

# THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

March 16, 2025

## SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

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

\*Please stand as you are able

### THE CHURCH GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

**Prelude**    *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*    J.S. Bach, arr. Mike Carson

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship**    *Psalm 27:1 & 3*

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

**Though a host encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.**

\* **Presbyterian Hymnal #467**    *How Great Thou Art*

### THE CHURCH APPROACHES THE THRONE OF GRACE

**Confession of Sin**    Please be seated.

**Eternal God, in Christ, You have made us citizens of Your glorious realm and given us a place in Your household to live with You for eternity. We find ourselves aliens and transients in this world, yearning for the eternal home prepared for us. Many in this world reject our Savior and seek to win us away from His love. We confess that temptation can draw us away from following Him; we stumble and sometimes fall. Yet, You are the God of mercy and forgiveness. You leave the ninety nine sheep to find the lost and bring them home. Forgive us, O Lord, restore us and heal us. For we pray in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*Let us take a moment for silent confession*

**Assurance of Pardon**    *Isaiah 53: 4-5*

\* **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**    *Psalm 118: 5-9, 15-29*    pg. 531

**Anthem**    *Steadfast Love (Great Is Thy Faithfulness)*    Larry Shackley

**New Testament Reading**    *Luke 13: 31-35*    pg. 906

**Sermon**    *The Stone Which the Builders Rejected*

### THE CHURCH RESPONDS TO THE WORD

\* **Hymns of Grace #381**    *The Solid Rock*

\* **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**    *Merciful God*    Getty, Getty, & Townend, arr. Coleman

\* **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

\* **Presbyterian Hymnal #417**    *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

\* **Charge & Benediction**

\* **Postlude**    *We Will Glorify*    Twila Paris, arr. David Allen

### Sermon Notes

### Servers

Today's Lay Reader Dana Taylor  
 Usher(s) Gary Andrews & Sang-il Lee

### Prayer Requests

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

Evan Adcock	Aaron Albrecht	Silas Allen
Alice Barkdoll	Mike & Rita Baron	Barbara Booze
Sue Boring	Cherranté	Tammy Emore
Family of Firefighter Caleb Barker	Family of Ronnie Campbell	Family of Sue Pearson
Family of Sue Richardson's Father	Family of William (Jo Jo) Phillips	William Francis
Kate (carrying twins)	Kay Gagnon & Gigi	Chuck Glenn
Granddaughter Shirley	Rosa Hall	Doug Hecht
David Houchins	Jo Ann Houchins	Mike Jennings
Sandra Kirby	Margaret Liebchen	Essie Moore
Andrea Rice	Linda Riley	Shane Roach
Janie Roark	Billy Robertson	Lindy Shelton
Marie Hicks Smith	Mike Smith	Wayne Stafford
6-year-old Twins in Amherst		Traci Wille
JOY:	Mike & Rita who are back in their home	

### Leadership of APC

<b>Session Elders</b>	<b>Staff</b>
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

10 AM Worship  
 Desserts for National Association for Healthy Veterans  
 Session Meeting following Worship

**March 16**

12 PM Men's Lunch – Main Street Café  
 5:30 PM Bible Study

**March 19**

3:30 PM The Reflective Woman – Devotion and Fellowship  
 April Link Newsletter Article Submission deadline

**March 20**

10 AM Worship  
 11 AM Annual Congregational Meeting

**March 23**

10 AM Worship  
 11 AM Koinonia Meal/Fellowship

**March 30**

### Announcements

- \* **Operation Christmas Child** March collection items: Coloring Books, Small Plastic Reusable Cups.
- \* **Bible Study:** Please join us every Wednesday in March at 5:30 PM.
- \* **The Reflective Woman:** Thursdays, through June 26 at 3:30 PM. All women of the church and community are welcome.
- \* **Session Meeting** will be held today following Worship.
- \* **Desserts for the National Center for Healthy Veterans:** *Thank you* to all who have brought frozen desserts for our military veterans!
- \* **Men's Lunch** will meet Wednesday, the 19th at 12 PM at the Main Street Café. If in the event of inclement weather, an email update will be sent out.
- \* **April Link Newsletter** deadline to submit articles has been **changed to March 20<sup>th</sup>**.
- \* **Annual Congregational Meeting** Please join us on Sunday, March 23rd, following Worship.
- \* **Koinonia Meal:** Sunday, March 30th following Worship. Please come and enjoy the fellowship and please bring a covered dish to share.
- \* **APC Spring Clean-Up Day will be April 5<sup>th</sup>**. Detail and Sign-up sheet is on the hallway bulletin board for all who would like to participate.
- \* **2025 APC Church Directory** is coming out soon!
- \* **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.

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.

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