

# Worship for the Lord's Day

November 9, 2008  
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** Prelude J.S. Bach

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

**Choral Introit** Praise Ye the Name of the Lord Arkhangelsky

## To Praise God's Name

**Call to Worship** Adapted from Psalms 78:1-7

O my people, hear my teaching;  
listen to the words of my mouth.  
I will open my mouth in parables,  
I will utter hidden things, things from of old.

***What we have heard and know,  
what our parents have told us;  
we will not hide them from our children,  
we will tell the next generation.  
The praiseworthy deeds of the Lord,  
God's power and the wonders which God has done.***

He decreed statutes for Jacob  
and established the law in Israel,  
which he commanded our ancestors to teach their children.

***So the next generation would know them,  
even the children yet to be born;  
and they in turn would tell their children.  
Then they would put their trust in God and would not forget  
God's deeds, but would keep the Commandments of God.***

\* **Hymn** My Song Forever Shall Record Hymnal #209

## Unison Prayer of Confession

***Gracious Lord, we approach your throne this morning as believers who too often get off track and forget from whence our strength comes. We like to fool ourselves into believing that we have made ourselves successful and that we have gotten where we are by our own will power and cunning. We even want to set the times for your return and for the last days. We would be our own god, but you, O Lord, and you alone set the limit of our days and the time for your return. Forgive our self-centered attitudes and show us that our responsibility is to be ready when you come. We pray in the name of Christ our Lord. 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** O Praise the Lord with Heart and Voice Haydn

## Passing the Peace of Christ

The peace of our Lord be with you. ***And also with you.***

*As our Passing of the Peace ends, all children through fifth grade are invited to depart for Children's Church.*

## To Hear God's Word

## Prayer for Illumination

**Old Testament Reading** Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25; p.206

**New Testament Reading** I Thessalonians 4:13-18 p.1030  
Matthew 25:1-13 p.860

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

**Sermon**      *The Bridegroom Cometh*  
                  *or*  
*Is There Any Oil In Your Lamp?*

### **To Thank God**

\* **Hymn**            *O Day of God, Draw Nigh*            **Hymnal #452**

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

**Prayers of the People** · **The Lord's Prayer**

**Offering**            *Sun of My Soul*            Huguenot Melody

*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**

### **To Depart to Serve God**

\* **Hymn**            *Wade in the Water*            **Supplement #2107**

\* **Charge and Benediction**

\* **Congregational Amen**            **Supplement #2280**

**Postlude**        *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*        J. Haydn



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### **Our Mission**

In response to the call of God through Christ, the mission of Altavista Presbyterian Church is to serve the Lord and proclaim the gospel through studying the Bible, regularly worshipping together, nurturing, respecting, valuing, and loving each other as children of God, faithfully witnessing to ourselves and others, and serving our community and the world.

## Announcements

The **sanctuary flowers** are given by Alline Rogers for the glory of God and in loving memory of her husband, Herman (Sonny) Rogers, and her sister Judy Leggett.

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

The **Organist** today is **Dot Hogan**.

**Congratulations** to **Louise Phillips**, who was awarded Altavista Elementary Teacher of the Year Award.

**Circle I** meets Tuesday, November 11, 10:00 AM in the parlor.

Our next church-wide **Committee Meeting Night** will be this Tuesday, November 11, at 7:00 PM at the church. All committee members are asked to attend.

The Session has called a **congregational meeting** for Sunday, November 23, to elect a 2009 Nominating Committee, and to distribute the 2009 budget.

The Worship and Discipleship Committee will be sponsoring an **Advent Workshop** for children ages 4 to 12 on Saturday, December 6, from 10:00 AM-Noon in the fellowship hall.

### *Next Week's Sermon*

*"A New Slant on an Old Story"*

*or*

*"What Would You Risk for God?"*

Judges 4:1-7; Psalm 123; Matthew 25:14-30

This parable of the talents is one of the most familiar of all the parables which Jesus used. In Matthew it comes within the context of Jesus' comments about signs of the end of the age and the coming kingdom. There is an eschatological undertone to this parable, but there is also a very practical side to this parable. Forget about the money angle and simply ask yourself, what risks do you take for God? How much would you be willing to risk for the good news of God's love and grace? It's all about risk taking.

## Schedules

<b>Ushers, November</b>	Dennis & Maxine Montague, Kathi Bogert, Stephanie Moehlenkamp
<b>Greeters, November</b>	Brian, Jennifer & Chandler McCrickard
<b>Lay Reader, November 16</b>	Bill Ferguson
<b>Lay Reader, November 23</b>	Gary Andrews
<b>Nursery, November 16</b>	Kelly deBernard
<b>Nursery, November 23</b>	Dana Taylor
<b>CC Teachers, November</b>	Martha Moore, Anne Mabry
<b>CC Assistants, November</b>	Doug & Anne Hecht

## Daily Scripture Readings

Theme of the week: <i>Christ the King</i> of the week: Psalm 47			
MONDAY	Matthew 16:21-28	THURSDAY	Acts 17:1-9
TUESDAY	John 6:15-21	FRIDAY	I Corinthians 15:20-28
WEDNESDAY	John 1:43-51	SATURDAY	Revelation 1:1-8

## Weekly Calendar

<b>Sun., Nov. 9</b>	Sunday School	<b>9:00 AM</b>
	Worship	<b>10:00 AM</b>
	Children's Church & Sunday School for 4 <sup>th</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> Graders	
<b>Tues., Nov. 11</b>	Circle I	<b>10:00 AM</b>
<b>Wed., Nov. 12</b>	Prayer Fellowship - Pastor's Study	<b>9:30 AM</b>
	Second Helping Lunch	<b>11:00-12:30 PM</b>
	Choir Practice	<b>6:00 PM</b>
<b>Sun. Nov. 16</b>	Sunday School	<b>9:00 AM</b>
	Worship	<b>10:00 AM</b>
	Children's Church & Sunday School for 4 <sup>th</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> Graders	
	Stated Session Meeting	<b>6:00 PM</b>

## Topics and Concerns for Prayer

*Speak to Elder Sang-il Lee to add a name or item to this weekly list.*

- Financial uncertainty
- Pastor Bob Button and his ministries
- The Hawkins family and New Wilmington Pres. Church in PA.
- The session and the staff
- Our children and grandchildren
- Jeremy and Abby Eubank
- Praise: Stephanie Moehlenkamp, Our choir director
- Search for organist
- The Wilbur West family and Alphonso Destin & Renaldo Oliver.
- Health (Gary Alley, Mike Barker, Tim Coleman, Eula Dillon, Dianne Emmett, Dorothy Finn, John Hawkins, William Hoffman, Ralph Liebchen, Darnell Moorman, Ruth Muehleisen, Margaret Young, Ken Younkin)
- Elected officials
- Leaders in the town, county, state, country and world.
- Military and their family (Jeremy Larkin, Grant Martin, Joshua Wright)
- Help to grow in the grace and knowledge of God, and to share the Good News with others.
- Our church mission projects.
- John and Beth Muehleisen (Their newsletters are posted on the bulletin board.)
- John Farmer with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship at UNC.
- Residents in retirement homes and residential care (Thelma Blanchard, Tom & Emily Chappelle, Francis Harvey, Ruth Knight, Wilmoth McClelland, Martin Strebel)

## People to Contact at APC

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

Ron Coleman  
*Ministry Beyond the Congregation*

Kelly deBernard  
*Ministry Within the Congregation*

Rob Gilliam  
*Ministry Support*

Sang-il Lee  
*Prayer & Visitation*

Anne Mabry  
*Worship & Discipleship*

Jennifer McCrickard  
*Ministry Within the Congregation,  
Visitation*

Stephanie Moehlenkamp  
*Worship & Discipleship*

Caroline Peerman  
*Home Communion & Pulpit Supplies*

Chip Roark  
*Visitation, New Membership,  
Presbyterian Men*

Sandi Smith  
*Visitation & Nominating Committee*

John Tucker  
*Visitation & Nominating Committee*

Mark Younkin  
*Ministry Beyond the Congregation*

Bob Button  
*Moderator of Session*

### **Staff**

Carolyn Doss  
*Church Secretary*

Stephanie Moehlenkamp  
*Choir Director*

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*

Anne Mabry  
*Nursery Coordinator*

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