



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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Worship for the Lord's Day

August 23, 2020
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:00 AM

*The congregation's responses are in **bold italics**.*

Welcome The Lord be with you. ***And also with you.***

Announcements *Please see the bulletin insert for all announcements.*

Prelude *Abide with Me, O God of Bethel* W.H. Monk

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

Call to Worship *Psalm 124 (NKJV)* **p.537**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and we can live in peace.

Thanks be to God!

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson *Exodus 1:15-21 (ESV)* **p.46**

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

Call to Offering

Offertory *Let Us Plead for Faith Alone* A. Giamanco

*During the offertory, you are invited to bring your offering to the
communion table.*

Prayer of Dedication

Pastoral Prayer

New Testament Lesson *Mark 7:14-23 (NASB)* **p.874**

The word of God for the people of God. *Thanks be to God!*

Sermon *"What Defiles a Person"*

Charge and Benediction

Postlude *Andante* Mozart

Recommendations for a safe Return to Worship

1. There is no obligation to come to worship. We will continue to post services online, I will continue to post short Bible Study videos, and the office will continue to receive pledges by mail.
2. Only come if you are healthy and consider staying home if you have a pre-existing condition that could be worsened by coronavirus or are anxious about being around others.
3. The choir is not obligated to sing, but is at liberty to reconvene at the discretion of the choir director and accompanist.
4. Household units are to maintain a six-foot distance between other, non-relative households.
5. Masks are encouraged for the sake of the peace of mind of others.
6. Please do not shake hands or come in physical contact with persons outside of your household, this includes myself and our musicians.
7. The offering will be collected at the front, where the plates will remain. Congregants are invited to come forward during the offertory.
8. Our sexton, Mr. Joe Barbour, will be instructed to thoroughly clean the sanctuary, especially doorknobs.



Since we have been diligent, prudent, and precautionous during this pandemic, we will be reintroducing unison prayers beginning the first Sunday in September. If you are uncomfortable with this, the worship services will continue to be posted online.

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.
- Our nation and all our elected leaders.
- Hospice patients and their caregivers.
- Dianne Emmett
- Ryan Hedgepeth
- Carol Moorefield
- Al Smith
- The family of Wanda Childress
- Kay & Chuck Gagnon
- Robert Lovelace
- Margaret Liebchen
- Anne Andrews
- Alline Ritzer
- Joyce Coleman
- Billy Robertson
- Kathi Bogert
- Our service members: Jeremy Larkin, Grant Martin
- Our homebound members: Tim Coleman, Janet Soddors, Dean Smith, Essie Moore.



Announcements

The **sanctuary flowers** this morning are given by Janette Walker for the glory of God and in loving memory of her parents, Wellington J. Abbott & Margaret Abbott Lilly.

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

The Christian Education Committee are in need of **volunteers** to help immediately after worship today with cleaning and organizing the Church nursery.

We are in need of **Sunday Participants** to serve in the ministry of the church for the month of September. Please sign-up on the bulletin board if you are available.

People to Contact at APC

Session (Active Elders)

Harrison Bell ('22)
Ministry Support

Keegan deBernard ('21)
Youth Elder

Kevin deBernard ('22)
Christian Education

Cynthia Erb ('22)
Worship

John Erb ('21)
Clerk of Session

Linda Janiak ('22)
Ministry Beyond the Congregation

Barbara Podrebarac ('21)
Ministry Beyond the Congregation

Chip Roark ('21)
Property

Janette Walker ('21)
Ministry Within the Congregation

Rev. Ed Soto
Moderator of Session

Staff

Rev. Ed Soto
Pastor

Carolyn Doss
Church Secretary

Linda Giles
Organist

Dennis Janiak
Treasurer

Stephanie Moehlenkamp
Choir Director

Other Contacts

Jack Ritzer
The Men of the Church



Schedules

Usher for August

Lay Reader, August 30

Sang-il Lee

Barbie Andrews