

# Worship for the Lord's Day

May 17, 2009 – Sixth Sunday in Easter  
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** *Praise Ye the Father* Charles F. Gounod

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

**Choral Introit** *O Lamb of God Most Holy* arr. J. S. Bach

## To Praise God's Name

**Call to Worship** based on Psalm 98

(Leader) O sing to the Lord a new song,  
for God has done marvelous things.

***(All) His right hand and his holy arm  
have gotten him the victory.***

(Leader) Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;  
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

***(Women) Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre,  
with the lyre and the sound of melody.***

(Men) With trumpets and the sound of the horn,  
Make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.

***(Leader) Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;  
the world and those who live in it.***

(All) Let the floods clap their hands,  
let the hills sing together for joy at the Presence of the Lord.  
For he is coming to judge the earth.  
He will judge the world with righteousness,  
and the peoples with equity.

\* **Hymn** *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!* **Hymnal #145**

## **Unison Prayer of Confession**

*Lord, it is not easy to love, especially when you have commanded that we should love those who hurt us. And especially when Christ has set the example of loving those who are outcasts and those who are different from us. It is easy, Lord, to love those who are like us and think and live like us, because when we love them we are essentially loving ourselves. Move us out of the rut into which our loving natures have fallen. Give us new life in Christ that reaches beyond ourselves and touches the downtrodden and the helpless ones of society, because in so doing, we are loving as Christ has taught us. We pray in the name of our loving Lord, Jesus Christ, 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** *Behold What Love* Alex Hegenbart

## **Passing the Peace of Christ**

The peace of Christ is 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**

**New Testament Reading** *John 15:9-17* **p.939**

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

**Sermon** *A Joy that is Complete*

## To Thank God

\* **Hymn**      *Father, Long Before Creation*      **Insert**

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

**Prayers by and for the People · The Lord's Prayer**

**Offering**      *Chorale*      Charles Sergisson

*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**      *They'll Know We Are Christians*      **Supplement #2223**

\* **Charge and Benediction**

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

**Postlude**      *Religious Recessional*      E. J. Lorenz

## Announcements

**Welcome to Altavista Presbyterian Church!** I Thessalonians 2:8 says, “We are delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well...” If you are a guest with us this morning, we are grateful for your presence among us. Please speak to the pastor or a greeter if you have any questions about our church or our community.

The **sanctuary flowers** this morning are given by the Janiak family for the glory of God and in celebration of Irene Janiak’s 91<sup>st</sup> birthday.

The **Lay Readers** today are Anne & Charlotte Mabry.

Please return your yellow **Stewardship Opportunities** form to the church office by Monday, May 25.

We will be collecting a special offering May 17, 24, & 31, to enable children in our community to attend **Camp Elpis**. This special offering will provide education, spiritual encouragement, recreation, nutrition, and fun in a wholesome, Christian, atmosphere.

This Friday (May 22) is the deadline for articles for the **June “Link” newsletter**. Items for the Link may be e-mailed to Sue Ferguson at [billsueferguson@aol.com](mailto:billsueferguson@aol.com)

On May 31, we will have a **special recognition** for our Adult & Children’s Church Teachers and High School Graduates, Joshua Larkin & Kyler Bogert.

Mark your calendar for the week of **June 21-26 from 6:00-8:30 PM for VBS**. The theme this year is **Camp EDGE**. There will be classes held from preschool age to adults. This year’s mission action will be **DAWN**. Speak to Jenny Roark if you would like to volunteer to help in any way. Stay tuned for more details soon!

All women are encouraged to attend the **Extraordinary Women's Conference** Sept. 25-26, in Roanoke. The cost is \$49. Please sign-up on the bulletin board by the office. For more information contact Dana Taylor or Denise Tucker.

## Schedules

**Ushers, May**

Brian & Chandler McCrickard  
Kevin & Kelly deBernard

**Greeters, May**

David & Anne Mabry

**Lay Reader, May 24**

Dolores Drumheller

**Lay Readers, May 31**

Kathi Bogert

**Nursery, May 24**

Allison Mabry

**Nursery, May 31**

Kelly deBernard

**CC Teachers, May**

Louise Phillips, Glenn Berger

**CC Helpers, May 24**

Dennis & Maxine Montague

**CC Helpers, May 31**

Barbie Andrews, Bill Ferguson

## Daily Scripture Readings

Theme: *That All May be One* Psalm of the week: **133**

MONDAY	I Peter 1:13-25	THURSDAY	Hebrews 13:1-25
TUESDAY	Titus 3:1-11	FRIDAY	2 Timothy 1:1-14
WEDNESDAY	Philemon 1-25	SATURDAY	1 Thessalonians 1:2-10

## Weekly Calendar

<b>Sun., May 17</b>	Sunday School Worship Children’s Church & Sunday School for 4 <sup>th</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> Graders	<b>9:00 AM</b> <b>10:00 AM</b>
<b>Wed., May 20</b>	Prayer Fellowship - Pastor’s Study Second Helping Lunch	<b>9:30 AM</b> <b>11:00-12:30 PM</b>
<b>Sun., May 24</b>	Sunday School Worship, Rev. Sherwood Smith Preaching Children’s Church & Sunday School for 4 <sup>th</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> Graders	<b>9:00 AM</b> <b>10:00 AM</b>

## People to Contact at APC

### Joys and Concerns for Prayer 5/17/09

- Pastor Bob Button and his ministries
- The session and the staff
- The Mission Study Task Force Team
- 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 and the unemployed
- Health (Gary Alley, Mike Barker, Dave Campe, Tim Coleman, Dianne Emmett, Tim Fenn, Steve Graham, Jim Hankins, Elizabeth Hawkins, John Hawkins, Doug Hecht, Hannah Johnson, Ralph Liebchen, Betty Sue Moehlenkamp, Darnell Moorman, Conner Niblett, Bob and Ellen Ragsdale, Charles Thomas, John Trotti, Heath Tuttle)
- 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, Margaret Young)
- Francis Harvey  
1432 Candlewood St  
Fredericksburg, VA 22407

### **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,  
Nominating Committee*

Jennifer McCrickard  
*Ministry Within the Congregation,  
Visitation*

Stephanie Moehlenkamp  
*Worship & Discipleship*

Caroline Peerman  
*Home Communion & Pulpit Supplies*

Chip Roark  
*Visitation, New Membership,  
Presbyterian Men*

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*

Dot Hogan  
*Organist*

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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