

Worship for the Lord's Day

March 15, 2020
Third Sunday in Lent
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 *I Need Thee Every Hour* arr. John Kraus

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

Call to Worship Psalm 95 (NASB) p.518

* **Hymn** *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* Hymnal #281

Prayer of Confession

Omniscient God, we are Your children, but we turn away from Your wisdom and walk in our own ways. We are foolish and fail to understand Your will. Purge us from evil and fill us with Your Spirit. Clear our minds from clutter that we may discern what is right and walk in Your ways. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Forgiveness is ours in Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God!

* **Passing the Peace of Christ**

May the peace of Christ be with you. *And also with you.*

* **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.*

* **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.

A Time For Young Christians

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

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson *Exodus 17:1-7 (NIV)* p.60

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

Anthem *A Psalm Folksong* Edwin Penhorwood

Offering *In Gratitude* Sylvia Riggs

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**

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** *Fight the Good Fight* Hymnal #307

* **New Testament Lesson** Mark 7:1-13 (ESV) p.874

Please remain standing for the reading of God's Word.

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

Sermon *"Commandments and Traditions"*

* **Hymn** *Fairest Lord Jesus* Hymnal #306

* **Charge and Benediction**

* **Postlude** *Revive Us Again* John J. Husband



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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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
- The Drumheller family
- All those affected by the tornados in Tennessee
- Kay & Chuck Gagnon
- Wes Hege- cancer
- Cherie Maulbeck – cancer
- Margaret Liebchen
- 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.

People to Contact at APC

Session (Active Elders)

- Kevin deBernard ('20)
Christian Education
- John Erb ('21)
Clerk of Session
- Susan Gilliam ('20)
Ministry Beyond the Congregation
- Carolyn Lees ('20)
Worship
- Barbara Podrebarac ('21)
Ministry Beyond the Congregation
- Jack Ritzer ('20)
Ministry Support
- 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
- Dot Hogan
Organist
- Dennis Janiak
Treasurer
- Stephanie Moehlenkamp
Choir Director

Other Contacts

- Jack Ritzer
The Men of the Church

Schedules

Ushers, March

LeeAnn Head, Jean Murphy
Sang-il Lee

Lay Reader, March 22

LeeAnn Head

Lay Reader, March 29

Kelly deBernard

Nursery, March 22

Charlotte Mabry

Nursery, March 29

Garry Taylor

March Events

March 1	10 AM Worship/Communion/Children's Church
March 3	10 AM Bible Study Men's Lunch at Noon – Taste of Italy
March 4	12:10 PM Lenten Service 7 PM Holden Evening of Prayer
March 7	4 PM Youth Participate in Dodgeball Tournament
March 8	10 AM Worship/Children's Church Collect Special Offering for the Bahamas Stewardship Coffee Hour after Worship 5 PM Youth Group Meeting
March 9	6 PM Ministry Beyond Meeting
March 10	10 AM Bible Study
March 11	12:10 PM Lenten Service 9:30 AM Prayer Fellowship 10:30 AM Women's Fellowship 7 PM Holden Evening of Prayer
March 15	10 AM Worship/Children's Church Called Congregational Meeting after Worship Session Meeting after Congregational Meeting
March 17	8:30 AM Bingo at Dialysis Center 10 AM Bible Study Men's Lunch at Noon – El Cazador 1:00 PM Bingo at Dialysis Center
March 18	8:30 AM Bingo at Dialysis Center 9:30 AM APC Serves Lunch at Daily Bread 12:10 PM Lenten Service 1:00 PM Bingo at Dialysis Center 7 PM Holden Evening of Prayer
March 22	10 AM Worship/Children's Church Koinonia Luncheon, Stewardship Brainstorming
March 24	10 AM Bible Study April Link Deadline
March 25	12:10 PM Lenten Service 9:30 AM Prayer Fellowship 7 PM Holden Evening of Prayer
March 29	10 AM Worship/Children's Church 5 PM Youth Group Meeting
March 31	10 AM Bible Study

Announcements

The **sanctuary flowers** this morning are given by Dolores Drumheller for the glory of God and in loving memory of Harold.

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

Our spring stated **Congregational Meeting** will be held immediately after worship today. The purpose of the meeting is to elect the 2022 Class of Elders and to conduct any business of the APC Corporation.

The **Session** meets today immediately after our congregational meeting 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.

Tuesday morning **Bible Study** will meet March 17, at 10 AM in the adult classroom. All are welcome to join as Pastor Ed leads us through various studies and discussions of scripture, theology, and church history. This week's lesson is on the Southern Kingdom III, II Chronicles 26-28.

The Presbyterian Men will meet for our **Men's lunch** at Noon this Tuesday, March 17, at El Cazador.

Holden evening of prayer will be held each Wednesday in Lent at 7 PM.

Volunteers are needed to help serve lunch at the **Lynchburg Daily Bread** this Wednesday, March 18, from 9:30 AM to 12:45 PM. Please sign up on the bulletin board.

We will have a **Movie Night** this Saturday March 21, at 6 PM. Please bring snacks to share.

We will have a **Koinonia luncheon** next Sunday March 22, followed by a time of stewardship brainstorming. Food for the luncheon will be provided.

Tuesday March 24, is the deadline for the **April "Link" newsletter articles**. Items for the Link may be e-mailed to the church office.