

# Worship for the Lord's Day

February 18, 2018 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent

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** "Are Ye Able" *said the Master* Lani Smith

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

**Congregational Introit** *Make Me a Servant* **Sing the Faith**  
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## To Praise God's Name

### Lenten Call to Worship

From water to wilderness:

**God's covenant continues;  
God's kingdom comes near.**

On stone and in hearts:

**God's covenant continues;  
God's kingdom comes near.**

From the ancestor of nations to the Son lifted up:

**God's covenant continues;  
God's kingdom comes near.**

We follow Jesus on the Lenten path,  
for where he is, we would be also.

\* **Hymn** *Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim* **Hymnal #477**

### Unison Prayer of Confession

*God of mercy, we begin this Lenten season in confession. We do not live according to your ways, but according to our own. Forgive us, we pray, when we are tempted to follow paths other than those you set before us. Through your everlasting covenant, remember us, we pray, and be for us, once more and always, an ark of safety and new life. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.*

### Silent Prayers of Confession

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

### Assurance of Forgiveness

**Response** He who is at the right hand of God forgives us and reconciles us with the Father. **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** *Deuteronomy 27:15-19* **p.175**

**Choral Anthem** *Just A Closer Walk (with Close to Thee)* arr. T. Fettke & T. Grassi

**New Testament Reading** *Luke 18:1-8* **p.911**

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

**Sermon** "The Parable of the Persistent Widow"

## To Thank God

\* **Hymn** *Give to the Winds Thy Fears* **Hymnal #286**

\* **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**                     *God Is Love*                     Penny Rodriguez

*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**

*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**                     *Forty Days and Forty Nights*                     Hymnal #77

\* **Charge and Benediction**

\* **Congregational**     *Lord, Listen to Your Children*     **Sing the Faith**  
**Amen**                                     *Praying*                                     **#2193**

**Postlude**                     *Look For The Beautiful*                     Thoro Harris



## 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, February	Sang-il Lee, Carolyn Lees Gary & Barbie Andrews
Lay Reader, February 25	Anne Mabry
Lay Reader, March 4	Chip Roark
Nursery, February	Gary Taylor

## Upcoming Events

February 5	7 PM Boy Scouts Meeting
February 6	Noon - Men's Lunch at China Wok 6:30 PM Bible Study
February 7	11-12:30 PM Second Helping Lunch
February 8	10 AM Bible Study 6 PM Worship Committee Meeting
February 10	7 PM Youth Paint Night Fundraiser
February 11	10 AM Worship 5 PM Youth Group Meeting
February 12	7 PM Boy Scouts Meeting
February 13	10:30 AM Women's Fellowship Meeting
February 14	9:30 AM Prayer Fellowship 12:10 Lenten Service (Rev. Mike Lee, First Baptist) 7 PM Ash Wednesday Service
February 15	6:30 PM Valentine's Dinner at New London Steak House
February 18	10 AM Worship Youth Soup Fundraiser after Worship 1 PM Session Meeting
February 19	7 PM Boy Scouts Meeting
February 20	Noon - Men's Lunch at Main Street Café 6:30 PM Bible Study
February 21	9:30 APC Serves Lunch at Lynchburg Daily Bread 12:10 Lenten Service (Rev. Betsy Soto, Berry Hill Presbyterian) 1 PM DAWN Board Meeting
February 22	10 AM Bible Study Life Line Screening
February 25	10 AM Worship 5 PM Youth Group Meeting
February 26	6 PM Ministry Within Meeting 7 PM Boy Scouts Meeting March Link Deadline
February 28	9:30 AM Prayer Fellowship 12:10 Lenten Service (Rev. Ed Soto, APC)

## People to Contact at APC

### Session (Active Elders)

Gary Andrews ('18) <i>Ministry Beyond the Congregation</i>
Ron Coleman ('19) <i>Christian Education</i>
Kelly deBernard ('19) <i>Ministry Within the Congregation</i>
Anne Mabry ('18) <i>Worship</i>
Stephanie Moehlenkamp ('19) <i>Worship</i>
Chip Roark ('18) <i>Ministry Support</i>
Dana Taylor ('18) <i>Christian Education</i>
Mark Younkin ('19) <i>Property</i>
Rev. Ed Soto <i>Moderator of Session</i>

### Staff

Rev. Ed Soto <i>Pastor</i>
Carolyn Doss <i>Church Secretary</i>
John Erb <i>Clerk of Session</i>
Dot Hogan <i>Organist</i>
Dennis Janiak <i>Treasurer</i>
Stephanie Moehlenkamp <i>Choir Director</i>

### Other Contacts

Dolores Drumheller <i>Prayer Fellowship Request</i>
Jack Ritzer <i>The Men of the Church</i>

*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.
- Dianne Emmett's health.
- Ted Phillips' health.
- David Lyons, cancer.
- Hospice patients and their caregivers.
- Ryan Hedgepeth, recovering from a severe accident.
- Joyce Coleman.
- John Erb.
- The Byrd family, in the death of Lois Byrd.
- 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 Sodders, Dean Smith, Essie Moore.
- Our nation and all our elected leaders.

## Today's Prayers and Sermon Notes

## Announcements

**Welcome to Altavista Presbyterian Church!** If you are a guest with us today, we extend to you the hand of fellowship in the name of Jesus Christ. We are glad you are worshipping with us, and hope you will return. If you are interested in more information about our congregation, please speak to the pastor or one of our ushers at the door.

The **sanctuary flowers** this morning are given by Charlotte Mabry's grandparents, Ed & Carolyn Godfrey, to the glory of God and in celebration of Charlotte's 16<sup>th</sup> birthday.

The **Lay Reader** today is **Martha Moore**.

Our youth will be sponsoring a **Soup Fundraiser** today, please plan to join them after worship for a delicious soup, bread, and dessert lunch. All donations are appreciated and will be shared with three local charities.

The **Session** will meet next Sunday, February 25, at 1:00 PM instead of today.

The Presbyterian Men will meet for our **Men's lunch** at Noon this Tuesday, February 20, at Main Street Café.

**Pastor Ed's Bible Study** will meet this Tuesday, February 20, at 6:30 PM at the church, this meeting will be B.Y.O.D. Bring Your Own Dinner. The morning Bible Study will meet this Thursday, February 22, at 10 AM at the church.

Again this year we will be hosting the weekly **Lenten Luncheons**, sponsored by the Altavista Area Ministerial Association. **Rev. Betsy Soto** will be the speaker this Wednesday.

APC will help serve lunch at the **Lynchburg Daily Bread** this Wednesday, February 21, from 9:30 AM to 12:45 PM. If you are interested, please sign up on the bulletin board by the church office.

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.

**February DAWN Donation:** Peanut Butter & Jelly