

Worship for the Lord's Day

November 15, 2009
10:00 AM

The Church is Gathered

Welcome The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Announcements Please see the bulletin insert for all announcements.

Prelude *If Thou Art Near* J.S. Bach

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

Choral Introit *Now Thank We All Our God* Cruger

To Praise God's Name

Call to Worship based on Matthew 5

Now, when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him and he began to teach them, saying: Blessed are the poor in spirit;

for theirs is the kingdom of heaven

Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me.
Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

* **Hymn** *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken* Hymnal #446

Unison Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Father, we confess that we are not a people who likes to sacrifice much. We have grown accustomed to our way of life and it would be difficult for us to cut back or change our living standards. Even while we see the poverty that runs rampant in the world, we are unwilling to make changes which might lead to a more balanced world economy. Yet, we are aware that You have made the ultimate sacrifice for us poor sinners. In Christ Jesus we see the sacrifice which was made to cover our sins. Teach us that there is no true religious life without sacrifice and no real faith without self-giving. We pray in the name of the only sacrifice which has the power to save, Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 *Blessed Are the Pure of Heart* Voullaire - Köpe

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 *I Samuel 1:4-20; 2:1-10* p.234

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 *Hebrews 10:11-25* p.1049

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

Sermon *A Sacrifice that Really Works*

To Thank God

* **Hymn** *What Does the Lord Require* **Hymnal #405**

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

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

Offering *He is Lord* Traditional Melody

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** *Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord* **Hymnal #392**

* **Charge and Benediction**

* **Congregational Amen** **Hymnal #537 vs. 2**

Postlude *Go Out With Praise* David Paxton

Announcements

Welcome to Altavista Presbyterian Church! If you are a guest with us today and are searching for a church home, we encourage you to join us in the great adventure of Christian discipleship. Our mission is to proclaim God's kingdom begun in Jesus Christ, and to live lives which point to its coming fulfillment in Him. Simply speak to the pastor or a greeter if you are interested in joining us in this work.

The **sanctuary flowers** this morning are given by the Moehlenkamp family for the glory of God, and in celebration of Megan's birthday and in loving memory of Jack Moehlenkamp.

The **Lay Reader** today is **Rob Gilliam**.

Today is the last day to return gifts for Samaritan's Purse **Operation Christmas Child**.

November 20, will be the deadline for donating money to purchase **new tables for the Fellowship hall**. The round tables which includes a table cloth is \$120 and the cost of a banquet table with no table cloth is \$55. Make checks payable to APC.

The **Thanksgiving Offering** will be collected next Sunday, November 22.

Wednesday, Nov. 25, is the deadline for articles for the **December "Link" newsletter**. Items for the Link may be e-mailed to Sue Ferguson at billsueferguson@aol.com

The Ministry Within the Congregation Committee will be sponsoring an **Advent Workshop** for children ages 4 to 12 on Saturday, December 5, from 9:00 AM-Noon in the fellowship hall. Please sign up on the bulletin board next to the church office.

Next Committee Meeting Night: January 5

Schedules

Ushers, November	Gary & Jane Strebel Gary & Barbie Andrews
Greeters, November	Doug Hecht, Gary Strebel
Lay Reader, November 22	Dana & Travis Taylor
Lay Reader, November 29	John & Faith Marí Tucker
Nursery, November 22	Allison Mabry
Nursery, November 29	Denise & Faith Marí Tucker
CC Teacher, Nov.	Stephanie Moehlenkamp
CC Assistant, Nov. 22	Anne Hecht
Youth Group Helper, Nov. 22	Jenny McCrickard
Youth Meal Preparer Nov. 22	Anne Mabry

Daily Scripture Readings

Theme: *Love One Another* Psalm of the week: **128**

MONDAY	Romans 12:9-21	THURSDAY	1 John 2:7-17
TUESDAY	Colossians 3:12-17	FRIDAY	1 John 3:1-18
WEDNESDAY	Galatians 5:1-15	SATURDAY	1 John 4:7-21

Weekly Calendar

Sun., Nov. 15	Adult Sunday School Worship/Children's Church Youth Group Meeting	9:00 AM 10:00 AM 5:00 PM
Wed., Nov. 18	Prayer Fellowship - Pastor's Study Second Helping Lunch Choir Practice	9:30 AM 11:00-12:30 PM 5:30 PM
Sun., Nov. 22	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 11/15/09

- Pastor Bob Button and his ministries
- The session and the staff
- All the Committee members.
- Our Youth Groups
- 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.
- The Strebel Family, in the death of Gary's Father, Martin Strebel
- Health (Gary Alley, Cayla Coalson, Mollie Cofflin, Tim Coleman, Nancy Cummings, Dianne Emmett, Dante Erk, Tim Fenn, Steve Graham, Diane Janiak, Barbara Hare, Elizabeth Hawkins, Marie Hoffman, Tim Howdyshell, Brenda Hunt, Hannah Johnson, Ralph Liebchen, Phil and Carol Wills McCartney, Betty Sue Moehlenkamp, Darnell Moorman, Conner Niblett, Anne Peerman, Nancy Pittard, 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, Roy Tucker, Margaret Young)

People to Contact at APC

Session (Active Elders)

Barbie Andrews
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Ministry Beyond the Congregation

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Ministry Within the Congregation

Bill Ferguson
Property & The Men of the Church

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Prayer Fellowship Request

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