



# 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 30, 2020  
Twentieth 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**      *Prelude, Op. 28, No. 20*      F. Chopin

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

**Call to Worship**      *Psalm 26:1-8 (NKJV)*      **p.477**

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon**

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***Thanks be to God!***

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Old Testament Lesson**      *Jeremiah 15:15-21 (ESV)*      **p.664**

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

## **Call to Offering**

### **Offertory**

*Prayer*

Beethoven

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

## **Prayer of Dedication**

### **Pastoral Prayer**

### **New Testament Lesson**

*Mark 7:24-30 (NASB)*

**p.874**

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

### **Sermon**

*"Even the Puppies"*

## **Charge and Benediction**

### **Postlude**

*Evening Meditation*

A. Schreiner

## **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
- 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 Al & Jeannie Smith for the Glory of God and in celebration of their 58<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

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

The **Ministry Beyond Committee** will meet this Tuesday, September 1, at 6 PM at the church.

Our **church secretary**, Carolyn Doss, will be on vacation September 1-3. If you have a pastoral concern, please contact Pastor Ed at [revsoto@altapres.org](mailto:revsoto@altapres.org) or at 434.219.5648.

**DAWN** is switching to once a month food distribution on the last Wednesday of the month. We have October, so look for more details then.

## 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 September**

**Lay Reader, September 6**

Sang-il Lee

Harrison Bell