

# Worship for the Lord's Day

January 3, 2010 – Second Sunday after Christmas  
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** *Of the Father's Love Begotten* arr. Lani Smith

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

## To Praise God's Name

### Call to Worship

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

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

\* **Hymn** *God of Our Life* **Hymnal #275**  
*The Presbyterian Two-Cents-a-Meal offering  
will be collected at the communion table during the hymn.*

### Unison Prayer of Confession

***Eternal One, you know our complaints: the weather is  
unseasonable; prices are constantly rising; our jobs are in  
jeopardy; our health is failing; our spouses don't listen to us;  
our church is uninspired. Forgive us, God, if we weary you  
with our constant murmuring. Help us to see that the world  
will look right when we set ourselves right, or better still,  
when you set us right. In Christ's name, Amen.***

### Silent Prayers of Confession

### Responsive Assurance of Forgiveness

We come in the confidence that our failure is matched by  
your forgiveness.

***Restore to us the joy of your presence.***

\* **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

### Passing the Peace of Christ

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

As our Passing of the Peace ends, all children through the second grade  
are invited to depart for Children's Church.

## To Hear God's Word

**Old Testament Reading** *Psalms 130* **p.538**

**New Testament Reading** *II Corinthians 5:16-20* **p.1006**

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

### Prayer for Illumination

**Sermon** "Reconciled and Reconciling"

## To Thank God

\* **Profession of Faith** *Nicene Creed (Traditional)* **Hymnal p.15**

### Prayers by and for the People

**Offering** *Our Lord's Holy Table* arr. Franklin Ritter

*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 See God's Word in Sacrament**

\* **Hymn**      *Lord Jesus, Think on Me*      **Hymnal #301**

#### **Sacrament of Our Lord's Supper**

**Invitation to the Lord's Table**  
**Prayers of Thanksgiving • The Lord's Prayer**  
**Sharing in the Bread and the Cup**  
**Prayer after the Meal**

### **To Depart to Serve God**

\* **Hymn**      *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*      **Hymnal # 357**

\* **Charge and Benediction**

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

**Postlude**      *God Be With You 'Til We Meet Again*      Williams

## 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 once again welcome to our pulpit **Rev. Sherwood Smith** of Lynchburg, an honorably retired member of our presbytery, a former Interim Pastor of our congregation, and a friend to many in our flock.

The **Lay Reader** today is **Gary Andrews**.

Because of the inclement weather on Dec. 20, the **Christmas Joy Offering** will be received today. If you would like contribute, please make checks payable to APC and indicate in the memo line that your gift is for the Christmas Joy Offering.

The **Presbyterian Men** will meet this Tues., Jan. 5, at the Main Street Emporium in downtown Altavista at 11:45 AM.

**Circle I** meets this Tuesday, January 5, 10:00 AM in the parlor.

Our next church-wide **Committee Meeting Night** will be this Tuesday, January 5, 7:00 PM at the church. All committee members are asked to attend these important meetings.

The **2010 Flower Calendar** has been posted in the hallway. Please take a moment to sign up to place flowers in the sanctuary for the Sunday morning of your choosing.

The Ministry Beyond The Congregation Committee would like to say a **special thanks** to everyone who helped with the Second Helping Lunch.

## Schedules

<b>Ushers, January</b>	Dennis Janiak, Preston Andrews, Kathi Bogert, Dolores Drumheller
<b>Greeters, January</b>	Alline Rogers, Vika Henderson
<b>Lay Reader, January 10</b>	Bill Ferguson
<b>Lay Reader, January 17</b>	Kathi Bogert
<b>Nursery, January 10</b>	Billy Robertson
<b>Nursery, January 17</b>	Earl Copes
<b>CC Teacher, Jan.</b>	Jennifer McCrickard
<b>CC Assistant, Jan. 10</b>	Dana Taylor
<b>Youth Group Helper, Jan. 10</b>	Anne Mabry
<b>Youth Meal Preparer Jan. 10</b>	Linda Janiak
<b>Communion Servers Today</b>	Bill Ferguson, Jane Strebel Dennis & Maxine Montague

## Daily Scripture Readings

**Chosen by God** Psalm of the week: **89:1-18**

MONDAY	John 15:12-17	THURSDAY	Luke 10:1-12
TUESDAY	I Thessalonians 1:2-10	FRIDAY	I Peter 2:1-10
WEDNESDAY	Isaiah 42:1-9	SATURDAY	Colossians 3:12-17

## Weekly Calendar

<b>Sun., Jan. 3</b>	Adult Sunday School Worship/Communion Children's Church	<b>9:00 AM</b> <b>10:00 AM</b>
<b>Wed., Jan. 6</b>	Prayer Fellowship - Pastor's Study Second Helping Lunch Choir Practice	<b>9:30 AM</b> <b>11:00-12:30 PM</b> <b>6:00 PM</b>
<b>Sun., Jan. 10</b>	Adult Sunday School Worship/Children's Church Youth Group Meeting Adult Study Group	<b>9:00 AM</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> <b>5:00 PM</b> <b>5:30 PM</b>

## Joys and Concerns for Prayer 1/3/10

- Pastor Bob Button and his ministries
- Pastor Bob Button's speedy recovery from his surgery
- The session and the staff
- All the Committee members.
- Praise: Choir Christmas Music
- 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, Elizabeth Brocklenhurst, Cayla Coalson, Mollie Cofflin, Tim Coleman, Nancy Cummings, Dianne Emmett, Dante Erk, Tim Fenn, Steve Graham, Barbara Hare, Elizabeth Hawkins, Doug Hecht, Marie Hoffman, Tim Howdyshehl, Brenda Hunt, Lucy Irvine, Diane Janiak, Hannah Johnson, Dan Kauffman, Ralph Liebchen, Phil and Carol Wills McCartney, Betty Sue Moehlenkamp, Darnell Moorman, Lynn Moore, Conner Niblett, Bob and Ellen Ragsdale, Janie Roark, Herman Shelton, 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, Francis Harvey, Ruth Knight, Wilmoth McClelland, 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  
*Nursery Attendant*

### **Other Contacts**

Sue Ferguson  
*Link Newsletter Editor*

Sally Sease  
*Women's Circles*

Alline Rogers  
*Meal Coordinator*

Annie Shelton  
*Nursery Coordinator*

Janet Soddors  
*Prayer Fellowship Request*

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