



# worship

at Altadena Valley Presbyterian Church

# Welcome to Altadena Valley

## **We are glad you are here.**

Please visit our website at [www.avpc.org](http://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

August 21, 2022 | 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

## PRELUDE

### “Rejoice”

Come and stand before your maker, full of wonder, full of fear. Come, behold his power and glory, yet with confidence draw near. For the one who holds the heavens and commands the stars above is the God who bends to bless us with an unrelenting love. Rejoice! Come and lift your hands and raise your voice! He is worthy of all praise. Rejoice! Sing the mercies of your king and with trembling, rejoice! We are children of the promise, the beloved of the Lord; won with everlasting kindness, bought with sacrificial blood, bringing reconciliation to a world that longs to know the affections of a father who will never let them go. Rejoice! Come and lift your hands and raise your voice! He is worthy of all praise. Rejoice! Sing the mercies of your king and with trembling, rejoice! All our sickness, all our sorrows, Jesus carried up the hill. He has walked this path before us, he is walking with us still. Turning tragedy to triumph, turning agony to praise. There is blessing in the battle so take heart and stand amazed. Rejoice! When you cry to him he hears your voice. He will wipe away your tears! Rejoice! In the midst of suffering, he will help you sing.

Words and music by Dustin Kensrue and Stuart Townend.

*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.*

## **CALL TO WORSHIP • From Psalm 138**

We give you thanks, O Lord, with our whole hearts; we sing your praise. We bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted above all things your name and your word. On the day we called, you answered us; our strength of soul you increased. All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O Lord, for they have heard the words of your mouth, and they shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord. For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly, but the haughty he knows from afar. Though we walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve our lives; you stretch out your hand against the wrath of our enemies, and your right hand delivers us. The Lord will fulfil his purpose for us; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.

## **INVOCATION**

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

## **THE WELCOME OF GOD**

## **SONGS OF PRAISE**

### **“All Creatures of Our God and King”**

All creatures of our God and King,  
Lift up your voice and with us sing, Alleluia, alleluia!  
Thou burning sun with golden beam,  
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,  
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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And all ye men of tender heart,  
Forgiving others, take your part, O sing ye, alleluia!  
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,  
Praise God and on him cast your care.  
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,  
And worship him in humbleness, O praise him, alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
And praise the Spirit, three in one.  
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

### **“Steadfast”**

I will build my house whether storm or drought,  
On the rock that does not move.  
I will set my hope in your love, O Lord,  
And your faithfulness will prove.  
You are steadfast, steadfast.

By the word you spoke all the starry host  
Are called out by name each night.  
In your watchful care, I will rest secure  
As you lead us with your light.  
You are steadfast, steadfast. You are steadfast, steadfast.

I will not trust in the strength of kings;  
On your promise I will stand.  
I will shout for joy, I will raise my voice,  
“Hallelujah to the Lamb!”  
You are steadfast, steadfast. You are steadfast, steadfast.

In the moment of emptiness, all was fulfilled,  
In the hour of darkness, your light was revealed.  
In the presence of death, your life was affirmed.  
In the absence of holiness, you are still God.  
You are steadfast, steadfast. You are steadfast, steadfast.  
You are steadfast, steadfast. You are steadfast, steadfast.

Words and Music by Joshua Silverberg, Leslie Jordan, and Sandra McCracken.

## **“Fairest Lord Jesus”**

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Thee will I cherish, thee will I honor  
Thou, my soul’s glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fair are 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, fair is the moonlight,  
And all the twinkling, starry host:  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer  
Than all the angels heav’n can boast.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations!  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,  
Now and forevermore be thine.

## CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God, Lover of the loveless,**

**It is your will that we should love you,  
with heart, soul, mind, and strength  
and our neighbors as ourselves.**

**But we are not sufficient for these things.**

**There is by nature no pure love in our souls;**

**Every affection in us is turned away from you;**

**We are bound, as slaves, to lust.**

**We cannot love you,  
lovely as you are,  
until you have set us free.**

**By grace we are free,  
and we would serve you,  
for you are God,  
and through Jesus we are redeemed,  
and our sins are forgiven.**

**Order all our ways by your holy Word  
and make your commandments the joy of our hearts.**

**May we grow in your love  
and manifest it to all humankind.**

**Spirit of Love,  
make us like the loving Jesus  
that we may shine before others to your glory.**

**In his name we pray. Amen.**

Adapted from The Valley of Vision: "Christian Love."

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*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 Jesus has taken upon himself the wrath and punishment of God for our sins, and we have been given eternal life and love through Jesus.*

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## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON • 1 John 4:9-11, 19**

In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

**(All) We love because he first loved us. Thanks be to God.**

## **HYMN OF RESPONSE • #81**

### **“O Love of God, How Strong and True”**

O love of God, how strong and true,  
Eternal and yet ever new,  
Uncomprehended and unbought,  
Beyond all knowledge and all thought!  
O love of God, how deep and great,  
Far deeper than man's deepest hate;  
Self-fed, self-kindled like the light,  
Changeless, eternal, infinite.

O heav'nly love, how precious still,  
In days of weariness and ill,  
In nights of pain and helplessness,  
To heal, to comfort, and to bless!  
O wide-embracing, wondrous love!  
We read you in the sky above,  
We read you in the earth below,  
In seas that swell and streams that flow.

We read you best in him who came  
Bearing for us the cross of shame;  
Sent by the Father from on high,  
Our life to live, our death to die.  
We read your pow'r to bless and save,  
E'en in the darkness of the grave;  
Still more in resurrection light  
We read the fullness of your might.

O love of God, our shield and stay  
Through all the perils of our way!  
Eternal love, in you we rest,  
Forever safe, forever blest.  
We will exalt you, God and King,  
And we will ever praise your name;  
We will extol you ev'ry day,  
And evermore your praise proclaim.

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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## **MISSION REPORT**

Dion Watts (Urban Hope Ministry - Fairfield, AL)

## PASTORAL PRAYER

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

### SCRIPTURE READING • Acts 17:22-31

<sup>17:22</sup> So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: "Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. <sup>23</sup> For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: 'To the unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup> The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, <sup>25</sup> nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. <sup>26</sup> And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, <sup>27</sup> that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, <sup>28</sup> for

*"In him we live and move and have our being";*

as even some of your own poets have said,

*"For we are indeed his offspring."*

<sup>29</sup> Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man.

<sup>30</sup> The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup> because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

## **SERMON • “The Heart of Outreach” Clint Cvacho**

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As we witness our nation growing increasingly hostile to Christianity and we hear terms like “post-Christian” batted around, it is easy to grow fearful, angry, and to imagine ourselves as soldiers in a great culture war. The apostle Paul found himself in a similar situation in the city of Athens, a city that had been the pinnacle of Greek (read: Gentile) thought and culture. As Paul witnessed the abundance of idols “his spirit was provoked within him.” (Can you relate?) His subsequent address, given to people who had no clue about Christianity has a lot to show us about effective outreach to those who have never darkened the door of a church or listened to a single Bible story. What we see is a man who didn’t go to war with outsiders, but went on a rescue mission to bring lost people home. In our text today we will see three traits that should guide our efforts as we attempt outreach. Traits that flow from a heart attuned to Jesus and that flow into one another.

### **I. Humility**

### **II. Love**

### **III. Truth**

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

## **GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

### **SONG OF RESPONSE**

#### **“Altogether Good”**

How could we recount the ways that you have multiplied our faith? The wisdom of your ways, the currents of your grace expressed in every moment, every wave. In the longing of our souls, in the darkness where we go, you are there. You are love. You are altogether good. In the weakness of our faith, in the silence where we wait, you are here. You're enough. You are altogether good. Through our joys and in our griefs, you have led us to believe. The wisdom of your ways, the currents of your grace express, our only hope for all our days. I love you, Lord! You are my more. Wholly present and pure, you are altogether good.

Words by Brian Eichelberger and Zach Bolen.

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### **HYMN OF RESPONSE • #2**

#### **“O Worship the King”**

O worship the King all-glorious above,  
O gratefully sing his power and his love:  
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,  
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of his might and sing of his grace,  
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,  
And dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold,  
Almighty, you pow'r has founded of old;  
Has 'stablished it fast by a changeless decree,  
And round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Your bountiful care, what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;  
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,  
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
In you do we trust, nor find you to fail.  
Your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,  
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

O measureless Might! Ineffable Love!  
While angels delight to hymn you above,  
The humbler creation, though feeble their lays,  
With true adoration shall lisp to your praise.

## **BENEDICTION**

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

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### **WEEKLY BIBLE READING (August 22 - August 28)**

John 11; Matthew 21 • John 13 • John 14 • John 15 • John 16

# Announcements

**OUR MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK** are Rodney and Jana Davila, serving with Mission to the World (MTW) in Costa Rica in leadership training and development. Rodney is involved with mentoring pastors and leading discipleship groups to train leaders and future pastors for the growing Costa Rican church-planting movement.

- **PICNIC AT THE PARK:** Join us this 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.
- **SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP BRUNCH:** 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 28 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. Childcare will be provided. Bring a snack to share as we fellowship!
- **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'.
- **MEN'S RETREAT 2022:** Save the date for the next men's retreat on October 7-8 at Camp Chula Vista. Registration begins September 6. Contact Blake Harris at [Blake@avpc.org](mailto:Blake@avpc.org) with any questions.
- **OUR CONDOLENCES:** We express our heartfelt condolences to **Denise Davidson** on the recent passing of her mother, Shirlee Fanning. We also express our condolences to **Darren Popwell** as he grieves the loss of his mother, Norma Popwell.
- **BOILER ROOM PRAYER – NEW LOCATION:** The boiler room prayer location has changed to GHK E-6. This is in the GHK building – next to their offices. This location is convenient and has no stairs to maneuver. Please consider joining us during early or late service.
- **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.

# Calendar

## SUNDAY (AUGUST 21)

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

## WEDNESDAY (AUGUST 24)

6:15 PM    Praise Team Rehearsal

## SATURDAY (AUGUST 27)

6:30 PM    Picnic at the Park

## SUNDAY (AUGUST 28\*)

8:30 AM    Worship Service  
 9:45 AM    Fellowship Brunch  
 11:00 AM    Worship Service  
                  Michael | Luke 15:1-7  
 5:00 PM    Children/Youth Parents Meeting

- **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 available for purchase for \$9.00 in the church parlor.
- **CONGRATULATIONS TO THE BOSTROMS AND THE PRETTYMANS:** We celebrate with joy the arrival of **Rosalie Kathryn Bostrom**. Rosalie was born Saturday, August 13. Rosalie weighed 8 lbs 2 oz and was 21 in long. She joins her big brother, Zacharias and mom and dad, Abi and Joel. We also rejoice with Thomas and Heather Prettyman as they welcome baby **Matilda Joy Prettyman** into their family. Matilda was born Thursday, August 18. Matilda weighed 6 lbs 14 oz and was 20 in long. Matilda joins her older siblings Penny, Zeke, and Malcom. Grandparents are Scott and Shirley Wilson.

*\*Celebration of The Lord's Supper*

	08/14/22 Receipts	Year-To-Date Receipts	Year-To-Date Requirements	Over(Under) Budget
<b>General Fund</b>	\$25,431	\$709,174	\$803,238	(\$94,063)
<b>Faith Promise</b>	\$5,833	\$197,204	\$205,880	(\$8,676)

## **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  
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### **DEACONS**

Hunter Boggs David Coley Al Foster Trey Holmes Matt Jackson Russell Lloyd  
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### **YOUNG ADULTS & MEN'S MINISTRIES**

Blake Harris  
*Young Adult & Men's Ministry Leader*

### **CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES**

Catie Lumpkin  
*Children's Director*  
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### **WOMEN'S MINISTRIES**

Heather Sommer  
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### **YOUTH MINISTRIES**

Clint Cvacho  
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