

# Worship for the Lord's Day

February 19, 2017 - 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
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** *Benediction* Robert Graham

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

**Congregational Introit** *O Lord, Our God, How Excellent* Hymnal #162  
(v.3)

## To Praise God's Name

**Call to Worship** Isaiah 40:1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God.

*Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,  
and cry to her that she has served her term,  
that her penalty is paid,  
that she has received from the Lord's hand  
double for all her sins.*

A voice cries out:

"In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD,  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God."

*Every valley shall be lifted up,  
and every mountain and hill be made low;  
the uneven ground shall become level,  
and the rough places a plain.*

\* **Hymn** *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* Hymnal #478

## Unison Prayer of Confession

*O God, we bring our disordered lives to You. We waste time and energy on things that are not important. We pass over matters that are pivotal. Our search for pleasure goes stale. Money buys much of what we want but little of what we need. Fill our arid lives with the refreshing rain of Your gracious Spirit. Turn us from petty pursuits toward loving service, that through us may shine the radiant light of the Lord Jesus. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## Silent Prayers of Confession

### 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.*

**Choral Anthem** *Stand in Awe* Ellen Jane Lorenz

*All children through the 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to depart for Children's Church.*

## To Hear God's Word

### Prayer for Illumination

**Old Testament Reading** *Jonah 3:1-5, 10* p.801

**New Testament Reading** *Matthew 5:21-26, 33-37* p.838

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

**Sermon** "Facing Our Fear of Danger" Rev. Dr. David Gellert

## To Thank God

\* **Hymn** *Christ of the Upward Way* Hymnal #344

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

**Offering**    *Variation – Jesus Loves Me*

*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** (*...debts...debtors*)

### To Depart to Serve God

\* **Hymn**    *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*    **Hymnal #263**

\* **Charge and Benediction**

\* **Congregational Amen**    *Song of Zechariah (v. 3)*    **Hymnal #601**

**Postlude**    *Praise Him With Trumpets*    Patricia Lou 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

<b>Ushers, February</b>	Dennis Janiak Ron Coleman Anne & Charlotte Mabry
<b>Lay Reader, February 26</b>	Mark Younkin
<b>Lay Reader, March 5</b>	Stephanie Moehlenkamp
<b>Nursery, February 26</b>	Cynthia Erb Stephanie Moehlenkamp
<b>Nursery, March 5</b>	Garry & Dana Taylor
<b>CC Teachers, February</b>	Kevin deBernard
<b>CC Assistant, February 26</b>	Dana Taylor
<b>CC Assistant, March 5</b>	Alice Barkdoll

### February 20-25, Daily Lectionary Reading

<p>MONDAY</p> <p>Morning: Pss. 57; 145 Evening: Pss. 85; 47 Ruth 1:1-14 2 Cor. 1:1-11 Matt. 5:1-12</p>	<p>THURSDAY</p> <p>Morning: Pss. 143; 147:12-20 Evening: Pss. 81; 116 Ruth 2:14-23 2 Cor. 3:1-18 Matt. 5:27-37</p>
<p>TUESDAY</p> <p>Morning: Pss. 54; 146 Evening: Pss. 28; 99 Ruth 1:15-22 2 Cor. 1:12-22 Matt. 5:13-20</p>	<p>FRIDAY</p> <p>Morning: Pss. 88; 148 Evening: Pss. 6; 20 Ruth 3:1-18 2 Cor. 4:1-12 Matt. 5:38-48</p>
<p>WEDNESDAY</p> <p>Morning: Pss. 65; 147:1-11 Evening: Pss. 125; 91 Ruth 2:1-13 2 Cor. 1:23-2:17 Matt. 5:21-26</p>	<p>SATURDAY</p> <p>Morning: Pss. 122; 149 Evening: Pss. 100; 63 Ruth 4:1-22 2 Cor. 4:13-5:10 Matt. 6:1-6</p>

## People to Contact at APC

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

Gary Andrews ('18) <i>Ministry Beyond the Congregation</i>
Beverly Eubank ('17) <i>Property</i>
Linda Janiak ('17) <i>Ministry Within the Congregation</i>
Anne Mabry ('18) <i>Worship</i>
Martha Moore ('17) <i>Christian Education</i>
Chip Roark ('18) <i>Ministry Support</i>
Dana Taylor ('18) <i>Christian Education</i>
Mark Younkin ('17) <i>Property</i>
Mikel Pugh <i>Moderator of Session</i>

### **Staff**

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>
Jane Strebel <i>Women's Fellowship Study Leader</i>

*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.
- Ted Phillips' health.
- Our new Pastor and his Wife.
- Hospice patients and their caregivers.
- David Etheridge, pastor at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, as he has surgery and aggressive treatment for a rare stomach cancer.
- The Adkins family in the death of Louise Adkins (Preston Andrews' sister.)
- Nancy Pittard, cancer.
- Kim Steinhorst's daughter (Allison) as she goes through treatments for cancer.
- Ted Hogan's health.
- Julie Dalton Dollyhite (LeeAnn Sease Robinson's friend) as she prepares for surgery on Feb. 22.
- Linda & Craig Reilly (Mark Younkin's mother & stepfather) health concerns.
- David Lyons, cancer.
- Our homebound members, Joe Mason, Janet & Jerry Sodders, Tim Coleman.
- Our nation and all our elected leaders.

### Today's Prayers and Sermon Notes

### Announcements

**Welcome to Altavista Presbyterian Church!** We are glad that you have come to worship our saving Lord, Jesus Christ, with us today. We hope you join us as we serve God today and throughout the week.

The Session is delighted to welcome **Dr. David Gellert** back to our pulpit. Dr. Gellert retired in 2007, and has been the Interim Pastor at several Lynchburg area churches. He was the Organizing Pastor of the Forest Presbyterian Church in Forest, VA. He and his wife Susan live in Forest.

The **sanctuary flowers** this morning are given for the glory of God by the Altavista YMCA Art Council.

The **Lay Reader** today is **Cynthia Erb**.

The Presbyterian Men will meet for our **Men's lunch** this Tuesday, February 21, at 12 Noon at Main Street Café.

This Monday, February 20, is the deadline for articles for the **March "Link" newsletter**. Items for the Link may be e-mailed to the church office.

The **Ministry Within Committee** will meet Tuesday, February 28, at 7:00 PM at the church.

We hope you will make plans to attend our **Ash Wednesday Service**, Wednesday, March 1, at 7:00 PM. Nancy Dawson, the General Presbyter of the Presbytery of the Peaks will be our speaker.

**February DAWN Donation:** Spaghetti Sauce and Noodles