

Worship for the Lord's Day

September 22, 2019 – Twenty-Third 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 *There Shall Be Showers of Blessings* J. McGranahan

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

Call to Worship Psalm 79:1-9 p.509

* **Hymn** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* Hymnal #276

Prayer of Confession

O God, we are sinners. We ignore Your commands. We do not trust in You. Everyday, we fall short of Your glory. Forgive us, purify us, remake us; that we might love and obey You. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

For in Christ we find our way home again.

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 *Psalm 92:1-4* p.517

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

Anthem *Prayer of St. Francis* Allen Pote

Offering *Give Thanks* Henry Smith

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** *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* Hymnal #298

* **New Testament Lesson** 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 p.1031
Please remain standing for the reading of God's Word.

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

Sermon "Give Thanks in All Things" Rev. Robert Tolar

* **Hymn** *Let All Things Now Living* Hymnal #554

* **Charge and Benediction**

* **Postlude** *I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me* 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
- Teresa Dalton, rocky mountain spotted fever
- 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

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 **sanctuary flowers** this morning are given by Jeff & Samantha Janiak for the glory of God and in celebration of their 7th wedding anniversary.

The **Automated External Defibrillator** that has been placed in the hall was given by Jack & Alline Ritzer to the glory of God and in loving memory of Herman (Sonny) Rogers and Ruthanne Ritzer.

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

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

Monday, September 23, is the deadline for the **October "Link" newsletter articles**. Items for the Link may be e-mailed to the church office.

Tuesday morning **Bible Study** will meet September 25, 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, Is. 40:28-31; Ep. 3:20-21.

A **special offering** will be collected on October 6, to supplement a \$1,000 gift from the ACT for Mission funds for Iglesia Cristiana Cristo Redentor to purchase Christmas gifts for children. Please make checks payable to APC and indicate on the memo line or the pew envelope as special offering.

The Ministry Beyond has reserved a table for the **Celebration Banquet** for the Domestic Violence Prevention Program October 10, at 6 PM at New Prospect Baptist Church. If you would like to attend please sign-up on the bulletin board.

Volunteers are needed to assist dialysis patients in a bingo activity the third Tuesday and Wednesday of each month at the Altavista Dialysis Center. Please sign-up on the bulletin board if you are interested in helping.