



worship

at Altadena Valley Presbyterian Church

Welcome to Altadena Valley

We are glad you are here.

Please visit our website at www.avpc.org for more information about our beliefs, our staff and our ministries.

Here are a few details which might be helpful to you.

- Children are always welcome to participate in worship with their families. But, in case you need it, we do offer childcare for children ages 3 and under during both morning services. Please ask an usher or greeter for directions to where the childcare area is located.
- Children ages 4 through Grade 1 are invited to attend Worship Center. They may meet their teachers in the Welcome Center after the Pastoral Prayer. (The worship leader will indicate when the children can exit the sanctuary.) 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.
- A Nursing Mother's room, with an audio feed of the service, is located just outside the Sanctuary, next to the Parlor.
- As part of our discipleship efforts, we are pleased to offer Sunday School for all ages during the hours of 9:45-10:45. Information sheets with a location map of all classes and a list of topics for the adult classes are available in the Welcome Center and Parlor.

If you are visiting with us, we would love an opportunity to get to know you better. Please scan the QR code below, or sign the pew registry pad. We give our first-time visitors a small gift, which you can get in the Welcome Center or Narthex.

In consideration of others, please silence all electronic devices.



ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 21, 2024 | 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

PRELUDE

“Tell Me the Story of Jesus”

Tell me the story of Jesus, write on my heart every word; tell me the story most precious, sweetest that ever was heard. Tell how the angels in chorus sang as they welcomed his birth, “Glory to God in the highest! Peace and good tidings to earth.” Tell me the story of Jesus, write on my heart every word; tell me the story most precious, sweetest that ever was heard. Tell of the cross where they nailed him, writhing in anguish and pain; tell of the grave where they laid him, tell how he liveth again. Love in that story so tender, clearer than ever I see; stay, let me weep while you whisper; love paid the ransom for me. Tell me the story of Jesus, write on my heart every word; tell me the story most precious, sweetest that ever was heard. Tell how he’s gone back to heaven, up to the right hand of God, how he is there interceding while on this earth we must trod. Tell of the sweet Holy Spirit he has poured out from above; tell how he’s coming in glory for all the saints of his love. Tell me the story of Jesus, write on my heart every word; tell me the story most precious, sweetest that ever was heard.

Our prelude serves as a “gathering song,” signalling to the congregation when the worship service is about to begin. We encourage you to use this time to prepare your hearts for worship.

CALL TO WORSHIP • Psalm 150

Praise the LORD. Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens. Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing greatness. Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise him with the harp and lyre, praise him with tambourine and dancing, praise him with the strings and flute, praise him with the clash of cymbals, praise him with resounding cymbals. Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.

(All) Praise the LORD.

Through God’s Word, his people are called to enter into his presence in corporate worship.

*Our welcome
of one another
is a tangible
expression of
God's welcome
to us.*

PLEASE STAND

INVOCATION

THE WELCOME OF GOD

SONGS OF PRAISE

"10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)"

*(Chorus) Bless the Lord, O my soul,
O my soul; worship his holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul;
I'll worship your holy name.*

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,
It's time to sing your song again.
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes. *(Chorus)*

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger.
Your name is great and your heart is kind.
For all your goodness, I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. *(Chorus)*

And on that day when my strength is failing,
The end draws near and my time has come;
Still my soul will sing your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore. *(Chorus)*

“Nothing But the Blood” (11:00 AM Service)

What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

*(Refrain) O precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

Nothing can for sin atone—nothing but the blood of Jesus;
Naught of good that I have done—nothing but the blood of Jesus. *(Refrain)*

This is all my hope and peace—nothing but the blood of Jesus;
This is all my righteousness—nothing but the blood of Jesus. *(Refrain)*

“Like a River Glorious”

Like a river glorious is God’s perfect peace,
Over all victorious in its bright increase;
Perfect, yet it floweth fuller every day,
Perfect, yet it groweth deeper all the way.

*(Chorus) Stayed upon Jehovah, hearts are fully blest,
Finding, as he promised, perfect peace and rest.*

Hidden in the hollow of his blessed hand,
Never foe can follow, never traitor stand;
Not a surge of worry, not a shade of care,
Not a blast of hurry, touch the spirit there. *(Chorus)*

Every joy or trial falleth from above,
Traced upon our dial by the Sun of Love.
We may trust him fully, all for us to do;
They who trust him wholly find him wholly true. *(Chorus)*

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Blessed Lord Jesus,
you told us in your Word:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit,”
but we have been rich in pride.

“Blessed are those who mourn,”
but we have not known much sorrow for our sin.

“Blessed are the meek,”
but we are a proud and stiff-necked people.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,”
but we are filled to the full with other things.

“Blessed are the merciful,”
but we are harsh and impatient.

“Blessed are the pure in heart,”
but we have impure hearts.

“Blessed are the peacemakers,”
but we have not sought peace and reconciliation.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake,”
but our lives do not challenge the world.

“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you
and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account,”
but we have hardly made it known that we are yours.

**Lord forgive us, cleanse us, and give us hearts
that desire to be more and more like Jesus.**

It is in his name that we ask these things. Amen.

Based on Matthew 5:3-11.

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

SILENT CONFESSION

GOD'S DELIVERANCE TO HIS PEOPLE • From Psalm 91

Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.

**Let us say of the LORD,
“He is our refuge and our fortress,
our God, in whom we trust.”**

Surely he will save you from the fowler's snare
and from the deadly pestilence.

**He will cover us with his feathers,
and under his wings we will find refuge;
his faithfulness will be our shield and rampart.**

You will not fear the terror of night,
nor the arrow that flies by day,
nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness,
nor the plague that destroys at midday.

**If we say, “The LORD is my refuge,”
and if we make the Most High our dwelling,
no harm will overtake us,
no disaster will come near our tent.**

The Lord declares, “Because you love me, I will rescue you;
I will protect you, for you acknowledge my name.

When you call on me, I will answer you.
I will be with you in trouble.
I will deliver you,
and I will show you my salvation.”

Brothers and sisters in Christ,
this salvation is given to us through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

HYMN OF RESPONSE • #92

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and pow’r are great and armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;
Were not the right man on our side, the man of God’s own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus! It is he!
Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same,
And he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure, for lo! His doom is sure;
One little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly pow’rs, no thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
The body they may kill: God’s truth abideth still;
His kingdom is forever.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE BE SEATED

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00 AM Service)

William Jackson Hall - son of Matt & Lauren Hall

HYMN OF RESPONSE • #189 (11:00 AM Service)

PLEASE STAND

“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

*(1st chorus) 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.

*(2nd chorus) Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

Jesus loves me, he will stay close beside me all the way:
If I love him, when I die, he will take me home on high. *(2nd chorus)*

PASTORAL PRAYER

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SCRIPTURE READING • Psalm 1

- ^{1:1} Blessed is the man
 who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
 nor stands in the way of sinners,
 nor sits in the seat of scoffers;
² but his delight is in the law of the Lord,
 and on his law he meditates day and night.
- ³ He is like a tree
 planted by streams of water
 that yields its fruit in its season,
 and its leaf does not wither.
In all that he does, he prospers.
- ⁴ The wicked are not so,
 but are like chaff that the wind drives away.
- ⁵ Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
 nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
- ⁶ for the Lord knows the way of the righteous,
 but the way of the wicked will perish.

SERMON • “The Two Ways” Rev. Brad Allison

Someone asked me this week what our next sermon series was going to be. I answered, “Passages Brad wants to preach on during his final sermons at AVPC.” What draws me to Psalm 1 is the first word, the word “blessed.” All the commentaries agree that the sense of this word is accurately portrayed by our English word “Happy.” I didn’t choose this psalm because I want you to be happy that I’m leaving, but I do want you to be happy in our leaving and in all of life. Of far greater importance than my desire for your happiness is that God wants happiness for his people in all circumstances, and this psalm answers the question that everyone is asking: “How can I be happy?” The answer is given in a form that is typical of the wisdom literature of the Old Testament, describing two ways of life. It is important to recognize that there are only two, and everyone here today is either on the path to happiness or the path to utter collapse.

I. The Way of the Happy Man – v. 1-3

II. The Way of the Wicked – v. 4-6

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

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

SONG OF RESPONSE

“Tend”

*“A careful hand,
a gentle guide,
you take what’s
dead away and
you prune what’s
running wild. So
be the gardener
of my heart; tend
the soil of my
soul. Break up the
fallow ground,
cut back the
overgrown.”*

In the landscape of my life, you don’t rush through any season. You always take your time. A careful hand, a gentle guide, you take what’s dead away, and you prune what’s running wild. So be the gardener of my heart; tend the soil of my soul. Break up the fallow ground, cut back the overgrown. I won’t shy away. I will let the branches fall so what you want can stay and what you love can grow. Through the winter, I’m still alive. What you’ve planted in the dirt is ever reaching to the light. You prepare me for darkened times. You’ll sustain what you have started, and you’ll teach me to abide. I’ll remain in you; you’ll remain in me. And I will trust your timing. I’ll remain in you; you’ll remain in me from the start until the ending, ‘cause you will know better.

Words and music by Emmy Rose, Jessie Early, and Michaela Gentile.

HYMN OF RESPONSE • #558

PLEASE STAND

“That Man Is Blest Who, Fearing God”

That man is blest who, fearing God,
From sin restrains his feet,
Who will not stand with wicked men,
Who shuns the scorners’ seat.

Yea, blest is he who makes God’s law
His portion and delight,
And meditates upon that law
With gladness day and night.

That man is nourished like a tree
Set by the rivers’ side;
Its leaf is green, its fruit is sure,
And thus his works abide.

The wicked, like the driven chaff,
Are swept from off the land;
They shall not gather with the just,
Nor in the judgment stand.

The LORD will guard the righteous well,
Their way to him is known;
The way of sinners, far from God,
Shall surely be o’erthrown.

BENEDICTION

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

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WEEKLY BIBLE READING (April 22 - April 28)

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

Announcements

OUR MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK are Alex and Suzanne Sarran who lead and pastor a church plant in Lyon, France. As the lead pastor, Alex preaches, teaches, leads worship, administers sacraments, leads Bible studies, disciples believers, trains new leaders, participates in outreach, and develops relationships with local leaders. Suzanne disciples women and supports the ministry by exercising hospitality, helping with music, facilitating fellowship events, and coming alongside Alex as they counsel couples.

- **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** The Session is calling a congregational meeting during the Sunday school hour today at 9:45 AM in the sanctuary. We will vote to recommend that the presbytery dissolve the pastoral relation between AVPC and Brad Allison, effective July 1, 2024.
- **COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE:** This afternoon, we are hosting a blood drive through Lifesouth Community Bloodcenters in Altadena Park from 12:30 – 7:00 PM. No appointment is necessary, but you may schedule a time on the Lifesouth website.
- **SENIOR BRUNCH:** All high school seniors are invited to a brunch at the home of Blake and Danielle Harris (608 Forest Lakes Drive) this afternoon from 12:45 – 2:00 PM.
- **PRAYER SERVICE:** This evening from 5:15 – 6:15 PM, the Prayer Ministry Team will be hosting a time of prayer in the Sanctuary. Prayer prompts will be available with an emphasis on the Pastoral transition process. We encourage small groups to attend this service in lieu of their regular meeting. Childcare will be available for children ages 4 and under.
- **YOUNG ADULT DINNER:** Join us on April 27 from 6:00 – 8:00 PM at the home of Layne and Amy Savoie (4668 Caldwell Mill Road) for a time of food and fellowship!
- **YOUTH SUNDAY:** We praise God for the mighty works we see him doing in the lives of our youth. Sunday, May 5, we are honoring the youth of AVPC, with both services being led by the youth. Later that afternoon, the graduating seniors will be recognized with the “Senior Guys Fellowship” in Altadena Park and a “Senior Girls Tea” at the home of Elizabeth Kanter (402 Meadow Brook Lane).
- **CAMP SOLID ROCK:** Camp Solid Rock camper registration is open! Children from K4 through 5th grade are invited to join us June 10 – 13. We invite kids in our church family to learn timeless truths of the Bible. Grab a pamphlet from the Welcome Center or Parlor, or you can register on our website.
- **URBAN HOPE SNACK DRIVE:** It is that time of year when we collect snacks to help our sister church, Urban Hope. This has been a great way for us to tangibly assist Urban Hope as they minister to families in Fairfield during the summer break from school. Please bring any individually packaged snacks and small water bottles (8 oz.). **NO NUTS OR PEANUT BUTTER CRACKERS!** Collection boxes will be in the Parlor and Welcome Center. The deadline to donate is May 5.
- **MEMBERSHIP NIGHT:** If you missed this past Friday’s Membership Night, the next one we are offering is July 26. Mark your calendars, and we’ll see you there!

Calendar

SUNDAY (APRIL 21)

8:30 AM Worship Service
 Brad | Psalm 1
 9:45 AM Congregational Meeting
 10:00 AM Sunday School
 11:00 AM Worship Service
 12:30 PM Women's Small Group Luncheon
 12:45 PM Community Blood Drive
 Senior Brunch
 5:00 PM Men's Bible Study - Parker Home
 5:15 PM Prayer Service
 6:30 PM Fellowship Dinner

MONDAY (APRIL 22)

6:30 AM Men's Bible Study - Fellowship Hall
 3:00 PM WTW Bible Study - Klose Home

WEDNESDAY (APRIL 24)

9:00 AM WTW Bible Study - Church Parlor
 6:00 PM WTW Bible Study - Parker Home
 6:15 PM Praise Team Rehearsal
 6:30 PM Community Groups

THURSDAY (APRIL 25)

9:00 AM Men's Coffee

FRIDAY (APRIL 26)

1:00 PM WTW Bible Study - Bates Home

SATURDAY (APRIL 27)

6:00 PM Young Adult Dinner

SUNDAY (APRIL 28) *

8:30 AM Worship Service
 Brad | Mark 10:17-31
 9:45 AM Sunday School
 11:00 AM Worship Service
 5:00 PM Kid's Bridge Night
 Youth Group
 Community Groups

**Celebration of The Lord's Supper*

SAVE THE DATE - MORE INFORMATION COMING

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 27 – Young Adult Dinner May 18 – Young Adult Dinner
 May 5 – Youth Sunday June 10 -13 – Camp Solid Rock
 May 12 – Mother's Day Brunch July 8 - 11 – WACK

	Contributions for the Week	Year-To-Date Contributions	Year-To-Date Requirements	Over(Under) Budget
General Fund	\$11,455	\$491,261	\$408,818	\$82,443
Faith Promise	\$768	\$89,239	\$79,911	\$9,328

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.

PASTORAL STAFF

Bradford E. Allison
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Stephen Whitner
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Associate Pastor—Outreach/Mercy

Blake Harris
Associate Pastor—Adult Ministries

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