

# Worship for the Lord's Day

January 14, 2018 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany  
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** *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* arr. Raymond Haan

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

**Congregational Introit** *Carol of the Epiphany* (vs. 2) **Sing the Faith**  
#2094

## To Praise God's Name

### Call to Worship

This is the day the Lord has made.

*We will be glad and rejoice in it.*

This is the year the Lord has begun.

*We will rejoice and be glad in it.*

Because of the Lord's great love,  
we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail.

They are new every morning. Great is your faithfulness.

The Lord is good to those whose hope is in him,  
to those who seek him.

*Great is your faithfulness, O Lord*

\* **Hymn** *Open My Eyes That I May See* Hymnal #324

### Unison Prayer of Confession

*Merciful God and Father in heaven, you are faithful and just; you are willing to forgive our sins and to purify us from*

*all unrighteousness. Before you and our sisters and brothers, we confess that we have spoken many empty words and have at times broken even our most sacred vows. Our sins are an affront to you; they are a disgrace before the watching world, and they have caused us unspeakable pain. Through our Lord Jesus may we begin this new year with the joy of knowing we belong to you, with the freedom of being purified by your blood, and with the healing which your grace alone can bring. In the name of our blessed Savior. Amen.*

### Silent Prayers of Confession

**Choral Kyrie** *Lord, Have Mercy, Christ, Have Mercy*

### Assurance of Forgiveness

**Response** Forgiveness is ours in Jesus Christ. *Thanks be to God!*

\* **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.*

\* **Passing the Peace of Christ**

The peace of Christ is with you. *And also with you.*

*All children 6 and younger are invited to Children's Church in the nursery.*

## To Hear God's Word

### Prayer for Illumination

**Old Testament Reading** *Psalms 139:1-2, 17-18* p.541

**New Testament Reading** *Matthew 10:28-31* p.844

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

**Sermon** *"His Eye Is On The Sparrow"* Richard Boswell

## To Thank God

\* **Hymn** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* Hymnal #276

\* **Profession of Faith**    *Apostles' Creed (Traditional)*

*I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.*

**Offering**    *Why Should He Love Me So?*    arr. Robert Harkness

*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**

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

(Minister) God of grace,

(People) *hear our prayer.*

*Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.*

**To Depart to Serve God**

\* **Hymn**    *His Eye Is on the Sparrow*    **Sing the Faith**  
#2146

\* **Charge and Benediction**

\* **Congregational**    *The Summons (vs. 2)*    **Sing the Faith**  
**Amen**    #2130

**Postlude**    *Safely Through Another Week*    arr. Lowell Mason



## Altavista Presbyterian Church

A congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA)  
in the Presbytery of the Peaks



### Our Mission

As members of the Body of Christ is to be  
His voice and hands helping all people.



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## Schedules

**Ushers, January**

Jack Ritzer, Gary Taylor  
Kevin & Keegan deBernard

**Lay Reader, January 21**

Chip Roark

**Lay Reader, January 28**

Carolyn Lees

**Nursery, January**

Gary Andrews

## People to Contact at APC

### **Session (Active Elders)**

Gary Andrews ('18)  
*Ministry Beyond the Congregation*

Ron Coleman ('19)  
*Christian Education*

Kelly deBernard ('19)  
*Ministry Within the Congregation*

Anne Mabry ('18)  
*Worship*

Stephanie Moehlenkamp ('19)  
*Worship*

Chip Roark ('18)  
*Ministry Support*

Dana Taylor ('18)  
*Christian Education*

Mark Younkin ('19)  
*Property*

Rev. Ed Soto  
*Moderator of Session*

### **Staff**

Rev. Ed Soto  
*Pastor*

Carolyn Doss  
*Church Secretary*

John Erb  
*Clerk of Session*

Dot Hogan  
*Organist*

Dennis Janiak  
*Treasurer*

Stephanie Moehlenkamp  
*Choir Director*

### **Other Contacts**

Dolores Drumheller  
*Prayer Fellowship Request*

Jack Ritzer  
*The Men of the Church*

*Altavista Presbyterian Church strives to show compassion to all people within our Congregation and beyond our doors just as Jesus showed compassion to all those in need.*

## Joys and Concerns for Prayer

*Please contact the church office if you have prayer concerns.*

Prayers For....

- God's church here at APC and for His guidance.
- Our Session & Church Leaders.
- Dean Smith's health.
- Dianne Emmett's, health.
- Ted Phillips' health.
- David Lyons, cancer.
- Hospice patients and their caregivers.
- Elaine Button, health concerns.
- Ryan Hedgepeth, recovering from a severe accident.
- Jeremy Larkin, as he serves in the military as a helicopter pilot.
- Grant Martin (Dennis & Linda Janiak's son-in-law) deployed to Korea.
- Our homebound members, Tim Coleman, Janet Soddors, Dean Smith, Essie Moore.
- Our nation and all our elected leaders.

## Today's Prayers and Sermon Notes

## Announcements

The Session is delighted to welcome back to our pulpit **Richard Boswell**. Richard is an Elder at First Presbyterian Church, Lynchburg. He is the First Confirmed Lay Pastor trained in Our Presbytery. He is now in the First "Missional" CRE Position and has served numerous Presbyterian Churches throughout our Presbytery, including Altavista. He owns and operates an engineering sales firm. He and His Wife Elaine have two children and six grandchildren.

The **sanctuary flowers** this morning are given by Jack and Alline Ritzer for the glory of God and in celebration of their 7<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

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

The Presbyterian Men will meet for our **Men's lunch** at Noon this Tuesday, January 16, at Applebee's.

The **Evening Bible Study** scheduled for this Tuesday has been cancelled.

The **Morning Bible Study** will meet at the church this Thursday, January 18, at 10:00.

Rev. Soto will be **out of the office** until January 16. If you have a pastoral concern, please contact the church office or your Cluster Elder.

We will be helping serve lunch at the **Lynchburg Daily Bread** this Wednesday from 9:30 AM to 12:45 PM. If you are interested, please sign up on the bulletin board by the church office.

The **Session** meets next Sunday January 21, at 1 PM for its monthly stated meeting.

The 2018 **Mission Trip** is scheduled for June 17-23, in Colcord, West VA. Please sign-up on the bulletin board by **March 25<sup>th</sup>** if you would like to participate.

Volunteers are needed to provide **meals for our Youth Group** meetings, please sign-up on the bulletin board. If you have questions, please contact Dana Taylor.

**January DAWN Donation:** Spaghetti & Spaghetti Sauce