

Worship for the Lord's Day

April 25, 2010 – Fourth Sunday of Easter
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 Nocturne F. Chopin

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

Choral Introit Come! Come! Everybody Supplement #2271
Worship (vs. 3)

To Praise God's Name

Call to Worship adapted from Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.

The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures.

My Lord leads me beside quiet waters and restores my soul.

***My Lord guides me in paths of righteousness
for the sake of God's holy name.***

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil.

***For you are with me, O God;
your rod and your staff comfort me.***

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.

You anoint my head with oil and my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life;
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

* **Hymn** To God Be the Glory Hymnal #485

Unison Prayer of Confession

Eternal Lord, we come before your presence this day as sinners. Sinners who have come to the knowledge of your saving grace in Jesus Christ. We acknowledge our short comings and confess to you that we are more comfortable with our own understanding of the biblical stories. We explain away the miracles of healing and we question the miracles of the raising of Lazarus and Dorcas. Forgive our questioning minds. And give us a faith that can accept at face value the miracles and searches for the ultimate truth in each one. We pray in the name of Christ, the Master Miracle Worker. 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 Eyes of Heaven Ruth Schram

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

New Testament Readings Acts 9:36-43 p.956
John 10:22-42 p.934

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

Sermon The Role of Miracles in Faith Development

To Thank God

* **Hymn** *There Is a Balm in Gilead* **Hymnal #394**

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

Offering *Deep River* American Spiritual

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** *We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight* **Hymnal #399**

* **Charge and Benediction**

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

Postlude *Trumpet March* Richard Frith

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. 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 Meredith & Ryan for the glory of God and in celebration of their marriage.

The **Lay Reader** today is **Allison Mabry**.

Monday is the deadline for articles for the **May “Link” newsletter**. Items for the Link may be e-mailed to Sue Ferguson at bill sueferguson@aol.com

The **Adult Study Group** (Respectable Sins: Confronting the Sins we Tolerate by Jerry Bridges) will be completed in three more sessions: May 2, May 16, & May 23, at 5:30 PM.

If you are interested in a **T-Shirt to commemorate APC’s 100th Anniversary**, please sign – up on the bulletin board by the church office. The more T – Shirts we order the less the cost will be for each one.

The TWYG (tween youth group) will sponsor a **yard sale on Saturday, May 1, at 7:00 AM** at the Altavista Fire Department to raise funds for summer camp and local charities. Also there will be a bake sale, and hotdogs and hamburgers will be sold. Please contact Jenny Roark (309-1156) if you have items that you would like to donate.

In honor of APC’s 100th Anniversary our congregation has been challenged to **collect 100 pounds of food for DAWN each week** beginning May 2, until September 12. Please place your food donations in the boxes in the hallway and they will be delivered to DAWN each week.

Next Committee Meeting Night: May 4th

Schedules

Ushers, May	Dennis & Maxine Montague, Chip & Jenny Roark
Greeters, May	Gary & Barbie Andrews
Lay Reader, May 2	John & Faith Mari’ Tucker
Lay Reader, May 9	Dana & Travis Taylor
Nursery, May 2	Dana Taylor
Nursery, May 9	Rob Gilliam
CC Teacher, May	Denise Tucker
CC Assistant, May 2	Anne Hecht
Youth Group Helper, May 2	Jenny Roark
Youth Meal Preparer May 2	Anne Mabry
Communion Servers, May 2	Rob Gilliam, Bill Ferguson, Kevin & Kelly deBernard

Daily Scripture Readings

Theme: *Staying Close to God* Psalm of the week: **34**

MONDAY	Psalm 18:1-19	THURSDAY	James 1:19-29
TUESDAY	Matthew 7:21-28	FRIDAY	Colossians 1:15-29
WEDNESDAY	Mark 12:28-34	SATURDAY	Ephesians 3:14-21

Weekly Calendar

Sun., Apr. 25	Elder Training	8:45 AM
	Adult Sunday School	9:00 AM
	Worship/Children’s Church	10:00 AM
	TWIG Youth Group Meeting	5:00 PM
Tues., Apr. 27	Choir Practice	6:00 PM
Wed., Apr. 28	Prayer Fellowship - Pastor’s Study	9:30 AM
	Second Helping Lunch	11:00-12:30 PM
Sun., May 2	Elder Training	8:45 AM
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	TWIG Youth Group Meeting	5:00 PM
	Adult Study Group	5:30 PM

Joys and Concerns for Prayer 4/25/10

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
- The Gilliam family in the Home going of Julia Gilliam Coleman, Rob's Mother, April 12
- Preston and Ann Andrews, proud great-grandparents of Austin Wyatt Kegley born on March 30.
- Hospice patients and caregivers.
- Health (Gary Alley, Elizabeth Brocklenhurst, Cayla Coalson, Mollie Cofflin, Tim Coleman, Nancy Cummings, Carolyn deBernard, Eula Dillon, 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, Lynn Moore, Marybeth Moore, Darnell Moorman, 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.)
- Sungs and Haesung Presbyterian Church, Busan, Korea.
- 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

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Moderator of Session

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Other Contacts

Sue Ferguson
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Prayer Fellowship Request

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