

To Praise God's Name

Call to Worship

O mortal, can these bones live?

Only the Lord God Knows.

O people, hope in the Lord.

*With the Lord there is steadfast love
and great power to redeem.*

* **Hymn** *In the Cross of Christ I Glory* Hymnal #84

*The Presbyterian Two-Cents-a-Meal offering
will be collected at the communion table during the hymn.*

Unison Prayer of Confession

O Lord, if you held our sins against us, who could live, who could stand? We seem to have more faith in death than hope in your promise of life. We seek after false idols and find security in earthly wisdom. We abandon the hungry, sick, and dying, and pursue wealth in reckless abandon. And even so, you love us; still there is forgiveness with you! Therefore, we worship you; for you alone, O Lord, can save us from death and redeem us from our sins. Amen. Silent Prayers of Confession

Choral Kyrie *Lord Have Mercy Upon Us*

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 *O Holy Jesu* Ruth Artman

All children through the 5th grade are invited to depart for Children's Church.

To Hear God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading *Genesis 50:15-21* p.45

New Testament Reading *Matthew 18:23-35* p.853

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

Sermon *"The Way of the Cross: Forgiving"*

To Thank God

* **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 *In This Holy Hour* Hugh Livingston, Jr.

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

To See God's Word in Sacrament

* **Hymn** *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* Hymnal #379

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise...

...Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest...

...With thanksgiving, we offer our very selves to you to be a living and holy sacrifice, dedicated to your service. According to Christ's commandment:

We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory...

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.

Words of Institution

Sharing in the Bread and the Cup

Prayer after the Meal

To Depart to Serve God

- * **Hymn** *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* Hymnal #281
- * **Charge and Benediction**
- * **Congregational Amen** *Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace (v. 4)* Hymnal #374
- Postlude** *Lift Every Voice and Sing* J. R. Johnson



Altavista Presbyterian Church

A congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA)
in the Presbytery of the Peaks



Worship for the Lord's Day

April 2, 2017 - 5th 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 *Almighty God, Thy Word is Cast* Ralph Unkel

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

Congregational Introit *Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace (v. 1)* Hymnal #374

Schedules

Ushers, April	Garry Taylor, Jerry Moore Sang-il Lee, Mark Younkin
Lay Reader, April 9	Dana Taylor
Lay Reader, April 16	Jane Strebel
Nursery, April 9	Kevin & Kiernan deBernard
Nursery, April 16	Kevin & Kiernan deBernard
CC Teachers, April	Dana Taylor
CC Assistant, April 9	Sally Sease
CC Assistant, April 16	No Children's Church
Communion Servers, Today	Ron Coleman, Dennis Janiak Stephanie Moehlenkamp, Dana Taylor

April 3 - April 8, Daily Lectionary Reading

MONDAY	Morning: Pss. 119:73-80; 145 Evening: Pss. 121; 6 Jer. 24:1-10 Rom. 9:19-33 John 9:1-17	THURSDAY	Morning: Pss. 27; 147:12-20 Evening: Pss. 126; 102 Jer. 26:1-16 (17-24) Rom. 11:1-12 John 10:19-42
TUESDAY	Morning: Pss. 34; 146 Evening: Pss. 25; 91 Jer. 25:8-17 Rom. 10:1-13 John 9:18-41	FRIDAY	Pss. 22; 148 Evening: Pss. 105; 130 Jer. 29:1 (2-3) 4-14 Rom. 11:13-24 John 11:1-27 or John 12:1-10
WEDNESDAY	Morning: Pss. 5; 147:1-11 Evening: Pss. 27; 51 Jer. 25:30-38 Rom. 10:14-21 John 10:1-18	SATURDAY	Morning: Pss. 43; 149 Evening: Pss. 31; 143 Jer. 31:27-34 Rom. 11:25-36 John 11:28-44 or John 12:37-50

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

Our Mission

As members of the Body of Christ is to be
His voice and hands helping all people.



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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 aggressive treatment for a rare stomach cancer.
- The Sease family, in the death of Bennie Sease.
- Jeff Binder's brother, health issues.
- Nancy Pittard, cancer.
- Linda & Craig Reilly (Mark Younkin's mother & stepfather) health concerns.
- David Lyons, cancer.
- Our homebound members, Joe Mason, Janet & Jerry Soddors, Tim Coleman.
- 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 David & Sally Sease for the glory of God and in loving memory of their parents and David's brother, Bennie Sease.

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

The **Ministry Within Committee** will meet this Monday, April 3, at 7:00 PM at the church.

The Presbyterian Men will meet for our **Men's lunch** this Tuesday, April 4, at 12 Noon at Hibachi Grill in Lynchburg.

The **Ministry Beyond Committee** will meet this Tuesday, April 4, at 6:00 PM at the church.

Again this year we will be hosting the weekly **Lenten Lunches**, sponsored by the AAMA each Wed. at 12:10 PM during Lent.

A **reception** will be held in memory of Bob Steele April 9, immediately after worship in the fellowship hall.

The **One Great Hour of Sharing Offering** will be received next Sunday April 9, and will be matched by our ACT for Missions trust. Please make checks payable to APC and indicate in the memo line that it's for the OGHS.

Everyone is invited to our **Easter Koinonia Breakfast** Sunday, April 16th at **9:00 AM** in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a dish to share. Your extended family and guests are welcome to join us for our meal!

You can like us on **Facebook** by going to www.facebook.com/altavistapc. Be sure to invite your friends and family to like us as well.

April DAWN Donation: Spaghetti Noodles and Sauce