



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 7, 2024 | 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

PRELUDE

“Christ is Mine Forevermore”

Mine are days that God has numbered; I was made to walk with him. Yet I look for worldly treasure and forsake the King of kings. But mine is hope in my Redeemer; though I fall, his love is sure, for Christ has paid for every failing. I am his forevermore. Mine are tears in times of sorrow, darkness not yet understood. Through the valley I must travel where I see no earthly good. But mine is peace that flows from heaven and the strength in times of need. I know my pain will not be wasted, Christ completes his work in me. Mine are days here as a stranger, pilgrim on a narrow way. One with Christ, I will encounter harm and hatred for his name. But mine is armour for this battle, strong enough to last the war, and he has said he will deliver safely to the golden shore. And mine are keys to Zion city where beside the King I walk, for there my heart has found its treasure, Christ is mine forevermore. Come rejoice now, O my soul, for his love is my reward. Fear is gone and hope is sure. Christ is mine forevermore.

Words and Music by Jonny Robinson and Rich Thompson.

CALL TO WORSHIP • Psalm 139

(Leader) O LORD, you have searched us and you know us. You know when we sit and when we rise; you perceive our thoughts from afar. You discern our going out and our lying down; you are familiar with all our ways. Before a word is on our tongues, you know it completely, O LORD. Where can we go from your Spirit? Where can we flee from your presence? If we go up to the heavens, you are there; if we make our beds in the depths, you are there. If we rise on the wings of the dawn, if we settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide us; your right hand will hold us fast. For you created our inmost being; you knit us together in our mothers' wombs.

(All) We praise you, O God, because we are fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful. We know that full well.

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.

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

"Blessed Be Your Name"

Blessed be your name in the land that is plentiful,
Where your streams of abundance flow, blessed be your name.
Blessed be your name when I'm found in the desert place,
Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be your name.
Every blessing you pour out I'll turn back to praise.
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say,

*(Refrain) "Blessed be the name of the Lord,
Blessed be your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord,
Blessed be your glorious name." (2nd X go to Bridge)*

Blessed be your name when the sun's shining down on me,
When the world's "all as it should be," blessed be your name.
Blessed be your name on the road marked with suffering,
Though there's pain in the offering, blessed be your name.
Every blessing you pour out I'll turn back to praise.
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say, *(Refrain)*

*(Bridge) You give and take away, you give and take away.
My heart will choose to say, "Lord, blessed be your name." (Refrain)*

Words and Music by Matt and Beth Redman.

"Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me"

What gift of grace is Jesus, my Redeemer.
There is no more for heaven now to give.
He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom,
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus.
For my life is wholly bound to his.
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing, "All is mine!"
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken,
For by my side, the Savior, he will stay.
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing,
For in my need, his power is displayed.
To this I hold: my Shepherd will defend me.
Through the deepest valley he will lead.
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven,
The future sure, the price, it has been paid.
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon,
And he was raised to overthrow the grave.
To this I hold: my sin has been defeated.
Jesus now, and ever, is my plea.
Oh the chains are released, I can sing, "I am free!"
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

With every breath I long to follow Jesus,
For he has said that he will bring me home.
And day by day, I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne.
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus.
All the glory evermore to him.
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat,
"Yet not I, but through Christ in me."

Words and Music by Jonny Robinson, Michael Farren, and Rich Thompson.

“Known and Loved” (11:00 AM Service)

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.

CORPORATE PRAYER OF SUPPLICATION

**As the deer longs for flowing streams,
so our souls longs for you, O God.**

**Our souls thirst for you, O God,
for you, the living God.**

When shall we come and behold your face?

**Our tears have been our food day and night,
while people say to us continually,
“Where is your God?”**

**But these things we remember
as we pour out our souls to you;
how we joined with the throng of your people,
processing into your house, O God,
with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving,
joined with a multitude keeping festival.**

**Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you disquieted within me?**

**Our hope is in you, O God;
we praise you, our help and our God. Amen.**

Adapted from Worship Sourcebook 2.3.2 Based on Psalm 42:1-6.

PLEASE BE SEATED

SILENT CONFESSION

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON • Heidelberg Catechism Q & A #1

Q. People of God, what is your only comfort in life and in death?

**A. That I am not my own,
but belong—
body and soul,
in life and in death—
to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.**

**He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,
and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.**

**He also watches over me in such a way
that not a hair can fall from my head
without the will of my Father in heaven:
in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.**

**Because I belong to him,
Christ, by his Holy Spirit,
assures me of eternal life
and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready
from now on to live for him.**

*We receive
assurance that
Jesus Christ has
fully paid for all
our sins through
his precious
blood.*

PLEASE STAND

HYMN OF RESPONSE • #521

“My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less”

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

*(Chorus) On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.*

When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil. *(Chorus)*

His oath, his covenant, his blood
Support me in the whelming flood:
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay. *(Chorus)*

When he shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in him be found;
Dressed in his righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne. *(Chorus)*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE BE SEATED

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER *(8:30 AM Service)*

Luke Bishop

PASTORAL PRAYER *(8:30 AM Service)*

SHARING & PRAYER (11:00 AM Service)

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SCRIPTURE READING • Psalm 13

^{13:1} How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever?

How long will you hide your face from me?

² How long must I take counsel in my soul

and have sorrow in my heart all the day?

How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?

³ Consider and answer me, O Lord my God;

light up my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death,

⁴ lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him,"

lest my foes rejoice because I am shaken.

⁵ But I have trusted in your steadfast love;

my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.

⁶ I will sing to the Lord,

because he has dealt bountifully with me.

SERMON • “The Gift of Lament” Rev. Michael MacCaughelty

Lament is a lost gift to much of the American Church. Lamenting is not grumbling. It is complaining to God while trusting Him. Lamenting is trusting in a sovereign God while being honest about the brokenness. Lament is a gift because it opens us to honesty about life while drawing us closer to our kind and loving Father. And because God took on flesh, He meets us in our complaints. Jesus knows. He invites us to partake of the gift of lament.

I. Invitation to Lament: Complaining to God (vs. 1-2)

II. Permission to Lament: Appealing to God (vs. 3-4)

III. Prescription to Lament: Empowered to Fight (vs. 5-6)

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

*"How long, O
Lord, how long?
Till your glory fills
our eyes and our
faith is turned
to sight. Till our
thirsty souls are
satisfied."*

PLEASE STAND

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

SONG OF RESPONSE

"How Long, O Lord, How Long (Psalm 13)"

O Lord, our God, to you we come. Will you still hide your face? We cry before you, and on our knees we pray, "How long, O Lord, how long?" Our sorrows leave us weak and worn, surrounded by our fears. We look to heaven through feeble faith and tears. How long, O Lord, how long? Till your glory fills our eyes and our faith is turned to sight. Till our thirsty souls are satisfied. How long, O Lord, how long? Our foes and enemies rejoice, injustice seems to reign. Lord, we are shaken and we are losing strength. How long, O Lord, how long? But we will trust your steadfast love. Your grace will be our song. You bring new mercies with ev'ry rising sun. How long, O Lord, how long?

Words and music by Brittany Born, David Zimmer, Lisa Clow, and Matthew Carpenter.

HYMN OF RESPONSE • #689

"Be Still My Soul"

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side.
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.
Leave to your God to order and provide;
In every change, he faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly Friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: your God doth undertake
To guide the future, as he has the past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
His voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: when dearest friends depart,
And all is darkened in the vale of tears,
Then shall you better know his love, his heart,
Who comes to soothe your sorrow and your fears.
Be still, my soul: your Jesus can repay
From his own fullness all he takes away.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on
When we shall be forever with the Lord.
When disappointment, grief and fear are gone,
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE

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WEEKLY BIBLE READING (April 8 - April 14)

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

Announcements

OUR MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK is Besiana Rajta, who is on staff with CRU in Albania. Besiana serves in campus ministry and works with high school and college students.

- **FELLOWSHIP DINNER CANCELED:** Due to the recent water heater flooding, there is currently no hot water for the church. As a result, there will be no fellowship dinner this evening.
- **YOUNG ADULT LUNCH:** Join us this afternoon for lunch from 12:45 to 2:00 PM at the home of Barry and Lea Anne Parker (4725 Old Loony Mill Rd.). All between the ages of 18-30 are welcome!
- **MEMBERSHIP NIGHT:** Are you thinking about church membership at Altadena? Come to our next Membership Night on Friday, April 19. Dinner is served at 6:00 PM, followed by an informational meeting. You can sign up on the AVPC website. Next Sunday, April 14 is the deadline to register.
- **GHK ART SHOW:** The GHK Art Show Fundraiser will be Thursday, April 18. Admission for this event is \$10.00 and includes dinner. There will also be a bake sale, silent auction, and activities for the kids. Sign up by using the link in our weekly newsletter or by visiting our church website.
- **CHURCH-WIDE TALENT SHOW:** Join us April 20 from 6:30 to 8:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall for the third annual AVPC Really Has Talent Show, benefiting the summer youth mission trip. Be ready to enjoy a cavalcade of pure talent in the company of your church family. Also, we are still looking for acts to join us in this cavalcade. All ages are welcome! If you would like to join the lineup you can do so on the church website or contact Clint Cvacho (clint@avpc.org).
- **WOMEN'S LUNCHEON:** The next women's small group luncheon will be Sunday, April 21. For our small group luncheons, we gather in groups of 6-8, with one person acting as hostess. We hope you join in to establish or renew some connections with your sisters in Christ at AVPC. RSVP to Heather Sommer (heather@avpc.org) by April 15, and please consider volunteering to be a hostess.
- **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** The Session is calling a congregational meeting on Sunday, April 21, at 9:45 AM in the sanctuary. Two items of business will be considered. The first will be to vote on recommending that presbytery dissolve the pastoral relation between AVPC and Brad Allison, effective July 1, 2024. The second will be to vote on a change in Article IX of our by-laws, concerning church trustees. The text of these by-laws changes can be found in the parlor and Welcome Center.
- **COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE:** Sunday, April 21, we are hosting a blood drive through Lifesouth Community Bloodcenters. The bus from Lifesouth will be in Altadena Park from 12:30-7:00 PM. No appointment is necessary, but you may schedule a time on the Lifesouth website.
- **PRAYER SERVICE:** Sunday, April 21, from 5:15 to 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.
- **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES:** We are looking to hire a female summer intern and college ministry assistant. For more information, visit our church website.

Calendar

SUNDAY (APRIL 7)

8:30 AM Worship Service
 Michael | Psalm 13

9:45 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship Service

4:00 PM Pastoral Search Committee Meeting

5:00 PM Youth Group
 Kid's Bridge Night
 Community Groups
 Men's Bible Study - Parker Home

MONDAY (APRIL 8)

6:30 AM Men's Bible Study - Fellowship Hall

3:00 PM WTW Bible Study - Klose Home

TUESDAY (APRIL 9)

7:00 PM Diaconate Meeting

WEDNESDAY (APRIL 10)

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 11)

9:00 AM Men's Coffee

FRIDAY (APRIL 12)

1:00 PM WTW Bible Study - Bates Home

SUNDAY (APRIL 14)

8:30 AM Worship Service
 Brad | Psalm 1

9:45 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship Service

5:00 PM Youth Group
 Kid's Bridge Night
 Community Groups
 Men's Bible Study - Parker Home

SAVE THE DATE - MORE INFORMATION COMING

SPRING 2024 EVENTS

April 19 – Membership Night

May 5 – Youth Sunday

April 21 – Prayer Service

May 12 – Mother's Day Brunch

April 21 – Fellowship Dinner

June 10 -13 – Camp Solid Rock

	Contributions for the Week	Year-To-Date Contributions	Year-To-Date Requirements	Over(Under) Budget
General Fund	\$26,926	\$438,754	\$356,101	\$82,653
Faith Promise	\$8,525	\$84,860	\$66,598	\$18,262

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
Associate Pastor—Adult Ministries

CHURCH LEADERS

ELDERS

Paul Barber Steve Barley Brian Beckett Grahame Bobo Brent McClenny Jack Morris
Barry Parker Karl Poythress Thomas Prettyman Danny Wachs John Wimberly

DEACONS

Woody Armstrong Hunter Boggs Zac Campbell David Coley Steve Driggers Al Foster Trey Holmes Matt Jackson
Russell Lloyd Tom McCallum Josh Moore John Peters Darren Popwell Josh Putman Drew Russell Bill Sommer Ed Wofford

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Heather Sommer
Women's Ministry Director

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Catie Lumpkin Allie Campbell
Children's Director Nursery Director

Mary Frances Snyder
Children's Administrative Assistant

Amanda Amerson
Children's Ministry Assistant

YOUNG ADULTS & MEN'S MINISTRIES

Blake Harris
Associate Pastor

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Clint Cvacho
Youth Director

Callen Moyer
Girls' Discipleship Director

Benjamin Lumpkin
Youth Worship Intern

ADMINISTRATIVE AND FACILITY

Anna Waldrip
Church Administrator

Connor Bingham
Administrative Assistant

Dave Mayhew Heather Sommer
Facilities Manager Financial Administrator

Michael Bobo Hillary Gamble
IT Director Kitchen Coordinator

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Heather Sommer
Worship Ministry Assistant

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Organist

Carol Apol & Ricky Klose
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