

# Worship for the Lord's Day

August 15, 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** *Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee* arr. E. L. Ashford

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

## To Praise God's Name

**Call to Worship** adapted from Psalm 80:1-2; 8-19

Hear us, O Shepherd of Israel,  
you who lead Joseph like a flock;

***You who sit enthroned between the cherubim,  
shine forth before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh!  
Awaken your might, come and save us!***

You brought a vine out of Egypt;  
you drove out the nations and planted it.

***You cleared the ground for it,  
and it took root and filled the land.***

Return to us, O God Almighty!  
Look down from heaven and see.

***Watch over this vine,  
the root your right hand has planted.  
The Son you have raised up for yourself.***

Let your hand rest on the man at your right hand,  
the son of man you have raised up for yourself!

***Then we will not turn away from you;  
revive us and we will call on your name!  
Restore us, O Lord God Almighty;  
make your face shine upon us that we may be saved!***

\* **Hymn** *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* **Hymnal #150**

## **Unison Prayer of Confession**

*Eternal God, by faith we follow you all the days of our lives. By faith we greet each day with joy and warm expectations. And by faith we wait for that time when we shall be joined with you in the Heavenly Kingdom. But sometimes, Lord, our faith seems so weak. We worry about things that don't amount to much in the great scheme of things. We let concerns and fears overtake us and we do not rely upon you for daily grace to meet the challenges of life. Our Faith wanes and our trust in you fades and we resolve into ineffective witnesses of Your love and grace. Forgive our lapses of faith, dear Lord. Strengthen the faith that we do have, so that the Christ whose faith was perfect may become for us the foundation of our own faith. We pray in the name of Christ. 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!***

**Solo** *O Lord Most Holy* César Franck  
Rev. Robert Button

## **Passing the Peace of Christ**

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

## To Hear God's Word

### **Message for Children**

### **Prayer for Illumination**

**Old Testament Reading** *Isaiah 5:1-7* **p.583**

**New Testament Reading** *Hebrews 11:29-12:2* **p.1051**

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

**Sermon**    *A Cloud That Does Not Obscure Our Vision*

## **To Thank God**

\* **Hymn**            *Be Thou My Vision*                            **Hymnal #339**

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

**Offering**            *Hymn of Adoration*                            Franz Schubert

*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**            *O Hear Our Cry, O Lord*                            **Hymnal #206**

\* **Charge and Benediction**

\* **Congregational Amen**    *God Be With You*                            **Hymnal #540 (Vs. 1)**

God be with you till we meet again

Loving counsels guide, uphold you

With a Shepherd's care enfold you

God be with you till we meet again.

**Postlude**            *Marche Religieuse*                            William Komster

## 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 **Session** will meet today, immediately after worship for its stated August meeting.

The **Lay Reader** today is **Rob Gilliam**.

**Choir practice** will be this Thursday (Aug. 19) at 5:00 PM.

**180 pounds of food was collected and delivered to DAWN.**

Keep up the good work!

**The Ministry Beyond the Congregation Committee** would like to thank everyone who prepared food or helped in any way with the Second Helping Lunch.

Next Monday (Aug. 23) is the deadline for articles for the **September "Link" newsletter**. Items for the Link may be e-mailed to Sue Ferguson at [billsueferguson@aol.com](mailto:billsueferguson@aol.com)

Don't forget to RSVP to the church office at 369.5286 or [altapres@embarqmail.com](mailto:altapres@embarqmail.com), if you are planning to attend **APC's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Service and Lunch** on Sunday Sept 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Children's Church** for Pre-K through fourth grade will begin September 19, during the service.

**Next Committee Meeting Night:** September 7

The **Prayer Fellowship** meets each Wednesday morning at 9:30 AM in the pastor's study and is open to all.

## Schedules

**Ushers, Aug.**

Travis & Garry Taylor  
Gary & Jane Strebel

**Greeters, Aug.**

David Mabry  
Chip Roark

**Lay Reader, Aug. 22**

Dolores Drumheller

**Lay Reader, Aug. 29**

Doug Hecht

**Nursery, Aug. 22**

Billy Robertson

**Nursery, Aug. 29**

Sally Sease

**Communion Servers, Sept. 5**

Beverly Eubank, Bill Ferguson,  
Rob Gilliam, Doug Hecht

## Daily Scripture Readings

Theme: The Mystery of God's Gifts Psalm of the week: 18:1-19

MONDAY	John 1:19-28	THURSDAY	John 6:66-71
TUESDAY	John 14:1-11	FRIDAY	John 12:20-36
WEDNESDAY	Colossians 1:15-23	SATURDAY	John 11:1-16

## Weekly Calendar

<b>Sun. Aug. 15</b>	Adult Sunday School Worship Session meeting immediately after worship	<b>9:00 AM</b> <b>10:00 AM</b>
<b>Wed., Aug. 18</b>	Prayer Fellowship - Pastor's Study Second Helping Lunch	<b>9:30 AM</b> <b>11:00-12:30 PM</b>
<b>Thru., Aug. 19</b>	Choir Practice	<b>5:00 PM</b>
<b>Sun., Aug. 22</b>	Adult Sunday School Worship	<b>9:00 AM</b> <b>10:00 AM</b>

## **Joys and Concerns for Prayer 8/15/10**

*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.
- Our new pastor Kelsy Nicole Brown
- 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
- Summer travelers
- 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, Lynwood Hicks, Marie Hoffman, Tim Howdysshell, Lucy Irvine, Diane Janiak, Hannah Johnson, Ralph Liebchen, Phil and Carol Wills McCartney, Betty Sue Moehlenkamp, Marybeth Moore, Darnell Moorman, Conner Niblett, Matt Payne, Bob and Ellen Ragsdale, Janie Roark, Charles Thomas, John Trotti)
- 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 (Isabella Bernard, Marie Blackstock, Thelma Blanchard, Francis Harvey, Ruth Knight, Joyce Mason, Wilmoth McClelland, Roy Tucker)

## **People to Contact at APC**

### **Session (Active Elders)**

Barbie Andrews  
*Ministry Beyond the Congregation*

Ron Coleman  
*Ministry Beyond the Congregation*

Bill Ferguson  
*Property & The Men of the Church*

Rob Gilliam  
*Ministry Support*

David Mabry  
*Property & The Men of the Church*

Jennifer McCrickard  
*Ministry Within the Congregation,*

Stephanie Moehlenkamp  
*Worship & Nominating*

Jenny Roark  
*Christian Education*

Al Smith  
*Ministry Support*

Jane Strebel  
*Worship*

Dana Taylor  
*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 Fellowship*

Alline Rogers  
*Meal Coordinator*

Annie Shelton  
*Nursery Coordinator*

Janet Soddors  
*Prayer Fellowship Request*

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