

# Worship for the Lord's Day

December 28, 2008— First Sunday After Christmas  
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** *We Three Kings* Traditional Carol

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

**Choral Introit** *O Praise the Lord with Heart and Voice* Haydn

## To Praise God's Name

### Call to Worship

Let us rejoice in God, our Sovereign,  
whose salvation comes in everyday events.

***In the face of a child God is revealed.  
In the babe of Bethlehem we are healed.***

Let us give thanks with whole hearts,  
for God is gracious and merciful.

***In the food we eat God's love is shown.  
As the bread is broken our worth is known.***

Let us worship the God of wondrous works,  
who offers to enter into covenant with us.

***In the gift of Christ we receive a new name;  
salvation comes and nothing is the same.***

\* **Hymn** *What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright* Hymnal #68

### Unison Prayer of Confession

*Eternal One, we have neglected to look for signs of your presence, so we have not seen your works. We organize life for our own self-interest, so we have failed to find you in the people and events surrounding us. Our worship is filled with empty words, while our hearts are closed to your transforming Spirit. Even the wonder of new life leaves us unmoved. Break into our routine dullness to forgive and change us. Rename us, and make us whole. 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

#### Passing the Peace of Christ

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

## To Hear God's Word

### Prayer for Illumination

**Old Testament Reading** *Isaiah 61:10-62:3* p.640

**New Testament Reading** *Luke 2:22-40* p.889

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

**Sermon** *Heirs of The Kingdom*

## To Thank God

\* **Hymn** *Blessed Jesus, at Your Word* Hymnal #454

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

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

**Offering**      *There's A Song in the Air*      Traditional Carol

*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**      *God You Spin the Whirling Planets*      **Hymnal #285**

\* **Charge and Benediction**

\* **Congregational Amen**      **Hymnal #586**

**Postlude**      *The Birthday of a King*      W.H. Neidlinger



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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 **Lay Reader** today is **Chip Roark**.

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

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

The **church office** will be closed this Thursday in observance of New Year’s Day.

We would like to say a special thanks to **Geraldine Kauffman** for donating her time and talents to decorate our church and sanctuary for the Christmas season.

APC will be hosting a **Special Second Helping lunch** this Wednesday, December 31. Everyone is invited to come and bring a friend or neighbor. We will start at the usual 11:00 AM and keep the doors open until 6:00 PM. Please sign-up on the bulletin board for the menu items that you would like to donate.

The **Presbyterian Men** will meet for our monthly men’s lunch Tuesday, January 6, at the Main Street Emporium in downtown Altavista at 11:45 AM. Those of you with a lunch hour free, come join us for food and fellowship!

**Circle I** meets Tuesday, January 6, 10:00 AM in the parlor.

**Circle II** meets Tuesday, January 6, 7:00 PM in the parlor.

The first church-wide **Committee Meeting Night** of 2009 will be Tuesday, January 13, at 7:00 PM at the church. All committee members and chairs are asked to attend.

The **2009 Flower Calendar** has been posted in the hallway. Please take a moment to sign up to place flowers in the sanctuary for the Sunday morning of your choosing.

## Schedules

**Ushers, January**

John & Faith Mari Tucker  
Chip & Holly Roark

**Greeters, January**

Garry & Travis Taylor

**Lay Reader, January 4**

Kathi Bogert

**Lay Reader, January 11**

Les Woodie

**Nursery, January 4**

Rob Gilliam

**Nursery, January 11**

Kevin deBernard

**CC Teachers, Jan.**

Denise Tucker, Jenny Roark

**CC Helpers, Jan. 4**

Barbie Andrews, Christine Oliver

**Communion Servers, Jan. 4**

Alex & Beverly Eubank

## Daily Scripture Readings

Theme: *God’s Greatest Gift* Psalm of the week: **96**

MONDAY Exodus 20:18-26

THURSDAY John 3:1-8

TUESDAY Galatians 3:23-4:7

FRIDAY Ephesians 1:3-14

WEDNESDAY 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

SATURDAY Colossians 1:15-23

## Weekly Calendar

<b>Sun., Dec 28</b>	Sunday School	<b>9:00 AM</b>
	Worship	<b>10:00 AM</b>
<b>Wed., Dec. 31</b>	Prayer Fellowship - Pastor’s Study	<b>9:30 AM</b>
	Second Helping Lunch	<b>11:00-6:00 PM</b>
	Choir Practice	<b>6:00 PM</b>
<b>Sun., Jan. 4</b>	Sunday School	<b>9:00 AM</b>
	Worship & Communion	<b>10:00 AM</b>
	Children’s Church & Sunday School for 4 <sup>th</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> Graders	

## Joys and Concerns for Prayer

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

- Praise: Christmas celebration services
- Betty Sue Moehlenkamp, Mother of Mark, health concern.
- Bob and Ellen Ragsdale, health concern.
- Dave Campe, Pastor Bob and Elaine's son-in-law's Father, health concern.
- Dorothy Finn, Pastor of Clarksville P. C., passed away recently.
- Ron Coleman and his family in the death of his Mother, Marion Lovelace on Wednesday, Dec. 17.
- Linda Simpson and her family in the death of her Mother-in-law, Evelyn Tweedy Simpson on Tuesday, Dec 16.
- Those who are lonely and those in need
- Help to grow in the grace and knowledge of God, and to share the Good News with others.
- Financial uncertainty
- Pastor Bob Button and his ministries
- The session and the staff
- Search for organist
- Health (Gary Alley, Mike Barker, Tim Coleman, Eula Dillon, Dianne Emmett, Steve Graham, John Hawkins, Jim Hankins, William Hoffman, Ralph Liebchen, Darnell Moorman, Ben Towne, Heath Tuttle, Margaret Young, Ken Younkin)
- 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)
- Our church mission projects.
- John and Beth Muehleisen in Kenya/Uganda (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 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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