

Worship for the Lord's Day

November 16, 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 *Meditation Religieuse* A. Schreiner

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

Choral Introit *Praise Ye The Name of the Lord*

To Praise God's Name

Call to Worship Psalm 123

Leader: Reads verse 1 & 2

Congregation: *Sings verse 1 (see insert)*

Leader: Reads verse 3 & 4

Congregation: *Sings verse 2 (see insert)*

* **Hymn** *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* Hymnal #288

Unison Prayer of Confession

Lord, you have gifted each of us with unique talents and gifts. We are not alike, but represent the many dimensions of Your image that indwells within us. However, we are too often reticent to use those gifts and talents. We like to hide them away out of fear of what others would say, or because we do not wish to stand out from the crowd. We like to blend in and lose ourselves in the crowds and bury our talents so that we will feel safe. We hesitate to take risks with the talents you give. Forgive our lack of understanding of what you require of us: To risk it all in the name of Your Son, Jesus, 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 *Bow Down Thy Ear* A. S. Arensky

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 *Judges 4:1-7* p.211

New Testament Reading *Matthew 25:14-30* p.860

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

Sermon *A New Slant on an Old Story*
or
What Would You Risk for God?

To Thank God

* **Hymn** *When I Had Not Yet Learned of Jesus* Hymnal #410

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

Prayers of the People - The Lord's Prayer

Offering *In This Holy Hour* H Livingstone, Jr.

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** *Here I Am, Lord* **Hymnal #525**

* **Charge and Benediction**

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

Postlude *Blest Be The Tie That Binds* arr. Dorothy Higgins



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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.

Next Week's Sermon

"Sheep Feeding Sheep"

or

"Are You a Sheep or a Goat?"

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 100
Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46

There is one undeniable way to determine who and who is not a follower of Jesus Christ: Are you a feeder of sheep, or are you a sheep who feeds off of others? We can say with our lips all the key words of the faith. We can espouse the proper doctrines. We can pray and sing a holier "Amen" all we want to, but the truth is that if our actions do not project the life of giving and caring for others, then we are as a empty gong and hollow symbols. So, when God's flock is divided up will you be a sheep or a goat?

Announcements

Welcome to Altavista Presbyterian Church! Psalm 122 says, “I rejoiced with those who said to me, ‘Let us go to the house of the Lord.’” If you are a guest among us this morning, we extend a warm greeting to you on behalf of the elders and members of this congregation. We are glad you are here to worship with us today. Please speak to a greeter or the pastor if there is any way this congregation can assist you.

The **sanctuary flowers** this morning are given by the Moehlenkamp family for the glory of God, and in celebration of Megan’s eleventh birthday.

The **Lay Reader** today is **Bill Ferguson**.

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

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

Remember that we will be collecting the **Thanksgiving Offering** next Sunday, November 23.

The annual **Altavista Community Thanksgiving Service** will be held next Sunday evening, November 23, at 6:00 pm at the First Baptist Church, 10th Street. This year our interim pastor is the preacher for the evening.

Next Monday (Nov. 24th) is the deadline for articles for the **December “Link” newsletter**. Items for the Link may be e-mailed to Sue Ferguson at billsueferguson@aol.com

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

Next Committee Meeting Night: January 13th

Schedules

Ushers, November	Dennis & Maxine Montague, Kathi Bogert, Stephanie Moehlenkamp
Greeters, November	Brian, Jennifer & Chandler McCrickard
Lay Reader, November 23	Gary Andrews
Lay Reader, November 30	Vika Henderson
Nursery, November 23	Dana Taylor
Nursery, November 30	Susan Gilliam
CC Teachers, November	Martha Moore, Anne Mabry
CC Assistants, November	Doug & Anne Hecht

Daily Scripture Readings

Theme of the week: <i>Faithful and Obedient</i> Psalm of the week: 92			
MONDAY	Hebrew 11:1-16	THURSDAY	Matthew 21:28-32
TUESDAY	Acts 8:1-8	FRIDAY	Luke 12:35-40
WEDNESDAY	Acts 11:19-26	SATURDAY	Luke 12:41-48

Weekly Calendar

Sun., Nov. 16	Sunday School Worship Children’s Church & Sunday School for 4 th and 5 th Graders Stated Session Meeting	9:00 AM 10:00 AM 6:00 PM
Wed., Nov. 19	Prayer Fellowship - Pastor’s Study Second Helping Lunch Choir Practice	9:30 AM 11:00-12:30 PM 6:00 PM
Sun., Nov. 23	Sunday School Worship Children’s Church & Sunday School for 4 th and 5 th Graders	9:00 AM 10:00 AM

Joys and Concerns for Prayer

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

- The Montague family in the death of Dennis' father
- Praise: Louise Phillips was awarded Altavista Elementary Teacher of the Year Award
- Praise: Ron Coleman was elected for a new four-year term on the town council
- 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
- 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, Steve Graham, Ben Towne, Heath Tuttle, Mary Crabtree, Jim Hankins)
- Newly elected government officials and the transition phase
- 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

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Visitation*

Stephanie Moehlenkamp
Worship & Discipleship

Caroline Peerman
Home Communion & Pulpit Supplies

Chip Roark
*Visitation, New Membership,
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Visitation & Nominating Committee

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