

# Worship for the Lord's Day

September 8, 2019 – Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time  
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** Jesus, Word of God Incarnate W. A. Mozart

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

**Call to Worship** Psalm 139:13-18 p.542

\* **Hymn** Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! Hymnal #138

## Prayer of Confession

*Creator of the universe, we imagine that we are in familiar territory, that we know what to expect of this hour, that we will leave much the way that we came. Do not abandon us to our foolishness. In judgment, illumine our darkness. In mercy, bear us home—until we recognize your presence wherever evil is confronted, truth is spoken, and life is restored.*

## Assurance of Pardon

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

***Thanks be to God!***

\* **Passing the Peace of Christ**

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

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

\* **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.*

## Prayer for Illumination

**Old Testament Lesson** Jeremiah 18:1-11 p.666

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

**Anthem** Creation Calls Me to My Knees Dennis Clements

**Offering** I Will Give Thanks With My Whole Heart J. S. Bach

*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**      *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*      **Hymnal #357**
- \* **New Testament Lesson**      *Mark 2:13-17*      **p.868**  
    *Please remain standing for the reading of God's Word.*  
    The word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God!**
- Sermon**      *"Tax Collectors and Sinners"*
- \* **Hymn**      *They'll Know We Are Christians*      **Sing the Faith #2223**
- \* **Charge and Benediction**
- \* **Postlude**      *My Lord! What a Morning*      **Spiritual**



## **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
- Cynthia Erb
- Al Smith
- Carol Moorefield
- Cherie Maulbeck - cancer
- Karen Mattox, donor and Michelle Hodges, recipient for kidney transplant
- Alline Ritzer
- Joyce Coleman
- LeeAnn Head
- Billy Robertson
- Our service members: Jeremy Larkin, Grant Martin
- Our homebound members: Tim Coleman, Janet Soddors, Dean Smith, Essie Moore.
- Those effected by hurricane Dorian.

## 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**

- Dolores Drumheller  
*Prayer Fellowship Request*
- Jack Ritzer  
*The Men of the Church*

## Schedules

**Ushers, September**

Gary & Barbie Andrews  
Jeff Janiak & Family

**Lay Reader, September 15**

Keegan deBernard

**Lay Reader, September 22**

Martha Moore

## September Events

- September 1** 10 AM Worship/Communion/Children's Church
- September 2** Labor Day, Church Office Closed
- September 3** 10 AM Bible Study  
Men's Lunch at Noon - Taste of Italy  
5 PM Ministry Within Meeting
- September 8** 10 AM Worship/Children's Church  
Called Congregational Meeting  
Collect Special Offering - Water Filter Challenge  
5 PM Youth Group Meeting
- September 9** 6 PM Ministry Beyond Meeting
- September 10** 10 AM Bible Study  
5:30 PM C.E. Meeting
- September 11** 9:30 AM Prayer Fellowship  
10:30 AM Women's Fellowship Meeting
- September 15** Bring a Friend Sunday  
10 AM Worship/Children's Church  
Koinonia Luncheon after Worship
- September 17** 10 AM Bible Study  
Men's Lunch at Noon - El Cazador
- September 18** 9:30 AM-APC serves lunch at the Daily Bread  
5:30 PM Property Meeting
- September 22** 10 AM Worship/Children's Church  
Session Meeting after Worship  
5 PM Youth Group Meeting
- September 23** October Link Deadline
- September 24** 10 AM Bible Study
- September 25** 9:30 AM Prayer Fellowship
- September 29** 10 AM Worship/Children's Church  
Youth Group Sub Sandwich Fundraiser

## Announcements

**Welcome to Altavista Presbyterian Church!** We are glad that you have come to worship our saving Lord, Jesus Christ, with us today. We hope you join us as we serve God today and throughout the week.

The **Lay Reader** today is **Samantha Janiak**.

This morning we will collect a special offering for the Presbytery of the Peaks' **Water Filter Challenge**. The offering will be matched by the ACT for Mission fund. Please make checks payable to APC and indicate on the memo line or the pew envelope as special offering.

The Session has called a **congregational meeting** immediately after worship today for the purpose of changing the bylaws.

The **Youth Group** will meet today at 5 PM at the church.

The **Ministry Beyond Committee** will meet this Monday, September 9, at 6 PM at the church.

Tuesday morning **Bible Study** will meet September 10, at 10 AM in the adult classroom. Pastor Ed will lead a video series on "The Attributes of God," presented by Dr. Steven Lawson. This week's lesson is on the Omnipresence of God, Ps. 139:7-10; Jr. 23:23-25.

The **Christian Education Committee** will meet this Tuesday, September 10, at 5:30 PM at the church.

The **Prayer Fellowship** will meet this Wednesday at 9:30 AM in the pastor's study.

The **Women's Fellowship** will meet this Wednesday, September 11, at 10:30 AM in the adult Sunday School room, all women are invited.

September 15<sup>th</sup> is "**Bring a Friend Sunday**." Please invite a friend to worship. Our Koinonia Luncheon will be immediately following worship, please bring a dish or two to share with our guest.

**September DAWN Donation:** Mac & Cheese & Tuna Fish