

# THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

March 23, 2025

## THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

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

\*Please stand as you are able

### THE CHURCH GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

**Prelude**     *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*     arr. Chris Rice

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship**     *Psalm 63:1 & 3*

O God, thou art my God, I seek thee, my soul thirsts for thee; my flesh faints for thee, as in a dry and weary land where no water is.

**Because thy steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise thee.**

\* **Presbyterian Hymnal #487**     *When Morning Gilds the Skies*

### THE CHURCH APPROACHES THE THRONE OF GRACE

**Confession of Sin**     Please be seated.

Eternal God, fountain of life, we confess our pride which spurns dependence upon You. When our lives go well, we pat ourselves on the back in celebration of our clever management. But when suffering and sorrow come to us we cry out to You asking, why? Our tables are set by our own labors and we have sought treasures of the earth. Yet You, O Lord, offer us treasures in heaven, far beyond our dreams. Forgive our lack of thanksgiving, forgive us for turning away from Your generous grace. Satisfy our hunger with Your bounty, that we might praise You joyfully for all Your provision for us. By Your Spirit, may we cling to You only, seek you wholly, and tell of Your goodness gladly. 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**     *Isaiah 55:1-13*     pg. 635

**Anthem**     *In Honor To Your Name*     arr. Ryan Mascilak & Richard A. Nichols

**New Testament Reading**     *Luke 13: 1-9*     pg. 906

**Sermon**     *Sin and Suffering*

### THE CHURCH RESPONDS TO THE WORD

\* **Presbyterian Hymnal #333**     *Seek Ye First*

\* **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**     *Approach, My Soul, the Mercy Seat*     Hutcheson/Webb

\* **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 #97**     *We Will Glorify*

\* **Charge & Benediction**

\* **Postlude**     *Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross*     William H. Doane

### Sermon Notes

### Servers

Today's Lay Reader                      Martha Moore  
 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              Kairos Prison Ministry  
 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	Eleanor Chadwell	Cherrante
Tammy Emore	Family of Firefighter Caleb Barker	Family of Ronnie Campbell
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 & Pat
Essie Moore	Andrea Rice	Linda Riley
Shane Roach	Janie Roark	Billy Robertson
Lindy Shelton	Marie Hicks Smith	Mike Smith
Wayne Stafford	Traci Wille	
6-year-old Twins in Amherst		

### 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

**March 23**      10 AM Worship  
                      11 AM Annual Congregational Meeting

**March 26**      5:30 PM Bible Study

**March 27**      3:30 PM The Reflective Woman

**March 30**      10 AM Worship  
                      11 AM Koinonia Meal/Fellowship

**April 1**            4 PM Administration Committee Meeting  
                      5:30 PM Outreach Committee Meeting

**April 2**            5:30 PM Bible Study

**April 3**            5:30 PM Bible Study

**April 5**            8 AM APC Participant Clean-up Day Breakfast  
                      8:30 AM APC Clean-up Begins

### 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.

\* **Annual Congregational Meeting** Please join us today, following worship. 2027 Elder Elections.

\* **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.

\* **Easter Sunday Flowers Collection:** Members who would like to contribute to the Glory of God and in Memory or Honor of a loved one.

\* **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*