



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 (no later than 10:55 AM please) 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

August 14, 2022 | 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

PRELUDE

“Sing to Jesus”

Come and see, look on this mystery: the Lord of the universe nailed to a tree. Christ our God, spilling his holy blood, bowing in anguish his sacred head. Sing to Jesus, Lord of our shame, Lord of our sinful hearts, he is our great Redeemer. Sing to Jesus, honor his name, sing of his faithfulness, pouring his life out unto death. Come, you weary, and he will give you rest. Come, you who mourn, lay on his breast. Christ who died, risen in paradise, Giver of mercy, Giver of life. Sing to Jesus, his is the throne; now and forever he is the King of Heaven. Sing to Jesus, we are his own. Now and forever sing for the love our God has shown. Sing to Jesus, Lord of our shame, Lord of our sinful hearts, he is our great Redeemer. Sing to Jesus, honor his name. Sing to Jesus, his is the throne; now and forever he is the King of Heaven. Sing to Jesus, we are his own. Now and forever sing for the love our God has shown.

Words and Music by Fernando Ortega and Rich Nibbe.

We encourage you to use this time to prepare your hearts for worship.

CALL TO WORSHIP • Psalm 66:1-8

Shout for joy to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise! Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds! So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you. All the earth worships you and sings praises to you; they sing praises to your name.” Come and see what God has done: he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man. He turned the sea into dry land; they passed through the river on foot. There did we rejoice in him, who rules by his might forever, whose eyes keep watch on the nations—let not the rebellious exalt themselves. Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of his praise be heard.

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

The Gloria Patri dates back to at least the 6th century. It may have arisen out of the 4th century to affirm Jesus Christ's eternal deity as the second person of the Trinity, and to refute the Arian heresy that stated Jesus was a created, non-eternal, secondary being to God.

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

PLEASE STAND

"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.

INVOCATION

THE WELCOME OF GOD

SONGS OF PRAISE

"Come Ye Sinners / I Will Arise and Go to Jesus"

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready, stands to save you, full of pity, love and pow'r.

*(Chorus) I will arise and go to Jesus; he will embrace me in his arms.
In the arms of my dear Savior, O, there are ten thousand charms.*

Come, ye thirsty, come and welcome God's free bounty, glorify.
True belief and true repentance, ev'ry grace that brings you nigh. *(Chorus)*

Come, ye weary, heavy laden, lost and ruined by the fall.
If you tarry till you're better, you will never come at all. *(Chorus)*

“His Mercy is More”

What love could remember no wrongs we have done?
Omniscient, all knowing, he counts not their sum.
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore,
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more.

*Praise the Lord, his mercy is more.
Stronger than darkness, new every morn,
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more.*

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?
What Father so tender is calling us home?
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest the poor.
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more.

*Praise the Lord, his mercy is more.
Stronger than darkness, new every morn,
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more.*

What riches of kindness he lavished on us.
His blood was the payment, his life was the cost.
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford.
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more.

*Praise the Lord, his mercy is more.
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Words and music by Matt Papa and Matt Boswell.

“How Deep the Father’s Love For Us”

How deep the Father’s love for us,
How vast beyond all measure,
That he should give his only Son
To make a wretch his treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss,
The Father turns his face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross,
My sin upon his shoulders,
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held him there
Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life,
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything,
No gifts, no pow’r, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from his reward?
I cannot give an answer,
But this I know with all my heart,
His wounds have paid my ransom.
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But this I know with all my heart,
His wounds have paid my ransom.

Words and Music by Stuart Townend.

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(Leader) Heavenly Father,

We confess to you that there is no one righteous, not even one;
there is no one who understands,
no one who seeks God.

We all have turned away and we have together become worthless;
there is no one who does good, not even one.

Our throats are like open graves; our tongues practice deceit.

(Congregation) Father, forgive us when our deceitful speech brings harm to others.

The poison of vipers is on our lips. Our mouths are full of cursing and bitterness.

Father, forgive us when we gossip and speak ill of others.

Our feet are swift to shed blood;

Father, forgive us when we are quick to retaliate rather than forgive.

Ruin and misery mark our ways, and the way of peace we do not know.

Father, forgive us when we choose to go our own way.

There is no fear of God before our eyes.

(All) Father, forgive us for failing to submit our lives to you in all things.

**Through the righteousness of Christ, give us righteous hearts;
hearts that desire to love and serve you and our fellow man.**

In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

Adapted from Romans 3:10-18.

PLEASE BE SEATED

*As a corporate
body, we confess
our sins to God and
call out to him for
forgiveness.*

SILENT CONFESSION

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

*We receive
assurance that
through Christ,
salvation and
righteousness
have come.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON • Titus 3:4-7; Jude 24-25

When the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever.

(Congregation) Amen.

PLEASE STAND

HYMN OF RESPONSE • #701

“Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It!”

Redeemed, how I love to proclaim it! Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb;
Redeemed through his infinite mercy, his child and forever I am.
Redeemed, redeemed, redeemed by the blood of the Lamb;
Redeemed through his infinite mercy, his child and forever I am.

Redeemed, and so happy in Jesus, no language my rapture can tell;
I know that the light of his presence with me doth continually dwell.
Redeemed, redeemed, redeemed by the blood of the Lamb;
Redeemed through his infinite mercy, his child and forever I am.

I think of my blessed Redeemer, I think of him all the day long;
I sing, for I cannot be silent; his love is the theme of my song.
Redeemed, redeemed, redeemed by the blood of the Lamb;
Redeemed through his infinite mercy, his child and forever I am.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE BE SEATED

SMALL GROUP TESTIMONY

John & Dylan Peters

PASTORAL PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE (11:00 AM Service)

“Wonderful Grace of Jesus”

Wonderful grace of Jesus, greater than all my sin; how shall my tongue describe it, where shall its praise begin? Taking away my burden, setting my spirit free; for the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me. Wonderful the matchless grace of Jesus, deeper than the mighty rolling sea; higher than the mountain, sparkling like a fountain, all-sufficient grace for even me; broader than the scope of my transgressions, greater far than all my sin and shame; O magnify the precious name of Jesus, praise his name! Wonderful grace of Jesus, reaching a mighty host, by it I have been pardoned, saved to the uttermost, chains have been torn asunder, giving me liberty; for the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me. Wonderful grace of Jesus, reaching the most defiled, by its transforming power making him God’s dear child, purchasing peace and heaven for all eternity; and the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me.

Why Have a
Choir?

(a) Choirs were used for worship in biblical times and it continues that tradition;

(b) a larger number of people are able to use their singing gifts for worship in ways unique from congregational singing;

(c) it allows the congregation to hear and connect with historical worship music that has been sung for centuries;

(d) and hopefully, the congregation will be drawn into worship as they hear and see the choir singing and worshipping.

SCRIPTURE READING • Acts 9:1-22

^{9:1} But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³ Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven shone around him. ⁴ And falling to the ground, he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" ⁵ And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting." ⁶ But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." ⁷ The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. ⁸ Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹ And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

¹⁰ Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord." ¹¹ And the Lord said to him, "Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying, ¹² and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." ¹³ But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem. ¹⁴ And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name." ¹⁵ But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. ¹⁶ For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." ¹⁷ So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁸ And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized; ¹⁹ and taking food, he was strengthened.

For some days he was with the disciples at Damascus. ²⁰ And immediately he proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God." ²¹ And all who heard him were amazed and said, "Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem of those who called upon this name? And has he not come here for this purpose, to bring them bound before the chief priests?" ²² But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Christ.

SERMON • “Conversion” Rev. Brad Allison

Christianity is a converting religion. At its heart, Christianity teaches that people need converting because by nature we go the wrong way, a way that destroys all that is most precious. In theological terms, we have a sin nature that will destroy us apart from divine intervention. Such intervention can be described in various ways, but one of the most common is conversion. Everyone, even covenant children raised in good Christian families, needs conversion. Today’s passage describes what is arguably the most famous conversion in the history of the Church. Luke finds it so important that he manages to write the book of Acts in such a way that the story of this conversion appears three times, or which this is the first. The chief persecutor of the church becomes the chief apostle who will spread the good news of Jesus to the Gentile world.

I. The Heart of Conversion

II. The Fruit of Conversion

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

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

SONG OF RESPONSE

“Jesus is Our Great Salvation”

Jesus is our great salvation, worthy of our best esteem. He has saved his favorite nation, join to sing aloud of him. He has saved us. Christ alone could us redeem. When involved in sin and ruin and no helper there was found, Jesus, our distress was viewing; grace did more than sin abound. He has called us, with salvation in the sound. Let us never, Lord, forget thee. Make us walk as children here. We will give thee all the glory of the love that brought us near. Bid us praise thee and rejoice with holy fear. Free election known by calling is a privilege divine. Saints are kept from final falling; all the glory, Lord, be thine.

Music by Clint Wells. Words by John Adams.

PLEASE STAND

HYMN OF RESPONSE • #455 (vs. 1,3,4,5)

“And Can It Be”

And can it be that I should gain
An int'rest in the Savior's blood?
Died he for me who caused his pain?
For me, who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be?
That thou my God shouldst die for me?
Amazing love! How can it be,

That thou my God shouldst die for me?

He left his father's throne above,
So free, so infinite his grace!
Humbled himself (so great his love),
And bled for all his chosen race.
'Tis mercy all immense and free,
For, O my God, it found out me.
Amazing love! How can it be,
That thou my God shouldst die for me?

Long my imprisoned spirit lay
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray;
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free;
I rose, went forth, and followed thee.
Amazing love! How can it be,
That thou my God shouldst die for me?

No condemnation now I dread:
Jesus and all in him is mine.
Alive in him my living head,
And clothed in righteousness divine.
Bold, I approach th' eternal throne,
And claim the crown through Christ, my own.
Amazing love! How can it be,
That thou my God shouldst die for me?

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

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WEEKLY BIBLE READING (August 15 - August 21)

John 6 • Matthew 19 • Luke 15-16 • Luke 17-18 • Mark 10

Announcements

OUR MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK are Tanner and Kelsey Crum. They are involved with student evangelism and discipleship at Auburn University, working through Reformed University Fellowship.

- **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.
- **COME SING WITH THE AVPC 15-MINUTE CHOIR (TODAY):** Come rehearse a classic hymn anthem (“Wonderful Grace of Jesus”) in the choir room today from 10:40–10:55 AM, then sing that anthem with the choir in the LATE SERVICE. *(Note: the choir will exit the choir loft before the sermon so that singers can sit with the congregation for the sermon. Or people attending the early service can stick around to sing the late service anthem, then go home after the choir sings.)* You don’t have to sign up. JUST SHOW UP.
- **CRATES FOR UKRAINE - THANK YOU!:** Missionaries, Bradley and Sara Cordell, want to thank all of you who donated towards the “Crates for Ukraine”. A team from Faith PCA will be taking our very full crate and many more over to Poland this week. Please lift up these couriers in prayer for smooth travel and no problems with customs for the crates.
- **5-WEEK OUTREACH EMPHASIS:** Today is week two of our focus on outreach in our worship services. Each of our pastoral staff will be preaching from a passage related to outreach. Please pray with us that the Spirit compels us to marvel again at our great salvation and propels us to love those in our lives who don’t yet know our Savior Jesus.
- **PICNIC AT THE PARK:** Join us Saturday, August 27, 6:30 – 8:00 PM for dinner, dessert, and yard games at Altadena Park. The Outreach Team is hosting Picnic at the Park to help us connect with our community through the park. Enjoy fun with your friends and family while engaging with our neighbors. We will have just one more of these events in September, so plan now to attend these last two fun events.
- **SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP BRUNCH - AUGUST 28:** Come hungry and join us Sunday, August 28, during the 9:45 AM Sunday School hour for another fun-filled fellowship brunch. Everyone is welcome to attend – even if you do not attend regularly. Good food and fun activities are planned again, so you don’t want to miss this.
- **ALL PARENTS OF AVPC YOUTH AND CHILDREN:** Join us on August 28th at 5 PM in Acton Hall to hear our vision of serving and partnering with you this year as we minister to your teens and children. We will open the meeting in a large group gathering for vision and prayer and then divide into youth and children’s ministries for an overview of the upcoming ministry year. Childcare will be provided. Bring a snack to share as we fellowship!

Calendar

SUNDAY (AUGUST 14)

8:30 AM Worship Service
 9:45 AM Sunday School
 10:40 AM 15-minute Choir Rehearsal
 11:00 AM Worship Service
 Brad | Acts 9:1-22

TUESDAY (AUGUST 16)

7:00 PM Session Meeting

WEDNESDAY (AUGUST 17)

6:15 PM Praise Team Rehearsal

SUNDAY (AUGUST 21)

8:30 AM Worship Service
 9:45 AM Sunday School
 11:00 AM Worship Service
 Clint | Acts 17:22-31

- **WOMEN'S FALL BIBLE STUDY:** This fall, we will again offer two study times. Beginning August 29, we will meet on Monday afternoons from 3-4:30 at the home of Wendy Allison. And then beginning August 31, we will meet on Wednesday mornings from 9-11:00 AM in the church parlor. There is childcare for all ages offered Wednesday mornings, including supervision for homeschool work. We will be studying the book of Ecclesiastes, considering what brings meaning to our lives, a pertinent topic in this ever changing world. Study guides are now available for purchase for \$9.00 in the church parlor.
- **BABY SHOWER:** The women of AVPC are hosting a baby shower on September 6, at 7:00 PM, at the home of Catie Lumpkin, 4012 Cross Grove Circle. This shower will be honoring Heather Tate and Kathy Whitner. You can contribute online thru CCB or in the collection envelope in your Sunday school class. Please designate 'baby shower' in the memo line of your check.
- **NEW TOPICS FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Our Fall Sunday School will begin September 4. You can pick up an informational sheet from the Parlor or Welcome Center. Read what topics will be offered for Adults, Youth and Children. To view electronically, visit the Worship & Media tab of the church webpage, drop down menu 'Resources'.

| | 08/07/22 Receipts | Year-To-Date Receipts | Year-To-Date Requirements | Over(Under) Budget |
|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| General Fund | \$16,944 | \$683,743 | \$777,224 | (\$93,481) |
| Faith Promise | \$3,500 | \$191,371 | \$203,021 | (\$11,650) |

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.

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