

Worship for the Lord's Day

November 18, 2018 – 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:00 AM

*An asterisk * indicates standing, as you are able.
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 *We Gather Together* Netherlands Folk Hymn
In order to prepare for worship, you are invited to pray silently during the prelude.

Call to Worship

I will sing of the steadfast love of the Lord, forever;

*With my mouth I will make known
your faithfulness to all generations.*

I declare that your steadfast love will be built up forever;

In the heavens you will establish your faithfulness.

You said, "I made a covenant with my chosen one;

I swore to David my servant:

'I will establish your offspring forever,
and build your throne for all generations.'"

Praise God for our Lord, Jesus Christ!

* **Hymn** *All Things Bright and Beautiful* Hymnal #267

Prayer of Confession

*Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness,
our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. Have mercy on us,
O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all sins we have done or
left undone. Forgive us and help us to walk in your light. Amen.*

Assurance of Pardon

Know, then, that we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

* **Passing the Peace of Christ**

The peace of Christ is with you. *And also with you.*

All children 6 and younger are invited to Children's Church in the nursery.

* **Song of Praise** *Gloria Patri* Hymnal #567

Glo-ry to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly
Spir-it: as it was in the be-gin-ning is now, and will be for
ev-er A-men. A-men. A-men.

* **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 *For All the Blessings of the Year* Robert Quaile

During the offertory, you are invited to offer silent prayers of gratitude.

* **Song of Thanksgiving** *Doxology* Hymnal #593

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow:
Praise God all crea-tures here be-low; Praise God a-bove ye
heav'n-ly host; Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men. A-men.
A-men. A-men. A-men. A-men. A-men.

* **Prayer of Dedication**

Pastoral Prayer & 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.

* **Hymn** *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending* Hymnal #422

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Lesson *Hebrews 8:1-7* p.1048

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

Anthem *A Thanksgiving Tapestry* arr. John Purifoy

Second Scripture Lesson *Ruth 1:15-18* p.231

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

Sermon *"Bound and Determined"*

* **Hymn** *I'll Fly Away* **Sing the Faith #2282**

* **Charge and Benediction**

Postlude *Count Your Blessings* Edwin Excell

Announcements

The **sanctuary flowers** this morning are given by Dennis & Linda Janiak for the glory of God and in celebration of Eann's 4th birthday.

The **Lay Reader** today is **Martha Moore**.



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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Upcoming Events

November 4	10 AM Worship/Communion/Children's Church Return OCC Items
November 5	6 PM Ministry Beyond Meeting @ Church 7 PM Boy Scouts Meets in FH
November 6	10 AM Bible Study Noon - Men's Lunch-Tuscan Grill
November 7	11-12:30 PM Second Helping Lunch 5:30 PM Property Meeting at the Church
November 11	10 AM Worship/Children's Church OCC Packing Party after worship
November 12	7 PM Boy Scouts Meets in FH
November 13	10 AM Bible Study 6:00 PM Christian Ed Meeting @ Church
November 14	9:30 APC Serves Lunch @ Daily Bread 9:30 AM Prayer Fellowship 10:30 AM Women's Fellowship in Adult SS Room 11-12:30 PM Second Helping Lunch 1 PM DAWN Board Meeting
November 17	7 AM Breakfast in Fellowship Hall 8 AM - 2 PM Clean-Up Day at APC
November 18	10 AM Worship/Children's Church Receive Thanksgiving Offering Congregational Meeting after Worship Session Meeting after Congregational Meeting
November 19	7 PM Boy Scouts Meets in FH
November 20	10 AM Bible Study Noon - Men's Lunch-Main Street Café 1-5 PM Process Shoeboxes at OCC Processing Center
November 21	No Second Helping Lunch Church Office Closes at Noon
November 22	Thanksgiving Day-Church Office Closed
November 24	2-6 PM Process Shoeboxes at OCC Processing Center
November 25	10 AM Worship/Children's Church 5 PM Youth Group Meeting @ Church
November 26	7 PM Boy Scouts Meets in FH December Link Deadline
November 27	10 AM Bible Study
November 28	9:30 AM Prayer Fellowship 11-12:30 PM Second Helping Lunch

People to Contact at APC

Session (Active Elders)

Ron Coleman ('19) <i>Christian Education</i>
Kelly deBernard ('19) <i>Ministry Within the Congregation</i>
Kevin deBernard ('20) <i>Christian Education</i>
Susan Gilliam ('20) <i>Ministry Beyond the Congregation</i>
Carolyn Lees('20) <i>Worship</i>
Stephanie Moehlenkamp ('19) <i>Worship</i>
Jack Ritzer ('20) <i>Ministry Support</i>
Mark Younkin ('19) <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>

Schedules

Ushers, November

Jack & Alline Ritzer
The deBernard Family

Lay Reader, November 25

Martha Moore

Lay Reader, December 2

Dana Taylor

Nursery November 25

Need Someone

Nursery December 2

Keegan deBernard

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
- Ted Phillips
- Arleatha Payne
- Ryan Hedgepeth
- Cynthia Erb
- Joyce Coleman
- LeeAnn Head
- Billy Robertson
- June Lee
- Jack Humphreys
- Moses Gilbert (cancer)
- Our service members: Jeremy Larkin, Grant Martin.
- Our homebound members: Tim Coleman, Janet Soddors, Dean Smith, Essie Moore.

Announcements

The **Thanksgiving Offering** will be collected this morning for the Presbyterian Children's Home of the Highlands. This offering will be matched by our ACT for Missions funds. Please make checks payable to APC and indicate on the memo line or the pew envelope as Thanksgiving Offering.

Our fall **Congregational Meeting** will be held today immediately after worship to present the 2019 Operating Budget, review & approve the Pastor's 2019 Terms of Call and to elect the 2019 Nominating Committee.

The **Session** meets today for its monthly stated meeting. If you have a prayer concern for which your elders could pray, we invite you to write it on the insert and place it in the offering.

Pastor Ed's Bible Study will meet this Tuesday, November 20, at 10 AM at the church. This week's Bible Study will look at Romans 12:6-8, the gifts of grace and to humble oneself before God.

The Presbyterian Men will meet for our **Men's lunch** at Noon this Tuesday, November 20, at Main Street Café.

November 26th, is the deadline for articles for the December **"Link" newsletter**. Items for the Link may be e-mailed to the church office.

The **church office** will be closed Wednesday afternoon and Thursday for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Our **church secretary**, Carolyn Doss, will be on vacation Monday-Wednesday. If you have a pastoral concern, please contact Pastor Ed at revsoto@altapres.org or at 434.219.5648.

APC has volunteered to ring the **Salvation Army** bell at the Altavista Wal-Mart Sat. Dec. 15, from 9 AM - 7 PM. Please sign-up on the bulletin board if you are interested in participating.

November DAWN Donation: flour, stuffing mix