

Worship for the Lord's Day

January 24, 2010
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 *Prelude in F Major* L. Bottazzo

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

Choral Introit *O Morning Star, How Fair & Bright* Nicolai/Bach

To Praise God's Name

Call to Worship based on Psalm 19

The Heavens declare the glory of God,
and the firmament show God's handiwork.

***Day unto day utters speech,
and night unto night reveals knowledge.***

There is no speech nor language
where their voice is not heard.

***Their line has gone out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.***

In them God has set a tabernacle for the sun,
which is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber,
and rejoices like a strong man to run its race.

***Its rising is from one end of heaven,
and its circuit to the other end;
and there is nothing hidden from its heat.***

* **Hymn** *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!* Hymnal #138

Unison Prayer of Confession

Dearest Lord, our lives are filled with all kinds of clutter. We gather things around us as if they imparted security. We schedule our hours so that there is no empty time to devote to prayer and contemplation. We think that if we are busy, we must be doing your work. But we know deep down that we need to be still and to know that You are God. Forgive us for not pausing in our busy lives to let you in. Forgive our incessant clutter that blocks out the Holy Spirit and impedes the Word from reaching our hearts. Teach us the joys of quiet meditation and fill us with expectation for the times when we will listen to you rather than clutter up your ears with our words. We pray in the name of 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 *O Holy Jesu* Ruth Artman

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 *Nehemiah 8:1-10* p.420

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 *Luke 4:14-21* p.892

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

Sermon *How Did Jesus Know?*

To Thank God

* **Hymn** *O Word of God Incarnate* **Hymnal #327**

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

Offering *Variations on Jesus Loves Me*

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**

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

To Depart to Serve God

* **Hymn** *Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee* **Hymnal #310**

* **Charge and Benediction**

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

Postlude *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty* Livingston, Jr.

Announcements

Welcome to Altavista Presbyterian Church! The members of this Faith Community welcome you to our worship this morning. Please fill out the visitor card which the usher has given you and place it in the offering plate. It is so important to us to get to know you and share the love and grace of Christ with you. Whether you are an out of town visitor or a local family looking for a church home, please be assured that your presence here this morning has not gone unnoticed. We invite you to return and worship with us often.

The **sanctuary flowers** this morning are given by John & Cynthia Erb for the glory of God and in celebration of Stephanie & Mark Moehlemkamp's wedding anniversary.

The **Lay Reader** today is **Cynthia Erb**.

If you are interested in serving on a committee to help with our **100th Year Anniversary Celebration** please sign up on the bulletin board by the office.

Dinner for Eight will be re-instituted in March. Please sign up on the bulletin board by the church office if you are interested in participating.

This Monday is the deadline for articles for the **January "Link" newsletter**. Items for the Link may be e-mailed to Sue Ferguson at billsueferguson@aol.com

Our **February Koinonia luncheon** will be a Pre-Super Bowl (Souper Bowl) Party immediately after worship February 7th. Please bring your favorite party appetizer, dessert, or any type of food to share. We will also be collecting canned food for DAWN.

The **2010 Flower Chart** still has spaces available for those who would like to give flowers to the glory of God and in honor of or in memory of a loved one. Please consider this opportunity to contribute to the life of the church. Sign up on the Flower Chart or contact the church office at 369-5286.

Schedules

Ushers, January	Dennis Janiak, Preston Andrews, Kathi Bogert, Dolores Drumheller
Greeters, January	Alline Rogers, Vika Henderson
Lay Reader, January 31	David Sease
Lay Reader, February 7	Sally Sease
Nursery, January 31	Dana Taylor
Nursery, February 7	Anne & Erika Mabry
CC Teacher, Jan.	Jennifer McCrickard
CC Assistant, Jan. 31	Linda Janiak
Youth Group Helper, Jan. 31	Chip Roark
Youth Meal Preparer Jan. 31	David & Sally Sease

Daily Scripture Readings

Theme: *The Call of God* Psalm of the week: **131**

MONDAY	Luke 5:1-11	THURSDAY	1 Peter 1:13-25
TUESDAY	Jeremiah 1:1-10	FRIDAY	1 Peter 3:8-12
WEDNESDAY	Romans 1:1-7	SATURDAY	John 21:15-23

Weekly Calendar

Sun., Jan. 24	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., Jan. 27	Prayer Fellowship - Pastor's Study Second Helping Lunch Choir Practice	9:30 AM 11:00-12:30 PM 6:00 PM
Sun., Jan. 31	Adult Sunday School Worship/Children's Church Youth Group Meeting	9:00 AM 10:00 AM 5:00 PM

Joys and Concerns for Prayer 1/24/10

To put in a praise/prayer item or to take out an item, please contact the church office, or email leesangil@comcast.net by Monday.

- Pastor Bob Button, the session and the staff.
- All the Committee members and our Youth Groups
- Praise: new members, Alan and April Branton Good
- Haiti, the aftermath of recent earthquake
- 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 concerns: Eula Dillon, Gary Andrews' mother, and Alline Rogers, speedy recovery from her recent surgery.
- Health (Gary Alley, Elizabeth Brocklenhurst, Cayla Coalson, Mollie Cofflin, Tim Coleman, Nancy Cummings, Dianne Emmett, Dante Erk, Tim Fenn, Steve Graham, Barbara Hare, Marie Hoffman, Tim Howdyshell, Brenda Hunt, Lucy Irvine, Diane Janiak, Hannah Johnson, 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)
- 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
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