

# THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

March 9, 2025

## FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

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

\*Please stand as you are able

### THE CHURCH GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

**Prelude**      *Near to the Heart of God*      arr. Mary McDonald

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship**      *Psalm 91:1 & 2*

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, who abides in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the LORD,

'My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust'.

\* **Presbyterian Hymnal #483**      *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

### THE CHURCH APPROACHES THE THRONE OF GRACE

**Confession of Sin**      Please be seated.

**Almighty God, our protector and provider, we have sought security in shelters of our own making. Instead of trusting Your Word, we have relied upon our own will to overcome evil within and around us. Our will has not been strong enough; when tempted, we fall. Forgive us for turning away from the sustaining love you have so generously provided us. Indwell us with Your Holy Spirit, that we would entrust ourselves wholly to the power of Your saving Word, for we pray in Jesus name. 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 91: 1-2, 9-16*      pg. 516

**Anthem**      *Were You There?*      arr. Melva W. Costen

**New Testament Reading**      *Luke 4: 1-13*      pg. 892

**Sermon**      *The Lenten Journey*

### THE CHURCH RESPONDS TO THE WORD

\* **Presbyterian Hymnal #87**      *The Glory of These Forty Days*

\* **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**      *My Faith Has Found a Resting Place*      arr. Kirkpatrick

\* **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 #265**      *Lamb of God*

\* **Charge & Benediction**

\* **Postlude**      *The Solid Rock*      arr. Robert Sterling

### Sermon Notes

**Servers**

Today’s Lay Reader Gary Andrews  
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 Cherrante’ Tammy Emore  
Family of Sue Richardson’s Father Family of Sue Pearson Family of William (Jo Jo) Phillips  
William Francis Justin Fulton 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

**Leadership of APC**

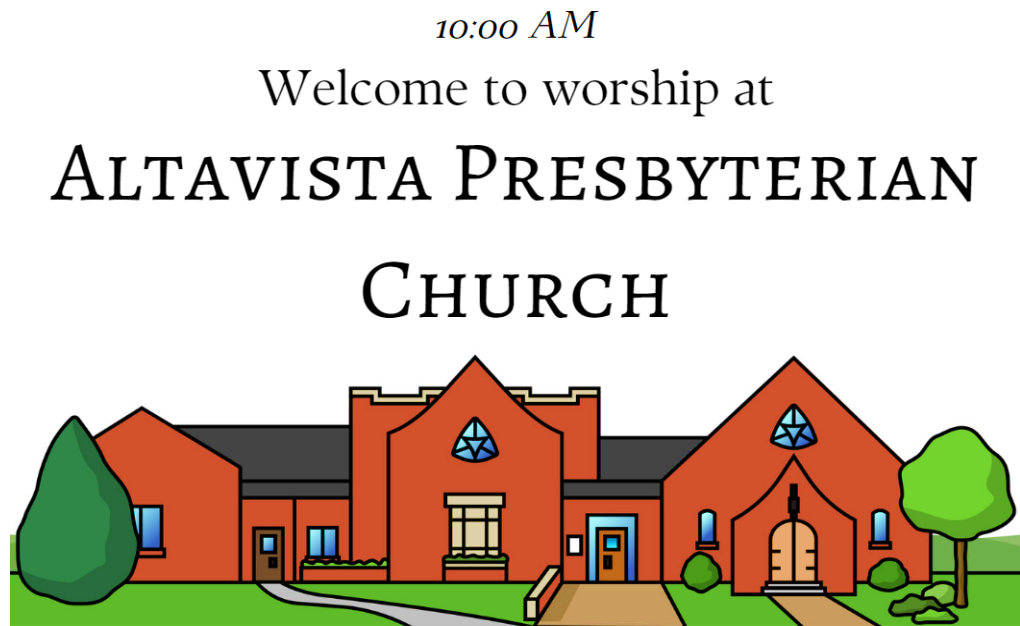
**Session Elders** **Staff**  
Mark Younkin (\*25) Administration Rev. Glenn Coleman, Interim Pastor  
Barbie Andrews (\*25) Outreach Nancy Dalton, Church Secretary  
Ron Coleman (\*25) Discipleship Stephanie Moehlenkamp, Choir Director  
Cynthia Coleman (\*26) Congregational Care Linda Giles, Organist & 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**

**March 12** 5:30 PM Bible Study  
3:30 PM The Reflective Woman – Devotion and Fellowship  
**March 13** 5:30 PM Discipleship Committee Meeting  
6:30 PM Leesville Lake Association Meeting  
10 AM Worship  
**March 16** Desserts for National Association for Healthy Veterans  
Session Meeting following Worship  
**March 19** 12 PM Men’s Lunch – Main Street Café  
5:30 PM Bible Study  
**March 20** 3:30 PM The Reflective Woman – Devotion and Fellowship  
**March 23** 10 AM Worship  
11 AM Annual Congregational Meeting  
**March 24** April Link Newsletter Article Submission deadline  
**March 30** 10 AM Worship  
11 AM Koinonia Meal/Fellowship

**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.
- \* **Discipleship Meeting** will be held Thursday, March 13th at 5:30 PM.
- \* **Session Meeting** will be held on Sunday, March 16th following Worship.
- \* **Desserts for the National Center for Healthy Veterans:** Sign-up sheet is now on the bulletin board with details. Please bring in frozen on or before March 16th.
- \* **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.
- \* **Annual Congregational Meeting** Please join us on Sunday, March 23rd, following Worship.
- \* **April Link Newsletter** deadline to submit articles is March 24th.
- \* **Koinonia Meal:** Sunday, March 30th following Worship. Please come and enjoy the fellowship and please bring a covered dish to share.
- \* **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.



**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*