

Worship for the Lord's Day

November 23, 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 *Now Thank We All Our God* arr. George Kaufman

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 based on Psalm 100

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

***Worship the Lord with gladness;
come before God with joyful songs.***

Know that the Lord is God;

***it is God who has made us and we are God's.
We are God's people, the sheep of God's pasture.***

Enter God's gates with thanksgiving,
and into God's courts with praise.

Give thanks to God and praise God's name.

***For the Lord is good and God's love endures forever.
God's faithfulness continues through all generations.***

* **Hymn** *Come Ye Thankful People, Come* **Hymnal #551**

Unison Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, we confess that we are often reluctant to become personally involved in missions. We would rather support a program with our money than become personally involved. We want to have our names attached to a mission program, but we are reluctant to spend the time to get to know those who are in need. Help us to be more like Christ who was not afraid to touch lepers and eat meals with those whom society had cast out. Remind us that we are all members of your flock and we need to be fed along with all your other sheep. 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 *Like a Shepherd* Nygard

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 *Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24* **p. 744**

New Testament Reading *Ephesians 1:15-23* **p. 1017**
Matthew 25:31-46 **p. 861**

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

Sermon *Sheep Feeding Sheep*
or
Are You a Sheep or a Goat?

To Thank God

* **Hymn** *Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak* **Hymnal #426**

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

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

Offering *We Gather Together* **Kraus**

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** *There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit* **Hymnal #398**

* **Charge and Benediction**

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

Postlude *Thanks Be to God* **G. F. Handel**

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Next Week's Sermon

"Christ, the Answer to a Deep Yearning"

Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7,17-19

I Corinthians 1:3-9, Mark 13:24-37

Lest we think that Jesus just suddenly popped out of nowhere, we need to go back and study the Old Testament witness. In Isaiah 64 we have a profound call from God's people for God to break out of the heavens and interject Himself into the affairs of man. Little did those early writers suspect that when God did break through, it would be in the person of a son... a suffering servant who would sacrifice himself for our sinfulness.



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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 **sanctuary flowers** this morning are given by Linda Janiak for the glory of God, and in loving memory of her sister, Susan Goltz, on her birthday.

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

The **Lay Reader** today is **Gary Andrews**.

The Session has called a brief **congregational meeting** after worship today, to elect a 2009 Nominating Committee, and to distribute the 2009 budget.

The annual **Altavista Community Thanksgiving Service** will be held this evening, at 6:00 PM at the First Baptist Church, Bedford Ave. This year our interim pastor is the preacher for the evening.

This 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 **church office** will be closed Thursday for the Thanksgiving holiday.

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. Please sign up on the bulletin board by the office.

As is our tradition, our church will again host a **Christmas Party** for the **Sheltered Workshop**. It will be Tuesday, Dec. 9, at 1:30 PM in the fellowship hall. Please sign up on the bulletin board by the office if you are able to provide cookies, cupcakes, popcorn, or punch.

Our annual **Christmas celebration** will take place on Sunday December 14th, following the Koinonia supper at 5:00 PM. Please plan to join us.

Next Committee Meeting Night: January 13th

Schedules

Ushers, December	Henry & Nancy Pittard, Gary & Barbie Andrews
Greeters, December	Christine Oliver, Shirley Vuncannon
Lay Reader, November 30	Vika Henderson
Lay Reader, December 7	Jane Strebel
Nursery, November 30	Susan Gilliam
Nursery, December 7	Debbie Berger
Communion Servers, Dec. 7	Dennis & Linda Janiak, Sang-il Lee, Kelly deBernard, Anne Mabry, Doug Hecht, Bill Ferguson, Murrell Routon

Theme of the week: <i>Establishing the Right Priorities: Psalm 73</i>			
MONDAY	Luke 10:38-42	THURSDAY	Revelation 19:1-8
TUESDAY	Romans 8:18-25	FRIDAY	Hebrews 10-19-39
WEDNESDAY	2 Corinthians 6:1-13	SATURDAY	Colossians 3:5-17

Weekly Calendar

Sun., Nov. 23	Sunday School	9:00 AM
	Worship	10:00 AM
	Children's Church & Sunday School for 4 th and 5 th Graders	
Wed., Nov. 26	Prayer Fellowship - Pastor's Study	9:30 AM
	Second Helping Lunch	11:00-12:30 PM
	Choir Practice	6:00 PM
Sun., Nov. 30	Sunday School	9:00 AM
	Worship	10:00 AM
	Children's Church & Sunday School for 4 th and 5 th Graders	
	Decorate Chrismon Tree following worship	

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, Rudy Burgess, Tim Coleman, Mary Crabtree, Eula Dillon, Dianne Emmett, Dorothy Finn, Steve Graham, John Hawkins, Jim Hankins, William Hoffman, Ralph Liebchen, Darnell Moorman, Ruth Muehleisen, Ben Towne, Heath Tuttle, Margaret Young, Ken Younkin, Alma Rountrey)
- 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

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

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