



worship

at Altadena Valley Presbyterian Church

Welcome to Altadena

We're glad you are here!

Nursery (ages 0 – 3)

Childcare is available for children 3 and under in the Education Building.

Nursing Mothers

A Nursing Mother's room with an audio feed of the service is located just outside the Sanctuary, next to the Parlor.

Worship Center (ages 4 – 1st grade)

Children ages 4 through Grade 1 are invited to attend Worship Center during the sermon. The worship leader will indicate when children can leave the sanctuary.

Sunday School

Sunday School is available for all ages from 9:45 – 10:45 AM. See the posters in the Parlor and Welcome Center for class locations and more information.

Enfold Disability Ministry

Everyone is welcome to worship with us, including those with disabilities. Sensory supports are available in the Welcome Center for those who need them.

Questions?

Ask a member of our Hospitality Team! You can find them at all church entrances, by the sanctuary doors, and in the Welcome Center.

In consideration of others, please silence all electronic devices.

Order of Worship

April 19, 2026 | 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

Preparation for Worship

“Actually we do everything we can, whether it is in a philosophic sense or a practical sense, to put ourselves at the center of the universe.”

— Francis A. Schaeffer

Prelude

“His Glory and My Good”

I have seen my Father’s glory revealed in Jesus Christ,
And the more that I behold him, the more he satisfies.
When I gaze upon his beauty, when I see him as I should,
Then my eyes are lifted upward for his glory and my good.

There is hope in every trial, for I can trust the Lord.
He will turn my heart towards him and help me bear the thorn.
So, in faith, I follow Jesus on the road not understood,
For I know that he is working, for his glory and my good.

*(Chorus) To our God be the glory, to our God be praise,
He alone, the name above all names.*

I will boast ever only in the Lord, my God, for I know his glory is my good.

See the open arms of Jesus upon the cross that day.
What they understood as weakness deserves my every praise.
For the charge that was against me, it was nailed into the wood,
Yes, I know that he has saved me, for his glory and my good. *(Chorus)*

Would I gladly be made nothing that Christ would be made more?
Would I seek the only kingdom that far outweighs them all?
I will stand before my Father where the faithful saints have stood,
And with joy, my heart shall praise him for his glory and my good. *(Chorus)*

Words and music by Ben Fielding, Johnny Robinson, and Rich Thompson.

Announcements

Our prelude serves as a “gathering song,” signaling to the congregation when the worship service is about to begin. We encourage you to use this time to prepare your hearts for worship, either by singing along with the praise team or by meditating on the lyrics as the praise team sings.

Reverence

(God Pursues Us)

Reverence – our Holy God pursues us! We are never left to find God on our own.

Call to Worship • From Psalm 27

(Leader) The Lord is my light and my salvation. Whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life, of whom shall I be afraid? One thing I ask of the Lord, this is what I seek, that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life. To gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.

The Lord be with you!

(Congregation) And also with you!

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Through his Word, God calls his people to enter into his presence in corporate worship.

Prayer of Invocation

The Welcome of God

We welcome one another as a tangible expression of God's welcome to us.

Songs of Praise

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting and silent as night,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above,
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

*(Refrain) He's immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible, hid from our eyes.
He is good, He is powerful, praise Him both now and forever more.
He is the Lord! He is the Lord!*

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish, but naught changeth Thee. *(Refrain)*

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee! *(Refrain)*

“Known and Loved”

God, you were there from my beginning, for I was crafted by your hands.
You see my hopes and hesitations, my days are written in your plan.

If you have seen my weakest moments and still you love me even then,
I need no greater confirmation that, God, your goodness has no end.

*(Chorus) I come to Jesus, lay down my weakness.
No need for hiding, here in his light.
This truth I treasure, my peace forever,
is being known and loved by him.*

I trust with Jesus, it is finished, for he has paid my every debt.
No need to pull it all together, for what is broken he will mend. *(Chorus)*

Though I can't see the path before me, I know the One who knows the way.
And as I walk, his hand will guide me until I see him face to face. *(Chorus)*

Words and music by Tiarne Tranter, Jaywan Maxwell, and Fiona Aghajani.

Reconciliation

(God Restores Us)

*Reconciliation –
God restores us!
His righteousness
reveals our sin,
which is healed
by Christ's grace.*

Corporate Prayer of Confession

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(Leader) You were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience — among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. *(Ephesians 2:1–4)*

Heavenly Father,

**We hold tenderly onto favorite sins
while confessing that you are everything to us.**

**We choose lives of spiritual poverty
while the riches of Jesus' grace are ours.**

**Strengthen our resolve to seek guidance from your Word,
not from our fickle appetites and fragile opinions.**

**Confront our indifference to others' needs
so that we are freed to lavishly share your grace with others.**

Amen.

Silent Confession

*We encourage
you to use this
time for silent
reflection.*

Song of Confession

“By Thy Mercy”

Jesus, Lord of life and glory, bend from heaven thy gracious ear;
While our waiting souls adore thee, friend of helpless sinners, hear.
From the depth of nature's blindness, from the hardening power of sin,
From all malice and unkindness, from the pride that lurks within,

(Chorus) By thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord.

By thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord. Good Lord.

When temptation sorely presses in the day of Satan's power,
In our times of deep distresses, in each dark and trying hour;
When the world around is smiling, in the time of wealth and ease,
Earthly joys our hearts beguiling, in the day of health and peace. *(Chorus)*

In the weary hours of sickness, in the times of grief and pain,
When we feel our mortal weakness, when all human help is vain;
In the solemn hour of dying, in the awful judgment day,
May our souls, on thee relying, find thee still our Rock and Stay. *(Chorus)*

Words by James J. Cummins. Music by Greg Thompson.

Assurance of Pardon • From Titus 3:4-6

When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior.

*We receive
assurance that
Jesus Christ has
won the victory
over sin and
death.*

Hymn of Response

PLEASE STAND

“Blessed Assurance”

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

*(Chorus) This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.*

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending, bring from above,
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love. *(Chorus)*

Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest;
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with his goodness, lost in his love. *(Chorus)*

Sacrament of Baptism *(11:00 AM Service)*

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Samuel James Bingham – Son of Connor & Christy Bingham

Performed by Rev. Dr. Steve Brown

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Hymn of Response • #189 (vs. 1-2) (11:00 AM Service)

“Jesus Loves Me, This I Know”

Jesus loves you, this I know,
For the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to him belong,
They are weak but he is strong.

*Yes, Jesus loves you! Yes, Jesus loves you!
Yes, Jesus loves you! The Bible tells me so.*

Jesus loves me, he who died,
Heaven’s gates to open wide;
He will wash away my sin,
Let his little child come in.

*Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

*Revelation – God
speaks to us and
challenges us
through biblical
truth.*

Revelation

(God Speaks to Us)

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Pastoral Prayer

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Hymn of Response (8:30 AM Service)

“Gloria Patri”

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.

(At this time, children ages 4 through Grade 1 are invited to attend Worship Center. They will exit to the Welcome Center to meet their teachers. If you are a first- or second-time visitor, please walk with your child so you are able to register them. Children may be picked up in Sunday School classes after the early service and in the Worship Center Room after the late service.)

Scripture Reading • John 8:48-59

^{8:48} The Jews answered him, “Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?”

⁴⁹ Jesus answered, “I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. ⁵⁰ Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. ⁵¹ Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death.”

⁵² The Jews said to him, “Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, ‘If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.’ ⁵³ Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?”

⁵⁴ Jesus answered, “If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, ‘He is our God.’ ⁵⁵ But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. ⁵⁶ Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad.”

⁵⁷ So the Jews said to him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?”

⁵⁸ Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.”

⁵⁹ So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

We are at the apex of Jesus' argument with Jewish leadership — he makes clear to them then and to us now that he is God eternally present and graciously relevant.

Introduction

- Jesus' dynamic patience and persistent truth is met with insult and injury. The religious crowd reacts with the hatred of ethical slurs and demonic allegations.

I) Humiliating insults — insinuating Jesus is a Samaritan and demonic

- Jewish hatred for Samaritans included ethnic hate allied to deeper malice as they viewed them as traitors to both God and country.
- The religious leaders seeking to insult Jesus miss the mark! He consistently identifies with all sorts of people others hate. How do you see this at work?

II) Humanitarian invitation — Jesus' invitation to salvation

- The majority of the world's most courageous humanitarian efforts are at best palliative care — how is Jesus the best humanitarian hope in the world?
- Jesus offers these leaders a solid by inviting them to discover that Jesus is the joyous object of faith of Abraham's future-looking faith.

III) Holy identity — Jesus our irrefutable savior!

- Jesus goes all in on his divinity when he says "I AM," taking them to Moses at the burning bush in Ex. 3:14. Every prophet and patriarch looked for him.
- Surf John 7-8, the convoluted discussion between Jesus who repeatedly offers grace to provide context for the horror of deciding to pick up stones in vs. 59.

Conclusion

- In John 9, Jesus is on the move with the healing of a blind man! The perilous part of leaving John 8 is realizing the leaders never 'got' grace. Sadly, some never will!

Response

(We Respond to God in Faith)

Response – in faith, we respond to God's grace through joyful giving and declaring what we believe.

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

As an act of worship, we give back to God a portion of our many blessings.

Song of Response

“Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts”

Jesus, thou joy of loving hearts, thou fount of life, thou light of men. From the best bliss that earth imparts, we turn unfilled to thee again. Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood, thou savest those that on thee call. To them that seek thee, thou art good, to them that find thee all in all. We taste of thee, O living bread, and long to feast upon thee still. We drink of thee, the fountainhead, and thirst our souls from thee to fill. Our restless spirits yearn for thee where'er our changeful lot is cast. Glad when thy gracious smile we see, blessed when our faith can hold thee fast. O Jesus, ever with us stay. Make all our moments calm and bright. Chase the dark night of sin away. Shed o'er the world thy holy light.

Music by Brian T. Murphy.

*Rest – God
blesses us to rest
in his peace.*

PLEASE STAND

*Our worship
concludes with
God sending us
into the world
with his blessing.*

Rest

(God Blesses Us)

Hymn of Response

“On Jordan’s Stormy Banks”

On Jordan’s stormy banks I stand and cast a wishful eye
To Canaan’s fair and happy land, where my possessions lie.

All o’er those wide extended plains shines one eternal day;
There God the Son forever reigns and scatters night away.

*(Chorus) I am bound, I am bound, I am bound for the promised land.
I am bound, I am bound, I am bound for the promised land.*

No chilling winds nor pois’nous breath can reach that healthful shore;
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death are felt and feared no more. *(Chorus)*

When shall I reach that happy place and be forever blest?
When shall I see my Father’s face and in his bosom rest? *(Chorus)*

Benediction

Postlude

This Week

Sunday, April 19

- 8:30 AM Worship Service
 Kyle Parker | John 8:48-59
- 9:45 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Worship Service
- 12:30 PM Young Adult Lunch (Parker Home)
- 5:00 PM Small Groups
 Kids' Bridge Night
 Youth Group
- 6:30 PM Fellowship Dinner

Monday, April 20

- 2:00 PM Women's Bible Study (Conf. Room)

Tuesday, April 21

- 7:00 PM Session Meeting

Wednesday, April 22

- 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study (Church Parlor)
- 6:00 PM Women's Bible Study (Parker Home)
- 6:15 PM Praise Team Rehearsal
- 6:30 PM Small Groups

Thursday, April 23

- 9:00 AM Men's Coffee

Friday, April 24

- 1:00 PM Women's Bible Study (Bates Home)
- 6:00 PM Membership Weekend

Saturday, April 25

- 8:30 AM Membership Weekend
- 10:00 AM Women's Hike

Sunday, April 26*

- 8:30 AM Worship Service
 Michael MacCaughelty | John 9:1-34
- 9:45 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Worship Service
- 5:00 PM Small Groups
 Kids' Bridge Night
 Youth Group

**Celebration of the Lord's Supper*

Weekly Bible Reading

2 Samuel 1–2 • 2 Samuel 5; Psalm 23 • 2 Samuel 6–7 • Psalm 18; 2 Samuel 9 • 2 Samuel 11–12

Missionary of the Week

Jean Legters serves the people of Mexico in the Yucatan Peninsula, teaching music at San Pablo Seminary and helping run a summer youth camp.

| | Contributions for April 12 | Year-To-Date Contributions |
|----------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| General Fund | \$13,701 | \$496,359 |
| Faith Promise | \$3,305 | \$116,700 |

Church Life

Special Guest

We would like to welcome PCA minister, Rev. Dr. Steve Brown, author and founder of Key Life Network, Inc. Steve will be baptizing his great-grandson, Samuel James Bingham, in the 11:00 AM service.

Young Adult Lunch – April 19

Join us following the late service at the home of Barry and Lea Anne Parker for a Young Adult Lunch. Parking is limited, so carpool if able.

Fellowship Dinner – April 19

Join us this evening in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30 PM for a time of food and fellowship. We're having Philly Cheesesteak sandwiches.

100 Envelopes Fundraiser

Our annual fundraiser to support the Youth summer mission trip with Sacred Road Ministries has begun. Visit the display in the Welcome Center for more information.

Urban Hope Success Academy Snack Donations

We will collect 8 oz water bottles, Caprisun/juice boxes, chips, cheese crackers, and individually wrapped snacks until Sunday, May 17. NO NUTS. Contact Kelly Driggers with questions.

Membership Weekend – April 24-25

Anyone interested in learning more about membership at AVPC can visit the church website for more information and to register. Today is the last day to sign up.

Women's Hike – April 25

Ladies are invited to join us at 10:00 AM for a hike through Aldridge Gardens.

Covenant Family Memory Verse

April's memory verse is John 11:25-26:

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

AVPC Vision

A community of Christ's coming kingdom, bringing hope to a broken world.

AVPC Mission

Loving God and loving others as we are transformed by his love.

Elders

Jim Baird Mike Becker Brian Beckett Clint Cvacho John Franklin Nicholas Ireland Jay Lloyd
Kelley Lloyd Barry Parker Karl Poythress Jeff Schofield Danny Wachs John Wimberly

Deacons

Jason Allday Zac Campbell David Coley Kevin Drace Steve Driggers Matt Jackson
Brannan Jones Russell Lloyd Tom McCallum John Oliver John Peters Darren Popwell Drew Russell

Staff

Children's Ministry

Catie Lumpkin – *Director*

Abi Bostrom – *Nursery Director*

Amanda Amerson – *Ministry Assistant*

Danielle Harris – *Administrative Assistant*

Youth Ministry

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Emma Snow – *Worship Intern*

Women's Ministry

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Worship Ministry

Heather Sommer – *Ministry Assistant*

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Anna Waldrip – *Church Administrator*

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Peggy Keller – *Financial Administrator*

Dave Mayhew – *Facilities Manager*

Michael Bobo – *IT Director*

Courtney McCrory – *Kitchen Coordinator*

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