

Worship for the Lord's Day

February 21, 2010 – First Sunday in Lent
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 Chorale: *Jesu, Priceless Treasure* Johann Cruger 1653

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

Choral Introit *O Lord, I Cry to Thee* Arcadelt

To Praise God's Name

Call to Worship adapted from Psalm 91

You who live in the shelter of the Most High,
and lodge under the shadow of the Almighty,

*who say, "The Lord is my safe retreat,
my God the fastness in which I trust."*

For you, The Lord is a safe retreat;
you have made the Most High your refuge.

*No disaster shall befall us,
no calamity shall come upon our homes;*

for God has charged his angels to guard you
to lift you up in their hands.

*We shall not strike our foot upon the stone
nor shall we step on the asp or the cobra.
We shall tread safely over the snake and serpent.*

Because God's love is set on you,
God will deliver you

*God will lift me beyond danger for God knows my name.
When God calls upon me, I will answer.*

God will be with us in times of trouble;
God will rescue us and bring us honor.

*I will satisfy God with long life
to enjoy the fullness of my salvation.*

* **Hymn** *Holy God, We Praise Your Name* Hymnal #460

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of all creation, we acknowledge that we have used creation for our own advancement and have blatantly abused the resources of this earth. We are people who love our possessions and relish in the philosophy that "more" is somehow equated with "being blessed." Forgive our shortsightedness and enable us to refine our stewardship with the fire of your spirit, so that we will be able to view all things as extensions of your grace and not as "things" to be possessed. We pray in the name of Christ who did not even claim his own life apart from your will. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Choral Response *Lamb of God* Casciolini

Response Forgiveness is ours in Jesus Christ. Thanks be to God!

Choral Anthem *When Jesus Wept* W. Billings

Passing the Peace of Christ

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

To Hear God's Word

Message for Children

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

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading *Deuteronomy 26:1-11* p.174

New Testament Reading *Luke 15:11-32* p.909

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

Sermon "Getting What's Yours"

or

"Feeling the Pinch"

To Thank God

* **Hymn** *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending* **Hymnal #422**

* **A Brief Statement of Faith** *lines 1-26 & 77-80* **Front of Hymnal**

Offering *Meditation on AZMON* Lani Smith

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** *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* **Hymnal #316**

* **Charge and Benediction**

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

Postlude *Praise the Lord on High* Rachel Sawyer

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** are given by Anne Hecht for the glory of God and in celebration of Doug's birthday.

The **Lay Reader** today is **Ron Coleman**.

The **Session** meets today immediately after worship for its monthly stated meeting. If you have a prayer concern for which your elders could pray, we invite you to write it on the insert and place it in the offering.

Tuesday (Feb 23rd) is the deadline for articles for the **March "Link" newsletter**. Items for the Link may be e-mailed to Sue Ferguson at billsueferguson@aol.com

Again this year we are hosting the weekly **Lenten Lunches**, each Wednesday during Lent beginning at noon. Sponsored by the Altavista Area Ministerial Association, each week a different area preacher offers a brief sermon. A light lunch is provided after every service. Come join us during your lunch hour for this long time Altavista tradition.

Next Committee Meeting Night: March 2

Schedules

Ushers, March	Jerry & Martha Moore, Alline Rogers, Murrell Routon
Greeters, March	Chip & Jenny Roark
Lay Reader, February 28	Doug Hecht
Lay Reader, March 7	Dolores Drumheller
Nursery, February 28	Kevin deBernard
Nursery, March 7	Megan Ingram & Abbey Bogert
CC Teacher, Feb.	Debbie Berger
CC Assistant, Feb.	Glenn Berger
Youth Group Helper, Feb. 28	Denise Tucker
Youth Meal Preparer Feb. 28	Vika & Brenda Mocsiran
Communion Servers, Mar. 7	Dennis & Maxine Montague, John & Cynthia Erb

Daily Scripture Readings

Theme: *The Abundance of God's Mercy* Psalm of the week: 116

MONDAY	I Peter 2:1-10	THURSDAY	Isaiah 63:7-14
TUESDAY	Jeremiah 3:1-14	FRIDAY	James 2:1-13
WEDNESDAY	Luke 1:47-56	SATURDAY	Luke 6:27-36

Weekly Calendar

Sun., Feb. 21	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., Feb. 24	Prayer Fellowship - Pastor's Study Lenten Luncheon Choir Practice	9:30 AM 12 Noon 6:00 PM
Sun., Feb. 28	Adult Sunday School Worship/Children's Church Youth Group Meeting	9:00 AM 10:00 AM 5:00 PM

Joys and Concerns for Prayer 2/21/10

To add/delete an item, please contact the church office, or speak to Sang-il Lee or email him at leesangil@comcast.net by Monday.

- Pastor Bob Button, the session and the staff.
- All the Committee members and 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.
- Murrell Routon, fractured femur
- Jean Murphy, health concern.
- Virginia Hurd, (Elaine's Mother) health concern.
- Health (Gary Alley, Elizabeth Brocklenhurst, Cayla Coalson, Mollie Cofflin, Tim Coleman, Nancy Cummings, Eula Dillon, Dianne Emmett, Dante Erk, Tim Fenn, 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, 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
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
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