

Worship for the Lord's Day

May 16, 2010 – Seventh Sunday of Easter

10:00 AM

Acts 16:16-34 Suggests to us that there are times when our Christian Faith may have ramification in the marketplace. Faith in God and in Jesus Christ just may affect the bottom line of someone who is exploiting others for a profit. And when we faithfully share the Gospel and when we let our actions flow out of that Gospel, we may face some negative responses from the community around us.

The Church is Gathered

Welcome The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Announcements Please see the bulletin insert for all announcements.

Prelude *It is Well With My Soul* arr. Ken Denton

Choral Introit *How Lovely, Lord* Hal H. Hopson

To Praise God's Name

Call to Worship adapted from Psalm 97

The Lord reigns, let the earth be glad;
let the distant shores rejoice!

*Clouds and thick darkness surround God;
righteousness and justice are the foundation of God's throne.*

Fire goes before him, and consumes his foes on every side;
God's lightning lights up the world; the earth sees and trembles.

*The mountains melt like wax before the Lord,
before the Lord of all the earth.*

The heavens proclaim God's righteousness,
and all the peoples see God's Glory.

*Those who worship idols and boast in idols are put to shame.
Worship God! All you gods.*

Zion hears and rejoices and the villages of Judah are glad,
because of your judgments, O Lord.

*For you, O Lord, are the Most High over all the earth;
you are exalted far above all gods.*

Let those who love the Lord hate evil.
For God guards the lives of the faithful ones,
and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.

*Light is shed upon the righteous,
and joy on the upright in heart.
Rejoice in the Lord, you who are righteous,
and praise God's Holy Name!*

* **Hymn** *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art* Hymnal #457

Unison Prayer of Confession by Lavon Baylor

Most high God, we confess that we have used others for our own gain. We benefit from the labors of many who are exploited and impoverished. We resist the rule of love and turn away from those who cry for help. We seek to settle differences with weapons of war rather than work for the unity you intend for your children. Take our misplaced loyalties and turn them around, so we serve your purposes instead of our own. 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 *My Soul Finds Rest* arr. C. Courtney

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 Reading *Acts 16:16-34* p.963

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

Sermon *When Good News Challenges the Secular World*

To Thank God

* **Hymn** *If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee* Hymnal #282

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

Offering *Open My Eyes* Clara Scott

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** *Let All Things Now Living* **Hymnal #554**

* **Commission and Blessing**

The world needs your work for unity and peace;
go out, proclaiming the good news of Christ.

*We have known the love of God,
and that love sends us forth to serve.*

Witness to our Creator, who is not defeated,
but always has the last word.

*We seek for all access to the tree of life
and refreshment from the water of life.*

God reigns; let the earth rejoice;
give thanks to God's holy name.

*The light dawns for all who seek righteousness,
and joy fills the hearts of all who believe.*

Amen. *Amen.*

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

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way
Through this and every coming day,
That in Your Spirit strong and true
Our lives may be our gift to You.

Postlude *It is Good to Sing Thy Praises* W. Mozart

*An asterisk * indicates standing, as you are able.
The congregation's responses are in **bold italics**.*

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 **Lay Reader** today is **Debbie Berger**.

The **Adult Study Group** (Respectable Sins: Confronting the Sins we Tolerate by Jerry Bridges) will meet this evening, at 5:30 PM at the church to study Session 6, Chapters 14-16.

Choir practice will be this Monday at 4:30 PM instead of Tuesday.

Next Sunday, May 23, **John and Beth Muehleisen**, World Gospel missionaries, will once again visit our Church to share their work as missionaries in Kenya and Uganda. We will have a Koinonia luncheon immediately following the service. Fried chicken and drinks will be provided, please bring a side dish or a dessert to share.

There will be no **Children's Church** next Sunday.

The next **Dinner For Eight** assignments have been posted on the bulletin board by the office.

Schedules

Ushers, May	Dennis & Maxine Montague, Chip & Jenny Roark
Greeters, May	Gary & Barbie Andrews
Lay Reader, May 23	Jennifer McCrickard
Lay Readers, May 30	Anne & Charlotte Mabry
Nursery, May 23	Darlene Robertson
Nursery, May 30	Kevin deBernard
CC Teacher, May	Denise Tucker
CC Assistant, May 23	Sang-il Lee
Youth Group Helper, May 23	Alline Rogers
Youth Meal Preparer May 23	Jane Green

Daily Scripture Readings

Theme: *Life in the Spirit* Psalm of the week: 104

MONDAY	Ephesians 4:17-32	THURSDAY	2 Corinthians 1:3-11
TUESDAY	Ephesians 3:14-21	FRIDAY	2 Corinthians 8:1-15
WEDNESDAY	Ezekiel 39:21-29	SATURDAY	1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Weekly Calendar

Sun., May 16	Adult Sunday School Worship/Children's Church TWIG Youth Group Meeting Adult Study Group	9:00 AM 10:00 AM 5:00 PM 5:30 PM
Mon., May 17	Choir Practice	4:30 PM
Wed., May 19	Prayer Fellowship - Pastor's Study Second Helping Lunch	9:30 AM 11:00-12:30 PM
Sun., May 23	New Members Class Adult Sunday School Worship Koinonia Lunch after worship	8:45 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM

Joys and Concerns for Prayer 5/16/10

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.
- Praise: Jeff Janiak, graduated from Virginia Tech.
- 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, Leonard Coleman, 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.)
- Sung 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
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Ministry Within the Congregation,

Stephanie Moehlenkamp
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Caroline Peerman
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Jenny Roark
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Moderator of Session

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Carolyn Doss
Church Secretary

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Choir Director

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Organist

Preston Andrews
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Other Contacts

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Prayer Fellowship Request

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