

Worship for the Lord's Day

January 18, 2009
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 Nocturne F. Chopin

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

To Praise God's Name

Call to Worship

Come to hear God's call to service;
come to meet the Christ who claims you.

***Speak, O God, for your servant hears.
Show us the way, for we would follow.***

Come, responding to God's summons.
Come, rejoicing that God cares.

***With longing hearts we seek God's love;
with joyful lips we sing God's praise.***

Come, for we are not our own.
God's love, in Christ, has made us saints.

***God is our help and our support;
nothing we have done can cut off our Creator's care.***

* **Hymn** All Beautiful the March of Days Hymnal #292

Unison Prayer of Confession

O Holy One, we are reluctant to turn to you. We would rather hide from your judgment and pretend that we have everything under control. We justify our ways, and we reject the standards and values you build into life, as if they were relics of a bygone era. We close ourselves off from you, and then we are swayed by those who proclaim you dead. O God, the paths we have chosen are leading us nowhere except into confusion and despair. Save us from our destructive choices, that we may reclaim the vision you set before us. Amen (From: Whispers of God)

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 God in His Holiness J. Weldon

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 I Samuel 3:1-20 p.236

New Testament Reading John 1:43-51 p.923

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

Sermon Is That God Calling?

To Thank God

* **Hymn** If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee Hymnal #282

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

Prayers of the People · The Lord's Prayer

Offering *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus* Folk Melody/India

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 Blessing**

Go forth to answer God's call to service,
sharing the love of Christ with all you meet.

*We have heard God's word for our day
and want to follow where Christ leads.*

Venture into unknown tomorrows in faith,
for you are co-workers with Christ.

*We have found the Messiah!
All of life is made new in Jesus Christ.*

You are set free from bondage and fear;
you shall be called by a new name.

*We will glorify God in our bodies
and welcome the Spirit's dwelling within.
Amen*

From: Whispers of God: Liturgical Resources for Year B. by: Lavon Bayler

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

Postlude *Glory to God* Gerald Peterson

Announcements

Welcome to Altavista Presbyterian Church! If you are a guest with us today and are searching for a church home, we encourage you to join us in the great adventure of Christian discipleship. Our mission is to proclaim God's kingdom begun in Jesus Christ, and to live lives which point to its coming fulfillment in Him. Simply speak to the pastor or a greeter if you are interested in joining us in this work.

The **Lay Reader** today is **Maxine Montague**.

The **Session** meets immediately after worship today for its monthly stated meeting here at the church. If you have a prayer concern for which your elders could pray, we invite you to write it on the insert and place it in the offering.

Next Monday (Jan 26th) is the deadline for articles for the **February "Link" newsletter**. Items for the Link may be e-mailed to Sue Ferguson at billsueferguson@aol.com

The **Ministry Beyond our Congregation Committee** will meet Tuesday, Jan. 27, at 6:00 PM at the church.



Next Week's Sermon

"When God Comes Calling"

or

"How Many Times Will It Take?"

Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Psalm 62:5-12; I Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20

There is no doubt that when God calls us, it's for a reason. God's call is rarely, if ever, a blank check. God has something in mind for each of us, and when we resist, as did Jonah, God calls again. With Jonah it took two calls. With us, God may have to stand at the door and ring the bell many times. We either do not hear, or we hear and ignore the call. Are there times when you have felt that God is calling you, but you had other plans, or you ran from God like Jonah. Well, you can run, but you cannot hide.

Schedules

Ushers, January

John & Faith Mari Tucker

Chip & Holly Roark

Greeters, January

Garry & Travis Taylor

Lay Reader, January 25

Kevin deBernard

Lay Reader, February 1

Ron Coleman

Nursery, January 25

Abbey Bogert

Nursery, February 1

Glenn Berger

CC Teachers, Jan.

Denise Tucker, Jenny Roark

CC Helpers, Jan. 25

Kathi Bogert, Linda Janiak

Daily Scripture Readings

Theme: *Following Jesus* Psalm of the week: *148*

MONDAY	John 1:35-51	THURSDAY	Matthew 10:34-42
TUESDAY	Matthew 9:9-13	FRIDAY	John 10:22-30
WEDNESDAY	Luke 9:23-27	SATURDAY	Matthew 11:25-30

Weekly Calendar

Sun., Jan. 18	Sunday School Worship Children's Church & Sunday School for 4 th and 5 th Graders Stated Session Meeting immediately after worship	9:00 AM 10:00 AM
Wed., Jan 21	Prayer Fellowship - Pastor's Study Second Helping Lunch Choir Practice	9:30 AM 11:00-12:30 PM 6:00 PM
Sun., Jan. 25	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 1/18/09

- The Hoffman family, in the death of William Hoffman (Linda Janiak's father)
- Praise: Arrival of Dianne Emmett's granddaughter and Dana's daughter on Jan 7.
- John Trotti, a former pastor, for health concern (His newsletter is posted on the bulletin board).
- Joyce, daughter-in-law of Henry and Nancy Pittard, for health concern.
- 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, Annie Crabtree, Bill Ferguson, Tim Coleman, Eula Dillon, Dianne Emmett, Steve Graham, Elizabeth Hawkins, John Hawkins, Jim Hankins, Ralph Liebchen, Betty Sue Moehlenkamp, Darnell Moorman, Bob and Ellen Ragsdale, Heath Tuttle, Margaret Young, Ken Younkin, Mark Younkin)
- Newly elected government officials.
- 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

This document was created with Win2PDF available at <http://www.win2pdf.com>.
The unregistered version of Win2PDF is for evaluation or non-commercial use only.
This page will not be added after purchasing Win2PDF.