

# The Lord's Day Worship

September 3, 2023

The Twenty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time

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

*\* Please stand as you are able*

**Prelude** *Let Us Break Bread Together* Mark Hayes

**Reading of the Law** *John 15:9-12*

The Lord be with you.

*And also with you!*

**\*Hymns of Grace #277**

*Lift High the Cross*

**Confession of Sin** *George Matheson (1842-1906)*

*O Lord, as long as I am apart from You, I am self-satisfied, because I have no standard by which to measure my low stature. But when I come near to You, there for the first time I see myself. In Your light I behold my darkness. In Your purity I behold my corruption. Amen.*

**Assurance of Pardon** *Psalms 103:13-14*

**\*The Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you!

*And also with you!*

**\*Song of Praise** *Gloria Patri*

*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.*

**\*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.*

**Call To Offering** *Hebrews 13:14-16*

**Offertory** *Light of God* arr. Ruth Coleman

**\*Song of Thanksgiving** *Doxology*

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**Prayer of Dedication** *I Kings 8:56-58*

**Anthem** *O Fount of Love* Matt Boswell & Matt Papa

**Minute for Missions**

**Scripture** *II Peter 3:9* **p.1063**

The Word of God for the People of God!  
*Thanks be to God!*

**Sermon** *"The Will of God"*

**Invitation and Prayer**

*Knox's Berwick-Upon-Tweed Liturgy (1550)*

**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 and ever. Amen.*

**Words of Institution**

*I Corinthians 11:23-26*

**Sharing in the Bread and the Cup**

**Prayer after the Meal**

*Westminster Directory of Public Worship (1645)*

**\*Presbyterian Hymnal #383**

*My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

**\*Charge & Benediction**

**\*Postlude** *The Secret Place*

Jeff Lippencott

**Sermon Notes**

### Servers

Today's Lay Reader                      Gary Andrews  
 September 10, Lay Reader  
 September Ushers                      Sang-il Lee & Gary Andrews

### Prayer Requests

Our session & church leaders              Donna Layne  
 Our nation & elected leaders              Glenn Jefferson  
 God's guidance at APC                      Alline Ritzer  
 Doug Robertson                      Silas Allen  
 Margaret Liebchen                      Connie Peresada  
 Alice Barkdoll                      William (Jo Jo) Phillips  
 Billy Robertson                      Donna Hendricks  
 Linda Giles                      Hugh Rountrey  
 Essie Moore                      The Gagnon Family  
 The Smith Family                      Emily Ragsdale  
 God's Church here at APC and for His guidance

### People at APC

#### **Session Elders**

Gary Andrews ('24)  
*Administration*  
 Kevin deBernard ('24)  
*Outreach*  
 Stephanie Moehlenkamp ('24)  
*Discipleship*  
 Barbie Andrews ('25)  
*Outreach*  
 Ron Coleman ('25)  
*Discipleship*  
 Mark Younkin ('25)  
*Administration*

#### **Staff**

Rev. Ed Soto  
*Minister of Word & Sacrament*  
 Carolyn Doss  
*Church Secretary*  
 Stephanie Moehlenkamp  
*Choir Director*  
 Linda Giles  
*Organist & Pianist*  
 John Erb  
*Clerk of Session*

### September Events

**September 3**              10 AM Worship/Communion  
 Children's Church/Collect 2 Cents-A-Meal  
**September 4**              Office Closed  
**September 5**              Noon - Men's Lunch - Main St. Café  
 5 PM Outreach Committee Meeting  
**September 6**              8 AM Men's Bible Study/10 AM Bible Study  
**September 10**              10 AM Worship/Children's Church  
 3 PM Cornerstone Music Recital  
**September 13**              8 AM Men's Bible Study/10 AM Bible Study  
**September 16**              5 - 7 PM Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser  
**September 17**              10 AM Worship/Children's Church  
 Session Meeting after Worship  
**September 18**              5:30 PM Discipleship Committee Meeting  
**September 19**              12 PM Men's Lunch at Mama Rosa's  
 5 PM Administration Committee Meeting  
**September 20**              8 AM Men's Bible Study/10 AM Bible Study  
**September 24**              10 AM Worship/Children's Church  
**September 25**              October Link Deadline  
**September 27**              8 AM Men's Bible Study/10 AM Bible Study

### Announcements

The 2 Cents-A-Meal Offering is collected every month on Communion Sunday. DAWN receives 75% of the offering and the Presbytery of the Peaks receives 25%.

The church office will be closed this Monday, September 4, in observance of Labor Day.

The Men's Bible Study will resume Wednesday, Sept. 6, at 8 AM.

The General Bible Study will resume Wednesday, Sept. 6, at 10 AM.

Our music program presents Cornerstone: A piano, organ, & vocal recital Sunday, September 10, at 3 PM. Donations are welcomed and will go to the music program and building fund.

The Outreach Committee will have a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser Sept. 16, from 5 PM to 7 PM to help fund the 2024 Puerto Rico Mission Trip. Please sign up on the bulletin board to help provide food items for the dinner.

OCC September Donation Items: Ink Pens, Solar Calculators

10:00 AM  
 Welcome to worship at  
**ALTAVISTA PRESBYTERIAN  
 CHURCH**



### Greetings!

We welcome all to this service of worship. If you are a Christian visiting with us today, we greet you in the name of our common Lord. If you are not a believer, we greet you as a friend and trust that you will sense the warmth and genuineness of our reception. We invite everyone here to participate with our congregation as we sing, pray, and give attention to God's Word.

### Connect with Us!

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*Equipping the saints for ministry,  
 Building up the body of Christ.  
 Eph. 4:12*