

# Worship for the Lord's Day

March 7, 2010 – Third 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** *My Saviour's Love* Charles Gabriel

*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** Psalm 63:1-8

O God, thou art my God, I seek thee,  
my soul thirst for thee;

*My flesh faints for thee,  
as in a dry and weary land where no water is.*

So I have looked upon thee in the sanctuary,  
beholding thy power and glory.

*Because thy steadfast love is better than life,  
my lips will praise thee.*

So I will bless thee as long as I live;  
I will lift up my hands and call on thy name.

*My soul is feasted as with marrow and fat,  
and my mouth praises thee with joyful lips.*

When I think of thee upon my bed,  
and meditate on thee in the watches of the night;

*For thou hast been my help,  
and in the shadow of thy wings I sing for joy.*

My soul clings to thee;  
thy right hand upholds me.

*Our souls cling to thee;  
thy right hand upholds us.*

\* **Hymn** *O God, Our Faithful God* Hymnal #277

*The Presbyterian Two-Cents-a-Meal offering  
will be collected at the communion table during the hymn.*

## **Unison Prayer of Confession**

*To stand around your table, O Lord, is a humbling experience. We gather here to confess that we are not worthy of the sacrifice of Your Son. Like the Prodigal Son, we have come to the conclusion that we have sinned against Thee and we are not worthy to be called Your children. But You open Your arms wide and receive us back into Your presence. Even after our thoughts have wandered into the far country of self aggrandizement. And even after we have allowed our behavior to deny your Lordship. You welcome us home. Time after time, we wandering sheep find shelter in the protection of Your foal. Forgive us, O God, and prepare our hearts for the celebration of Your Son's Supper. We pray in His name. 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** *See How He Dies!* Robert C. Lau

### **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 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are invited to depart for Children's Church.*

### **Prayer for Illumination**

**Old Testament Reading** *Isaiah 55:1-9* p.635

**New Testament Reading** *Luke 15:17-19* p.909

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

**Sermon** *Coming to Grips with Sin*

## To Thank God

\* **A Brief Statement of Faith** *lines 1-6, 52-80* **Front of Hymnal**

**Offering** *This Holy Feast* arr. George Blake

*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**

## To See God's Word in Sacrament

\* **Hymn** *Lord, We Have Come* **Hymnal #516**

**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** *Somebody's Knocking at Your Door* **Hymnal #382**

\* **Charge and Benediction**

\* **Congregational Amen** **Hymnal #535**

**Postlude** *Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens Adore Him* Willcox

## 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 ushers have 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. We invite you to return and worship with us often.

The **sanctuary flowers** are given for the glory of God by Jerry & Janet Sodders.

The **Lay Reader** today is **Dolores Drumheller**.

Our spring stated **Congregational Meeting** will be held next Sunday, March 14, immediately after worship. The purpose of the meeting is to elect a slate of elders for the Session and to conduct any business of the church corporation.

We will have a **send off meal for Rev. & Mrs. Chang Sung** immediately after worship March 21<sup>st</sup>. We would like to send them off with our best wishes before they return to Korea. Please bring a potluck dish to share.

The Presbyterian **One Great Hour of Sharing Offering** will be received on Palm Sunday. All gifts will be matched by our ACT for Missions trust.

**Daylight Saving Time** begins March 14. Don't forget to set your clocks forward one hour before you go to bed Saturday evening.

Applications for the **Herman Rogers and Georgia Lee Farmer Scholarships** are available in the Altavista High School guidance office and in our church office. All local high school graduates are invited to apply, but qualified Altavista High School graduates will be given preference. Completed applications need to be returned to the church office by May 1, 2008. The scholarship committee plans to make a decision about the recipient by May 21, 2008, so that announcement of the award can be made at the high school Awards Day.

## Schedules

<b>Ushers, March</b>	Jerry & Martha Moore, Alline Rogers, Sang il Lee
<b>Greeters, March</b>	Chip & Jenny Roark
<b>Lay Reader, March 14</b>	Jane Strebel
<b>Lay Reader, March 21</b>	Maxine Montague
<b>Nursery, March 14</b>	Lynn Copes
<b>Nursery, March 21</b>	Kelly deBernard
<b>CC Teacher, Mar.</b>	Cynthia Erb
<b>CC Assistant, Mar. 14</b>	Brian McCrickard
<b>Youth Group Helper, Mar. 14</b>	Cynthia Erb
<b>Youth Meal Preparer Mar. 14</b>	Alice Barkdoll
<b>Communion Servers, today</b>	Dennis & Maxine Montague, John & Cynthia Erb

## Daily Scripture Readings

Theme: *God's Transforming Power* Psalm of the week: 66

MONDAY	2 Corinthians 3:4-18	THURSDAY	Jeremiah 32:16-27
TUESDAY	I Peter 1:13-25	FRIDAY	Luke 9:1-6
WEDNESDAY	Hebrews 1:1-4	SATURDAY	Luke 24:36-53

## Weekly Calendar

<b>Sun., Mar. 7</b>	Adult Sunday School	<b>9:00 AM</b>
	Communion/Children's Church	<b>10:00 AM</b>
	Youth Group Meeting	<b>5:00 PM</b>
<b>Wed., Mar. 10</b>	Prayer Fellowship - Pastor's Study	<b>9:30 AM</b>
	Lenten Luncheon	<b>12:10 PM</b>
	Choir Practice	<b>6:00 PM</b>
<b>Sun. Mar. 14</b>	Adult Sunday School	<b>9:00 AM</b>
	Worship/Children's Church	<b>10:00 AM</b>
	Youth Group Meeting	<b>5:00 PM</b>
	Adult Study Group	<b>5:30 PM</b>

## **Joys and Concerns for Prayer 3/7/10**

*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.
- 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, Virginia Hurd, 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, Murrell Routon, 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  
*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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