



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

December 1, 2024 | 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

First Sunday of Advent

PRELUDE

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel. O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free thine own from Satan’s tyranny; from depths of hell thy people save, and give them vict’ry o’er the grave. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel. O come, thou Key of David, come and open wide our heav’nly home; make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

On this First Sunday of Advent, we light the candle to remind us to prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of Jesus Christ. May God Himself, through His prophets, lead us to Jesus, the only Redeemer of His people. O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE • Isaiah 40:1-5

Ben & Jacklyn McGlothlin Family (8:30 AM Service)

Brice & Anna Jackson Family (11:00 AM Service)

CALL TO WORSHIP • From Psalm 89:1; Isaiah 61:10

(Leader) The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.

(All) Let the light of your face shine upon us, O LORD.

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

You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest.

You have filled our hearts with greater joy than when grain and new wine abound.

You have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor.

We will lie down and sleep in peace, for you alone, O LORD, make us dwell in safety.

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, with justice and righteousness from that time on and forevermore.

The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.

O come, let us adore him, Christ our Lord.

INVOCATION

THE WELCOME OF GOD

SONGS OF PRAISE

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him, born the King of angels!
O come, let us adore him, O come let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

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

God of God, Light of Light;
Lo, he abhors not the Virgin's womb:
Very God, begotten, not created.
O come, let us adore him, O come let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;
Glory to God in the highest!
O come, let us adore him, O come let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n;
Word of the Father, late in flesh appearing!
O come, let us adore him, O come let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

"God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen"

God rest you merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay,
Remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas day,
To save us all from Satan's pow'r when we were gone astray;
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy.

From God our heav'nly Father, a blessed angel came;
And unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same;
How that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name.
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy.

The shepherds at those tidings rejoiced much in mind,
And left their flocks a feeding, in tempest, storm, and wind;
And went to Bethlehem straightway, the Son of God to find.
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy.

“He Calls Me Friend”

I have a friend, a faithful friend, and Jesus is his name.
He will not leave, he stands by me; my Shepherd, he remains.

I have a friend, a mighty friend, and Jesus is his name.
I shall not fear, he holds me near; his strength will keep me safe.

*His name is true King,
Lord of creation, Ruler without end.
I call him hope, peace, wonderful Saviour,
And what joy that Jesus calls me friend.*

I have a friend, the kindest friend, and Jesus is his name.
He hears my cry by day or night and wipes my tears away.

*His name is true King,
Lord of creation, Ruler without end.
I call him hope, peace, wonderful Saviour,
And what joy that Jesus calls me friend.*

I have a friend, a Savior friend, and Jesus is his name.
He fought for me on Calvary and trampled on the grave.

*His name is true King,
Lord of creation, Ruler without end.
I call him hope, peace, wonderful Saviour,
And what joy that Jesus calls me friend.*

Words and music by Harrison Druery, Jonny Robinson, Michael Farren, and Rich Thompson.

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

PLEASE BE SEATED

(Leader) Arise, shine: for your light has come.

**(All) O God, we live as if the light
had never defeated the darkness in the world or in us.**

And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

**We confess that we can often ignore the Christ
you sent to be among us, to be in us.**

For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the Lord will arise upon you,
and his glory will be seen upon you.

**We often keep the coming of your Son
confined to the Christmas season
and do not yearn for his presence
each moment in our waiting hearts.**

And nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your rising.

**Lord, you came to us in the fullness of time.
Forgive us for not opening our eyes to your coming.
Let Christ come into the fullness of our time. Amen.**

Based on Isaiah 60:1-3; Worship Sourcebook D.2.2.4.

SILENT CONFESSION

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

(Congregation singing.)

“All Things New” (11:00 AM Service)

Come, Lord, and tarry not. Bring the long looked for day.
O, why these years of waiting here, these ages of delay?
Come, for thy saints still wait; daily ascends their sigh.
The Spirit and the Bride say, “Come.” Does thou not hear the cry?

*(Refrain) O, come and make all things new. Come and make all things new.
O, come and make all things new. Build up this ruined earth;
Come and make all things new.*

Come, for creation groans, impatient of thy stay,
Worn out with these long years of ill, these ages of delay.
Come, for love waxes cold; its steps are faint and slow.
Faith now is lost in unbelief, hope’s lamp burns dim and low. *(Refrain)*

Words by Horatius Bonar. Music by Clint Wells.

CHRIST’S REFINING WORK

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner’s fire and like fullers’ soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years. The messenger of the Lord has come in Christ. In Christ, we present offerings to the Lord in righteousness!

(All) Thanks be to God for his lavish grace!

Worship Sourcebook D.2.4.5. Based on Malachi 3:1-4, NRSV.

HYMN OF RESPONSE • #196

PLEASE STAND

“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

Come, Thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's Strength and Consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;
Dear Desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Joy to those who long to see thee, Dayspring from on high, appear;
Come, thou promised Rod of Jesse, of thy birth we long to hear!
O'er the hills the angels singing news, glad tidings of a birth:
“Go to him, your praises bringing; Christ the Lord has come to earth.”

Come to earth to taste our sadness, he whose glories knew no end;
By his life he brings us gladness, our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend.
Leaving riches without number, born within a cattle stall;
This the everlasting wonder, Christ was born the Lord of all.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever, how thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
By thine all sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE BE SEATED

PASTORAL PRAYER

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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 • “Advent Lamentation” Clint Cvacho

On this first Sunday in Advent, we focus on preparing our hearts for the birth of Jesus Christ, as God came to dwell with His people in a land of darkness in order to shine the light of life among broken sinners. As we enter the Christmas season, with its lights and frantic celebrations, the brokenness of the world is even more glaring. The presence of sickness, death, disunity, and want stand out more starkly than at other times of the year, and we are reminded that this is not the way it was supposed to be. Thus, a season that should be filled with great joy becomes a time of great lament for many of us. Today we will enter into David’s lamentation as we examine Psalm 13 in light of the Incarnation. We will face the darkness in the reality that the Light has come.

I. The Weight of Lament

II. The Petition of Lament

III. The Answer to Lament

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

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

SONG OF RESPONSE

“Light of the World”

The world waits for a miracle, the heart longs for a little bit of hope. O come, O come, Emmanuel. A child prays for peace on earth, and she’s calling out from a sea of hurt. O come, O come, Emmanuel. And can you hear the angels singing - Glory to the light of the world! Glory, the light of the world is here! The drought breaks with the tears of a mother, a baby’s cry is the sound of love. Come down, come down, Emmanuel. He is the song for the suffering. He is Messiah. The Prince of Peace has come. He has come, Emmanuel. For all who wait, for all who hunger, for all who’ve prayed, for all who wonder - behold your King! Behold, Messiah! Emmanuel, Emmanuel!

Words and Music by Lauren Daigle, Paul Duncan, and Paul Mabury.

*“The world waits
for a miracle, the
heart longs for a
little bit of hope.
O come, O come,
Emmanuel.”*

HYMN OF RESPONSE • #195

PLEASE STAND

“Joy to the World! The Lord Has Come”

Joy to the world! The Lord is come:
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare him room,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns:
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow;
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessings flow
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness
And wonders of his love,
And wonders of his love,
And wonders, wonders of his love.

BENEDICTION

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

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WEEKLY BIBLE READING (December 2 - December 8)

Hebrews 7 • Hebrews 8-9 • Hebrews 10 • Hebrews 11 • Hebrews 12

Announcements

OUR MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK are Peter and Janet H. Peter and Janet are serving in a creative-access area among an unreached people. They operate a small arts business and are involved in discipleship and evangelism toward the goal of church planting and growing/strengthening the existing church.

- **YOUNG ADULTS LUNCH MOVED:** The First Sunday Lunch has been moved from Sunday, December 1, to Sunday, December 8, due to Thanksgiving travel. Join us for fellowship and lunch, location coming soon!
- **MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST MOVED:** Men's First Monday Prayer has been moved from this Monday, December 2, to next Monday, December 9, from 6:30-7:30. Join us for a hearty breakfast, fellowship, and prayer!
- **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT:** On Sunday, December 8, children ages 4 - 6th grade will perform the Christmas story for the congregation during the Sunday School hour (9:45 AM) in the Fellowship Hall. Saturday, December 7, there will be a rehearsal for all children who will be participating in the Children's Christmas pageant. This rehearsal will be in the Fellowship Hall from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Following this rehearsal, there will be a pizza party. See you there!
- **CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK:** Join us next Sunday, December 8, at 5:00 PM for our 6th Annual Christmas Tree Lighting in Altadena Park. There will be cookies and hot chocolate, a craft for the kids, and a gospel presentation. Invite your friends!
- **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING DECEMBER 15:** The Session has called a congregational meeting on December 15, 2024, in the Fellowship Hall during the Sunday School hour (9:45-10:45). We will elect officers at this meeting and consider proposed changes to the AVPC bylaws. A list of the officer nominees and a description of the proposed bylaws changes are available in the Parlor and Welcome Center. Copies can also be found on the church website.
- **DECEMBER SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Following AVPC tradition, we will have joint Sunday School in the Fellowship Hall with many fellowship and worship opportunities through the month of December. We will have a Children's Christmas Pageant on December 8, a congregational meeting on December 15, and a Carol Sing on December 22. There will be no Sunday School on December 29 and only one service at 10 AM.
- **CHILDREN'S ADVENT DEVOTIONALS:** Join your AVPC family as we read through "Fear Not, For Behold" this Advent season. Pick up your Advent family devotionals in the Welcome Center, Parlor, the AVPC Kids table, or on the church website.
- **HANGING OF THE GREEN:** Thank you to all the volunteers who participated in the Hanging of the Green last week. The building and grounds look beautiful!

Calendar

SUNDAY (DECEMBER 1)

8:30 AM Worship Service
 Clint Cvacho | Psalm 13
 9:45 AM Fellowship Brunch
 11:00 AM Worship Service
 3:30 PM Lessons & Carols Rehearsals
 5:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 Youth Group

WEDNESDAY (DECEMBER 4)

9:00 AM WTW Cookie Swap

THURSDAY (DECEMBER 5)

9:00 AM Men's Coffee

SATURDAY (DECEMBER 7)

9:00 AM Children's Christmas
 Pageant Rehearsal

SUNDAY (DECEMBER 8)

8:30 AM Worship Service
 Kyle Parker | Colossians
 9:45 AM Christmas Pageant
 11:00 AM Worship Service
 3:30 PM Lessons & Carols Rehearsals
 5:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 Christmas in the Park

SAVE THE DATE - MORE INFORMATION COMING

December 8 – Children's Christmas Pageant

December 15 – Lessons & Carols

December 8 – Christmas Tree Lighting in the Park

December 24 – Candlelight Services

December 15 – Congregational Meeting

	Contributions for the Week	Year-To-Date Contributions	Year-To-Date Requirements	Over(Under) Budget
General Fund	\$8,419	\$1,336,319	\$1,341,949	(\$5,630)
Faith Promise	\$2,518	\$243,491	\$246,824	(\$3,333)

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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