

# Worship for the Lord's Day

January 4, 2009 – Second 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** *Largo* G. F. Handel

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

## Choral Introit

## To Praise God's Name

**Call to Worship** based on Psalm 147

How good it is to sing praises to our God,  
how pleasant and fitting to praise Him!

***The Lord builds up Jerusalem; God gathers the exiles of Israel.***

***God heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.***

Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;  
make music to our God on the harp.

***God's pleasure is not in the strength of the horse;  
nor is God's delight in the legs of a man.***

***The Lord delights in those who fear God;  
who put their hope in God's unfailing love.***

(All) Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, all the Earth!

\* **Hymn** *The Church's One Foundation* Hymnal #442

*The Presbyterian Two-Cents-a-Meal offering  
will be collected at the communion table during the hymn.*

## Unison Prayer of Confession

*Eternal God, we lose sight of your grand design for the universe.  
We focus on our little part of the world and our personal stake in it. We forget that before we were born You had a plan for us. We like to think that we are in charge of our destiny. Forgive our myopic vision that keeps us focused on our life and our accomplishments. Give us that broad vision which sees the wide scope of Your love and grace in the affairs of man. Enable us to acknowledge the ways that you have intervened in our lives to bring grace and redemption, especially through the life, death and resurrection of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. And create within us, O God, a renewed commitment to the Love, Peace and Hope which Christ brought into the world and into our lives. We pray in His name. 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.**

*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** *Jeremiah 31:7-14* p.679

**New Testament Reading** *Ephesians 1:3-14* p.1017

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

**Sermon** *The Gift that Keeps on Giving!*

## To Thank God

- \* **Profession of Faith**     *Nicene Creed (Traditional)*     **Hymnal p.15**

### **Prayers of the People**

- Offering**     *O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go*     arr. B. L. Lutes

*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 See God's Word in Sacrament

- \* **Hymn**     *What Wondrous Love Is This*     **Hymnal #85**

*During the hymn, children involved in Children's Church  
will be returning to the sanctuary to rejoin their family.*

### **Sacrament of Communion**

**Invitation to the Lord's Table**

**Prayers of Thanksgiving ♦ The Lord's Prayer**

**Sharing in the Bread and the Cup**

**Prayer after the Meal**

## To Depart to Serve God

- \* **Hymn**     *Lead On, O King Eternal*     **Hymnal #447**

- \* **Charge and Benediction**

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

- Postlude**     *My Lord! What a Morning*     Spiritual

## Announcements

The **Lay Reader** today is **Kathi Bogert**.

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

The **Presbyterian Men** will meet for our monthly men's lunch this Tuesday 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 this Tuesday, 10:00 AM in the parlor.

**Circle II** meets this Tuesday, 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.



### Next Week's Sermon

**"Have You Got the Holy Spirit?"**

or

**"Does the Holy Spirit Have You?"**

Genesis 1:1-5; Psalm 29; Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11

All three passages for this Sunday talk about the Spirit of God. Is the Spirit that hovered over the waters at creation the same Holy Spirit that signifies baptism into Christ? And what about that passage in Luke where Christ promised his disciples that God would send, "the power from on high"? And is this the third person of the Trinity? So, what about this Holy Spirit, this comforter, this Spirit of God hovering over the waters, this power from "on High"? How does it all play out in our lives, we who call ourselves "Christ-ones."?

## Schedules

**Ushers, January**

John & Faith Mari Tucker

Chip & Holly Roark

**Greeters, January**

Garry & Travis Taylor

**Lay Reader, January 11**

Les Woodie

**Lay Reader, January 18**

Mark Younkin

**Nursery, January 11**

Kevin deBernard

**Nursery, January 18**

Brian McCrickard

**CC Teachers, Jan.**

Denise Tucker, Jenny Roark

**CC Helpers, Jan. 11**

Dennis & Maxine Montague

**Communion Servers, Today**

Alex & Beverly Eubank

## Daily Scripture Readings

Theme: **God's Eternal Purpose** Psalm of the week: **45**

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|-----------|------------------|----------|-----------------------|
| MONDAY    | Isaiah 46:5-11   | THURSDAY | Matthew 6:25-34       |
| TUESDAY   | Hebrew 6:9-20    | FRIDAY   | I Corinthians 3:10-17 |
| WEDNESDAY | Matthew 19:16-30 | SATURDAY | 2 Timothy 1:1-14      |

## Weekly Calendar

|                      |  |                       |
|----------------------|--|-----------------------|
| <b>Sun., Jan. 4</b>  | Sunday School  | <b>9:00 AM</b>        |
|                      | Worship/Communion  | <b>10:00 AM</b>       |
|                      | Children's Church & Sunday School<br>for 4 <sup>th</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> Graders |                       |
| <b>Wed., Jan 7</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., Jan. 11</b> | Sunday School  | <b>9:00 AM</b>        |
|                      | Worship  | <b>10:00 AM</b>       |
|                      | Children's Church & Sunday School<br>for 4 <sup>th</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> Graders |                       |

## Joys and Concerns for Prayer 1/4/09

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

- Health concerns, Annie Crabtree, Elizabeth Hawkins
- The Whorley & Reid families in the death of Jim Whorley and Terrell Reid.
- The students and faculty of Brookville High School.
- The Rogers family in the death of Herman Rogers, Sr. (Alline Rogers' Father-in Law)
- 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
- Pastor Bob Button and his ministries
- The session and the staff
- Search for organist
- Health (Gary Alley, Mike Barker, Dave Campe, Tim Coleman, Eula Dillon, Dianne Emmett, Steve Graham, John Hawkins, Jim Hankins, William Hoffman, Ralph Liebchen, Betty Sue Moehlenkamp, Darnell Moorman, Bob and Ellen Ragsdale, 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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