

The Lord's Day Worship

February 23, 2025

Seventh Sunday After Epiphany

The congregation's responses are in **bold**.
*Please stand as you are able

THE CHURCH GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

Prelude *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* arr. Mary McDonald

Welcome

Call to Worship *Psalm 37:39 & 40*

The salvation of the righteous is from the LORD; he is their refuge in the time of trouble.

The LORD helps them and delivers them; he delivers them from the wicked, and saves them, because they take refuge in him.

* **Presbyterian Hymnal #376** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

THE CHURCH APPROACHES THE THRONE OF GRACE

Confession of Sin Please be seated.

Holy God, You gave Your people laws as an act of grace so that we might know how to live in Your love. But we could not fulfill the law and sin multiplied. We confess that sin taints everything that we do and stains even our best works. You saw that we needed a savior; one who could fulfill the law and pay the price of death that the law demanded. In Jesus Christ we find our only hope for forgiveness and salvation. In His name we petition for forgiveness of our sin and restoration as Your people. Jesus Christ is the fulfillment of all that we could hope, so we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Let us take a moment for silent confession

Assurance of Pardon *I John 1:8-10*

* **The Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

* **Response of Praise** *Gloria Patri* **Presbyterian Hymnal #579**

THE CHURCH LISTENS FOR GOD'S WORD

Old Testament Reading *Exodus 20: 1-17* pg. 63

Anthem *I Believe, Help My Unbelief* Lloyd Larson

New Testament Reading *Matthew 5:17-48* pg. 838

Sermon *Jesus' Way*

THE CHURCH RESPONDS TO THE WORD

* **Hymns of Grace #380** *My Jesus, I Love Thee*

* **Confession of Faith** *The Apostles' Creed*

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 *Luke 6:38*

Offertory *Christ Triumphant, Ever Reigning* arr. John Barnard

* **Song of Thanksgiving** *Doxology* **Presbyterian Hymnal #592**

Prayer of Dedication

Announcements

Prayers of the People

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.**

THE CHURCH DEPARTS TO SERVE

* **Hymns of Grace #75** *O Love That Will Not Let Me Go*

* **Charge & Benediction**

* **Postlude** *Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory* arr. Thomas. H. Troeger

Sermon Notes

Servers

Today's Lay Reader Terry Walton
 Usher(s) Gary Andrews & Sang-il Lee

Prayer Requests

God's guidance at APC Our Session, Church Leaders & Musicians
 All of our Church Families and Visitors
 Our Nation & Elected Leaders
 Our Homeless and Displaced
 All Active & Veteran Military Personnel, First Responders & their Families
 Federal Employees
 All Natural and Unnatural Disasters

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| Evan Adcock | Aaron Albrecht | Silas Allen |
| Alice Barkdoll | Mike & Rita Baron | Dale Belman & Amy Wells |
| Barbara Booze | Sue Boring | Cynthia Coleman |
| Jeff DeSantos | Tammy Emore | Family in Amherst |
| Family of Grant Martin's Uncle | Family of Sue Richardson's Father | William Francis |
| Justin Fulton | Kay Gagnon & Gigi | Chuck Glenn |
| Granddaughter Shirley | Rosa Hall | Doug Hecht |
| David Houchins | Jo Ann Houchins | Mike Jennings |
| Sandra Kirby | Sang-Il Lee | Margaret Liebchen |
| Essie Moore | Sue Pearson | William (Jo Jo) Phillips |
| Andrea Rice | Linda Riley | Shane Roach |
| Janie Roark | Billy Robertson | Lindy Shelton |
| Marie Hicks Smith | Mike Smith | Wayne Stafford |

Leadership of APC

| Session Elders | Staff |
|---|---------------------------------------|
| Mark Younkin ('25) Administration | Rev. Glenn Coleman, Interim Pastor |
| Barbie Andrews ('25) Outreach | Nancy Dalton, Church Secretary |
| Ron Coleman ('25) Discipleship | Stephanie Moehlenkamp, Choir Director |
| Cynthia Coleman ('26) Congregational Care | Linda Giles, Organist & Pianist |
| Randy Dunn ('26) Congregational Care | Gary Andrews, Co-Treasurer |
| Davis Hewett ('26) Congregational Care | Mark Younkin, Co-Treasurer |
| John Erb, Clerk of Session | |

Calendar of Events

February 23 10 AM Worship
February 24 March Link Deadline
February 26 5:30 PM Bible Study
February 27 3:30 PM The Reflective Woman
March 2 10 AM Worship - Communion
 2 Cents a Meal
March 4 4 PM Administration Meeting
 5 PM Outreach Committee Meeting
 12 PM Ash Wednesday Service
March 5 1 PM Men's Lunch – Rosa Negra Mexican Restaurant
 5:30 PM Bible Study
March 6 The Reflective Woman – Devotion and Fellowship

Announcements

* **March Link Newsletter deadline** is tomorrow, February 24th, for article submission.
 * **Operation Christmas Child** March collection items: Coloring Books and Small Plastic Reusable Cups.
 * **Claire Parker Family Care Cart Food Drive** Today, February 23rd is the last day of the food drive.
 The Family Care Cart will provide families easy access to food and drink during various treatments and procedures! All donations go to helping provide care to families during cancer treatments.
 A list of needed items is posted on the bulletin board.
 * **Bible Study** each Wednesday at 5:30 PM. All members of the church and community are welcome.
 * **The Reflective Woman meets** Thursdays, through June 26 at 3:30 PM. All women of the church and community are welcome.
 * **Ash Wednesday Service** will be held March 5th, at 12 PM.
 * **Men's Lunch** will meet Wednesday, March 5th, at 1 PM at Rosa Negra Mexican restaurant following the Ash Wednesday Service.
 * **Desserts for the National Center for Healthy Veterans:** Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board with details. Please bring in frozen on or before March 16th.
 * **Inclement Weather Policy** In the event of inclement weather, please consult <https://wset.com/weather/closings> for APC info before leaving home for worship, Sunday morning.
 * **Visitor/Prayer card:** If you are new to or visiting Altavista Presbyterian Church today, we extend our "Welcome." Please find a Visitor/Prayer card in the seat pocket in front of you.



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.

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