

Worship for the Lord's Day

November 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 *Bless This House* Taylor/Brahe

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

To Praise God's Name

Call to Worship

With hearts full of reverence and praise,
we bow before the Maker of all our days.

***Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving,
making a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation.***

The heights of the mountains and depths of the earth
belong to our God, who gave us birth.

***Where ever we go, God strengthens our hand,
while leading in ways we do not understand.***

Life in God's peace grants our churches fresh breath,
and joy that endures through our life, and in our death.

***We are people of God's pasture, sheep of God's hand,
who worship the one who formed sea and land.***

* **Hymn** *Come Ye Thankful People Come* Hymnal #551

Unison Prayer of Confession

O God, from whom comes every good and perfect gift, grant us Thy forgiveness for not being thankful in our daily life. We take most things for granted. The food we eat and the comfort of our homes. The ability we have to travel and visit with friends. The safety of our nation and the opportunities we have to get an education and earn a living. Access to medical care and the daily support of our faith community here at Altavista Presbyterian. We take all these things for granted. And yet we know that they could all disappear in a heartbeat. Indeed, Lord, for many in our nation they have. Renew our sensitivity to those who have suffered loss and now must struggle to put their lives back together again. Forgive us when we, in our comfort, do not remember that everything comes by Your Grace. And in this season of Thanksgiving, teach us to reach out in love to those whose needs are great, just as you have been reaching out to us through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. For it is 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!***

Anthem

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 *2 Samuel 1:4-20* p.264

Message for Children

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

Announcements

Welcome to Altavista Presbyterian Church! Psalm 122 says, “I rejoiced with those who said to me, ‘Let us go to the house of the Lord.’” If you are a guest among us this morning, we extend a warm greeting to you on behalf of the elders and members of this congregation. We are glad you are here to worship with us today. Please speak to a greeter or the pastor if there is any way this congregation can assist you.

The **sanctuary flowers** this morning are given by Dennis & Linda Janiak for the glory of God and in celebration of Linda’s Mother, Marie Hoffman’s 93rd birthday.

The **Lay Reader** today is **Dana & Travis Taylor**.

The **Thanksgiving Offering** will be collected today.

The **church office** will be closed Thursday for the Thanksgiving holiday.

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.

As is our tradition, our church will again host a **Christmas Party** for the clients at the **Otter River Resource Center** (formerly the Sheltered Workshop). It will be Tuesday, Dec. 8, at 1:30 PM in the fellowship hall. Please sign up on the bulletin board by the office if you are able to provide cookies, cupcakes, popcorn, or punch.

Next Committee Meeting Night: January 5

Schedules

Ushers, November	Gary & Jane Strebel Gary & Barbie Andrews
Greeters, November	Doug Hecht, Gary Strebel
Lay Reader, November 29	John & Faith Marí Tucker
Lay Reader, December 6	Kevin deBernard
Nursery, November 29	Denise & Faith Marí Tucker
Nursery, December 6	Garry Taylor
CC Teacher, Nov.	Stephanie Moehlenkamp
CC Assistant, Nov. 29	Bill Ferguson
Youth Group Helper, Dec. 6	Denise Tucker
Youth Meal Preparer Dec. 6	Chip Roark
Communion Servers, Dec. 6	Ron Coleman, Les Woodie, Martha Moore, Al Smith, Faith Marí Tucker, Holly Roark, Dennis & Linda Janiak,

Daily Scripture Readings

Theme: Christ’s True Family		Psalm 40	
MONDAY	Hosea 6:1-6	THURSDAY	Matthew 21:12-17
TUESDAY	Hosea 11:1-9	FRIDAY	John 17:20-26
WEDNESDAY	Matthew 13:53-58	SATURDAY	Matthew 12:46-50

Weekly Calendar

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
Wed., Nov. 25	Prayer Fellowship - Pastor’s Study Second Helping Lunch	9:30 AM 11:00-12:30 PM
Sun., Nov. 29	Adult Sunday School Worship/Children’s Church	9:00 AM 10:00 AM

Joys and Concerns for Prayer 11/22/09

- 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.
- 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, 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)

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Ministry Beyond the Congregation

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Property & The Men of the Church

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Other Contacts

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Prayer Fellowship Request

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