty,
the Lord mighty in battle!

***Lift up your heads, O you gates!
Lift them up, you ancient doors!
That the King of glory may come in.***

Who is this King of glory?

***The Lord Almighty,
The Lord God is the King of Glory!***

* **Hymn** *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* Hymnal #150

*The Presbyterian Two-Cents-a-Meal offering
will be collected at the communion table during the hymn.*

Unison Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Father, we come to you on this special day remembering all of the saints who have influenced our lives down through the years. We thank you for their witness to us and their support as we grew in faith. We confess, however, that we have missed opportunities to lead others to you. We have failed to speak a word of comfort or support to the hundreds who have crossed our paths. Sometimes we did not want to be too pushy with our religious zeal. Other times we did not want to look like a fanatic. So we kept quiet when we could have been an instrument of your grace. Forgive our failures and rekindle within us the desire to love others as you have loved us in Christ Jesus, for it's in His name that 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 *Come to the Table, Child of Mine* D. Burton

Passing the Peace of Christ

The peace of Christ is with you. **And also with you.**

To Hear God's Word

Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 25:6-9* p.605

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 *John 11:32-44* p.935

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

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon *Thank God for The Saints*

Announcements

Welcome to Altavista Presbyterian Church! We open wide the doors of this church to any who are eager to join in our shared discipleship in Jesus Christ. We receive members into our church in the following ways: profession of faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, transfer by letter of membership from other churches, or a reaffirmation of Christian faith. The Pastor or any Active Elder would be glad to discuss membership with you.

The **sanctuary flowers** this morning are given by Anne, Caroline, & Doug Peerman for the glory of God and in loving memory of Phil Peerman.

The **Lay Reader** today is **Glenn Berger**.

Our “Packing Party” for shoebox gifts for **Operation Christmas Child** will be this afternoon at 1:00 PM in the fellowship hall. All are invited to come join in the fun. If you are packing an individual gift please be sure to put the tag on the outside marked if it’s for a boy or girl and the age category. The church will cover the shipping fee. All gifts need to be returned to the church by Nov. 15th.

Our next church-wide **Committee Meeting Night** will be this Tuesday, Nov. 3, 7:00 PM at the church. All committee members are asked to attend these important meetings.

Circle I meets this Tuesday at 10:00 AM in the parlor.

The **Session** will meet next Sunday, (Nov. 8th) immediately after the worship service.

On November 8, at 4:30 PM Bob will have a 45 minute training session here at the church to prepare Elders to be a “**Home Communion Specialist**”. Please sign up on the bulletin board by the church office or call Caroline Peerman at 369-4360.

Faith Christian Academy in Hurt VA, will host their annual community **Widow and Widower Luncheon** on Monday, Nov. 16th from 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM. If interested please call the school office at 324-8276 to RSVP by Friday, Nov. 13th.

Schedules

Ushers, November	Gary & Jane Strebel Gary & Barbie Andrews
Greeters, November	Doug Hecht, Gary Strebel
Lay Reader, November 8	Linda Janiak
Lay Reader, November 15	Rob Gilliam
Nursery, November 8	Kelly deBernard
Nursery, November 15	Megan Ingram
CC Teacher, Nov.	Stephanie Moehlenkamp
CC Assistant, Nov. 8	Darlene Robertson
Youth Group Helper, Nov. 8	Dana Taylor
Youth Meal Preparer Nov. 8	Stephanie Moehlenkamp
Communion Servers, today	Kelly & Kevin deBernard David, Anne, & Allison Mabry Chip, Jenny & Holly Roark

Daily Scripture Readings

Theme: *Faithful Witness* Psalm of the week: **Psalm 16**

MONDAY	Philippians 1:12-18	THURSDAY	Matthew 20:1-16
TUESDAY	Luke 12:1-12	FRIDAY	John 5:30-47
WEDNESDAY	Colossians 4:1-16	SATURDAY	Acts 10:34-38

Weekly Calendar

Sun., Nov. 1	Adult Sunday School Worship/Communion Children’s Church Youth Group Meeting	9:00 AM 10:00 AM 5:00 PM
Wed., Nov. 4	Prayer Fellowship - Pastor’s Study Second Helping Lunch Choir Practice	9:30 AM 11:00-12:30 PM 5:30 PM
Sun., Nov. 8	Adult Sunday School Worship/Children’s Church Session Meeting after Worship Home Communion Training Youth Group Meeting Adult Study Group	9:00 AM 10:00 AM 4:30 PM 5:00 PM 5:30 PM

Joys and Concerns for Prayer 11/1/09

- 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.
- Alice Barkdoll, Anne Peerman, and Nancy Pittard for health concerns.
- 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
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
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Other Contacts

Sue Ferguson
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Alline Rogers
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Janet Soddors
Prayer Fellowship Request

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