



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.

We want you to feel as comfortable as possible while attending worship with us, so 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 for directions to where the childcare area is located.
- Midway through the worship services, children ages 4 to 6 years old will be dismissed and escorted to their own church time in Room L-1 of the Education Building. Parents can pick up their children after Sunday School or after the 11:00 AM service.
- A Nursing Mother's room, with an audio feed of the service, is located just outside the Sanctuary, next to the 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.

Come, let us worship together!

In consideration of others, please silence all electronic devices.



ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 3, 2022 | 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

PRELUDE

“Oh, How Good It Is”

Oh, how good it is when the family of God dwells together in spirit, in faith and unity; where the bonds of peace, of acceptance and love are the fruit of his presence here among us. So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord, and with one heart we'll live out his Word, till the whole earth sees the Redeemer has come, for he dwells in the presence of his people. Oh, how good it is on this journey we share to rejoice with the happy and weep with those who mourn; for the weak find strength, the afflicted find grace when we offer the blessing of belonging. Oh, how good it is to embrace his command to prefer one another, forgive as he forgives. When we live as one, we all share in the love of the Son with the Father and the Spirit.

Words and Music by Keith and Kristyn Getty, Ross Holmes, and Stuart Townend.

We encourage you to use this time to prepare your hearts for worship. Feel free to join in singing if you know the song.

CALL TO WORSHIP • Psalm 111:1-4; 9-10

Praise the LORD. I will extol the LORD with all my heart in the council of the upright and in the assembly. Great are the works of the LORD; they are pondered by all who delight in them. Glorious and majestic are his deeds, and his righteousness endures forever. He has caused his wonders to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and compassionate. He provided redemption for his people; he ordained his covenant forever—holy and awesome is his name. The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding. To him belongs eternal praise.

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

“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.

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

INVOCATION

THE WELCOME OF GOD

SONGS OF PRAISE

"Your Grace is Enough"

Great is your faithfulness, O God of Jacob.
You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart.
You lead me by still waters into mercy
Where nothing can keep us apart.

*So remember your people. Remember your children.
Remember your promise, O God.*

*For your grace is enough. Your grace is enough.
Your grace is enough for me.*

Great is your love and justice God of Jacob.
You use the weak to lead the strong.
You lead us in the song of heaven's victory
And all your people sing along.

*So remember your people. Remember your children.
Remember your promise, O God.*

*For your grace is enough. Your grace is enough.
Your grace is enough for me.*

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Your grace is enough for me.*

Words and Music by Matt Maher.

“Good Good Father”

Oh, I’ve heard a thousand stories of what they think you’re like,
But I’ve heard the tender whisper of love in the dead of night.
And you tell me that you’re pleased and that I’m never alone.

*(Chorus 1) You’re a good, good Father. It’s who you are, it’s who you are,
It’s who you are, and I’m loved by you.
It’s who I am, it’s who I am, it’s who I am. (2nd X go to Bridge)*

Oh, I’ve seen many searching for answers far and wide,
But I know we’re all searching for answers only you provide
‘Cause you know just what we need before we say a word. *(Chorus 1)*

*(Bridge) You are perfect in all of your ways.
You are perfect in all of your ways.
You are perfect in all of your ways to us. (Repeat Bridge)*

Love so undeniable I can hardly speak;
Peace so unexplainable I can hardly think
As you call me deeper still, as you call me deeper still,
As you call me deeper still into love, love, love.

*(Chorus 2) You’re a good, good Father. It’s who you are, it’s who you are,
It’s who you are, and I’m loved by you.
It’s who I am, it’s who I am, it’s who I am. (Repeat Chorus 2 twice)*

*You’re a good, good Father; a good, good Father.
You’re a good, good Father; a good, good Father.*

Words and Music by Anthony Brown and Pat Barrett.

“Speak, O Lord”

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you
To receive the food of your holy word.
Take your truth, plant it deep in us;
Shape and fashion us in your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
All your purposes for your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience,
Holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of your purity.
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of power that can never fail;
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on your promises;
And by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till your church is built
And the earth is filled with your glory.

Words and music by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend.

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Awesome and compassionate God,
you have loved us with unfailing, self-giving mercy,
but we have not loved you.
you have never failed to provide all that we need
but we have not trusted you.**

**You constantly call us,
but repeatedly we do not listen.**

**You ask us to love,
but often we walk away from neighbors in need,
wrapped in our own concerns.**

**God of grace, as you come to us in mercy,
we repent in spirit and in truth,
admit our sin,
and gratefully receive your forgiveness
through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.**

Adapted from Worship Sourcebook 2.2.18.

PLEASE BE SEATED

*As a corporate
body, we confess
our sins to God and
call out to him for
forgiveness and
renewal through
the cleansing blood
of Jesus Christ.*

SILENT CONFESSION

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

*We receive
assurance of
God's love and
faithfulness to his
people.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON • Lamentations 3:22-26; John 3:16-17

Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. I say to myself, "The Lord is my portion; therefore I will wait for him." The Lord is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him; it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord. For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

PLEASE STAND

HYMN OF RESPONSE • #32

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Great is thy faithfulness!

Great is thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see.

All I have needed thy hand hath provided.

Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and spring-time and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Great is thy faithfulness!

Great is thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see.

All I have needed thy hand hath provided.

Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Great is thy faithfulness!

Great is thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see.

All I have needed thy hand hath provided.

Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE BE SEATED

MISSIONARY REPORT

Scott & Dana Jennings (Betel International/WEC - England)

PASTORAL PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE *(11:00 AM Service)*

“Spring Carol”

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, O thou of God and man the Son; thee will I cherish, thee will I honor, thou my soul's glory, joy, and crown. Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands robed in the blooming garb of spring: Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing. Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling starry host: Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels heaven can boast.

*At this time,
children ages 4-6
are dismissed for
their worship*

SCRIPTURE READING • **Philippians 4:14-23**

^{4:14} Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. ¹⁵ And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only. ¹⁶ Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. ¹⁷ Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. ¹⁸ I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. ¹⁹ And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. ²⁰ To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

SERMON • “Christian Giving” Rev. Brad Allison

Generous giving lies at the heart of Christianity because our God is a generous God. “God so loved the world that he gave...” Paul concludes his letter to the Philippians by thanking them for their generous giving to his missionary work. What we discover in his words is that there is much more going on with giving than we might at first realize. Specifically, giving is as much about the things we receive as it is about what we give. Paul describes at least four things that are happening as we give, things that we might easily miss.

I. Partnership

II. Profit

III. Pleasing Worship

IV. Promised Provision

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

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

SONG OF RESPONSE

“I Surrender All”

All to Jesus I surrender, all to him I freely give; may I ever love and trust him, in his presence daily live. I surrender all, I surrender all. All to thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all. All to Jesus I surrender, humbly at his feet I bow. Worldly pleasures all forsaken, take me, Jesus, take me now. All to Jesus I surrender, make me, Savior, wholly thine; may thy Holy Spirit fill me, may I know that power divine. All to Jesus I surrender, Lord, I give myself to thee; fill me with thy love and power, let thy blessing fall on me.

PLEASE STAND

HYMN OF RESPONSE • #469

“How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place”

How sweet and awesome is the place
With Christ within the doors,
While everlasting love displays
The choicest of her stores.

While all our hearts and all our songs
Join to admire the feast,
Each of us cries, with thankful tongue,
“Lord, why was I a guest?”

“Why was I made to hear your voice,
And enter while there’s room,
When thousands make a wretched choice,
And rather starve than come?”

’Twas the same love that spread the feast
That sweetly drew us in;
Else we had still refused to taste,
and perished in our sin.

Pity the nations, O our God,
Constrain the earth to come;
Send your victorious Word abroad,
And bring the strangers home.

We long to see your churches full,
That all the chosen race
May, with one voice and heart and soul,
Sing your redeeming grace.

BENEDICTION

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

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WEEKLY BIBLE READING (April 4 - 10)

1 Samuel 1-2 • 1 Samuel 3, 8 • 1 Samuel 9-10 • 1 Samuel 13-14 • 1 Samuel 15-16

Announcements

OUR MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK are Agron and Elona Sopaj serving with CRU in Pristina, Kosovo where they focus on evangelism and discipleship among college students.

- **COVID PROTOCOL** – Both early and late services are mask-optional in the Sanctuary; seating in the Parlor is social distanced and mask-required for the early service.
- **FAITH PROMISE UPDATE** - We are thanking the Lord for his provision. Pledge cards are still available in the Welcome Center and Parlor until March 31. Please continue to pray about your support of our missionaries through your Faith Promise.
- **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY** - Be sure to read this week's E-news for important events and needs in the childrens department.
- **WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER** – Our Wednesday night dinner for April will be the first Wednesday, April 6, at 5: 30 PM. The cost of this meal will be donations. Please give as you are able. No reservations are required. The menu is lasagna, salad and rolls. This meal is brought to you by the Bobo and Morris community groups.
- **EASTER FLOWERS** - Now is the time to pick up an order form for Easter flowers. Details can be found on the forms located in the Parlor and Welcome Center. Order by April 8. Supplies are limited.
- **GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE** will be on April 15 from Noon - 1 PM. Join us as we remember the suffering of Christ on our behalf. We encourage you to invite your family, friends, and co-workers for this special service. Childcare provided through age 5.
- **EASTER SERVICES** Join us at our Easter Sunrise service on April 17 at 7:00 AM as we celebrate Christ's victory over death. A light Easter breakfast follows at 7:20 AM. Be sure to stay for Morning Worship at 8:30 AM or 11:00 AM, with Sunday School at 9:45 AM.
- **MEMBERSHIP WEEKEND** - Are you thinking about church membership at Altadena? Come to our next Membership Event, Friday, April 22. Attendance at this or another weekend offered throughout the year is required for church membership. Visit the *Announcements* tab of the church website, email Christine (christine@avpc.org) or call the church office to register and request childcare. Deadline to register is April 15.
- **ADULT SHORT-TERM MISSION TRIP:** In partnership with Cahaba Park Church (PCA), the AVPC Missions Team is planning a construction trip to assist with a church in Costa De Pajaros, Costa Rica July 16-23. Space is limited. Please contact Jim Darden at 205-527-0503 for more information.
- **AVPC ADMIN ASSISTANT** - We are delighted to welcome Connor Bingham as our new administrative staff person. We are thanking God for his provision of Connor to our staff.

Calendar

SUNDAY (APRIL 3)

8:30 AM Worship Service
 9:45 AM Sunday School
 11:00 AM Worship Service
 Brad | Philippians 4:14-23
 12:00 PM Mission Lunch
 2:30 PM Mercy Leadership Team Mtg
 4:00 PM Communicants Class
 5:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 Community Groups
 Men's Community Group
 Preteens and Superkids
 Youth Group

MONDAY (APRIL 4)

6:30 AM Men's Study

WEDNESDAY (APRIL 6)

9:00 AM WTW Bible Study
 5:30 PM Wednesday Night Dinner
 6:30 PM Community Groups
 Children's Activities
 Jr. and Sr. High Small Groups

SUNDAY (APRIL 10) PALM SUNDAY

8:30 AM Worship Service
 9:45 AM Sunday School
 11:00 AM Worship Service
 Brad preaching
 5:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 Community Groups
 Men's Community Group
 Preteens and Superkids
 Youth Group

- **WOMEN'S LUNCHEON** – The Spring Women's Luncheon will be on Sunday, April 24, and will be similar to the luncheon we had in January. Your small group of 6-8 women can choose to eat inside, outside, at a restaurant, at a park, or in someone's home. We hope you decide to join in to establish or renew some connections with your sisters in Christ at AVPC. RSVP to Heather before April 17.
- **PRAYER SERVICE** - Mark you calendars for our next prayer service scheduled for May 15, at 5:00 PM, in Altadena Park. More details will be coming soon.
- **GHK HIRING** - GHK is hiring for a 3K and 4K teacher and a teacher aide for 2022-23. Please contact Susan Coxhead for more information. 205-967-7611 or susan@avpc.org

	03/27/22 Receipts	Year-To-Date Receipts	Year-To-Date Requirements	Over(Under) Budget
General Fund	\$33,245	\$308,036	\$301,350	\$6,686
Faith Promise	\$19,550	\$88,372	\$76,186	\$12,186

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
Senior Pastor

Stephen Whitner
Associate Pastor—Worship

Michael MacCaughelty
Associate Pastor—Outreach/Mercy

Blake Harris
Assistant Pastor—Adult Ministries

CHURCH LEADERS

ELDERS

David Allen • Paul Barber • Steve Barley • Grahame Bobo • Clint Cvacho • Jim Darden
Tim English • Nicholas Ireland • Barry Parker • Karl Poythress • Danny Wachs

DEACONS

Hunter Boggs • David Coley • Steve Driggers • Al Foster • Trey Holmes • Matt Jackson
Russell Lloyd • Josh Moore • Darren Popwell • Josh Putman • Bill Sommer • Rob Wise

YOUNG ADULTS & MEN'S MINISTRIES

Blake Harris
Young Adult & Men's Ministry Leader

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Catie Lumpkin
Children's Director
Diana Lloyd
Nursery Director

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Heather Sommer
Women's Ministry Director

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Clint Cvacho
Youth Director
Dawn Cwynar
Girl's Discipleship Director
Michael Whitner
Youth Worship Leader

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