



# 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 (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

December 25, 2022 | 11:00 AM

## Christmas Sunday

### PRELUDE

#### **"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"**

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand; ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in his hand, Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand. King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood, Lord of lords, in human vesture, in the body and the blood; he will give to all the faithful his own self for heavenly food. At his feet the six-winged seraph; cherubim, with sleepless eye, veil their faces to the presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry. "Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Lord Most High!"

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

### **CALL TO WORSHIP • Adapted from Isaiah 40:1-5; Luke 2:14**

(Leader) Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

#### **(All) Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men!**

A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.

#### **Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men!**

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

#### **Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men!**

*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.*

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## INVOCATION

### THE WELCOME OF GOD

### SONGS OF PRAISE

#### **“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”**

Joyful, joyful, we adore you,  
God of glory, Lord of light;  
Angels lifting praise before you  
Sing throughout this holy night.  
In a manger lies a baby,  
Child of Mary, Son of God.  
Voices joined in joyful chorus,  
Praise you for your gift of love.

All your works declare your glory;  
All creation joins to sing.  
Praise resounds as earth rejoices  
In the birth of Christ the King.  
Shepherds kneel before the Infant  
Trumpets sound and anthems raise  
As with joy our hearts are lifted,  
Joined in wonder, love, and praise.

## **"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"**

It came upon the midnight clear,  
That glorious song of old,  
From angels bending near the earth  
To touch their harps of gold:  
"Peace on the earth, good will to men,  
From heav'n's all gracious King";  
The world in solemn stillness lay  
To hear the angels sing.

And you, beneath life's crushing load,  
Whose forms are bending low,  
Who still along the climbing way  
With painful steps and slow,  
Look now! For glad and golden hours  
Come swiftly on the wing:  
O rest beside the weary road  
And hear the angels sing.

For lo, the days are hast'ning on,  
By prophet bards foretold,  
When with the ever circling years  
Comes round the age of gold;  
When peace shall over all the earth  
Its ancient splendors fling,  
And the whole world give back the song  
Which now the angels sing.

## **“What a Beautiful Name”**

You were the Word at the beginning, one with God the Lord Most High.  
Your hidden glory in creation, now revealed in you, our Christ.

*(Chorus 1) What a beautiful Name it is, what a beautiful Name it is,  
The Name of Jesus Christ, my King.  
What a beautiful Name it is, nothing compares to this.  
What a beautiful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.*

You didn't want heaven without us, so Jesus, you brought heaven down.  
My sin was great, your love was greater; what could separate us now?

*(Chorus 2) What a wonderful Name it is, what a wonderful Name it is,  
The Name of Jesus Christ, my King.  
What a wonderful Name it is, nothing compares to this.  
What a wonderful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.  
What a wonderful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.*

*(Bridge) Death could not hold you, the veil tore before you.  
You silence the boast of sin and grave.  
The heavens are roaring the praise of your glory  
For you are raised to life again.  
You have no rival, you have no equal.  
Now and forever God, you reign.  
Yours is the kingdom, yours is the glory,  
Yours is the Name above all names.*

*(Chorus 3) What a powerful Name it is, what a powerful Name it is,  
The Name of Jesus Christ, my King.  
What a powerful Name it is, nothing can stand against.  
What a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus. (Repeat Chorus 3)*

*What a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.  
What a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.*

Words and Music by Ben Fielding and Brooke Ligertwood.

## **CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**O God, in the beginning you spoke,  
and creation was born,  
the object of your loving care.**

**In the fullness of time you spoke,  
and the Word became flesh,  
Jesus, gift of your love.**

**We wonder at the miracle of creation;  
we stand in awe before the mystery of the incarnation.**

**Forgive us earthbound creatures,  
feeble in faith,  
empty of hope,  
lacking in love.**

**Let the miracle and mystery of Christmas happen for us again.**

**We wait upon you with ready hearts, O God,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Worship Sourcebook E.2.2.2.

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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 God  
has redeemed us  
and has granted us  
salvation.*

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Break forth together into singing; for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God. People of God, through the coming of Jesus Christ, whose birth we celebrate, the Lord has comforted and redeemed us too! In Christ we receive the salvation of our God.

**Glory to God in the highest!**

Worship Sourcebook E.2.4.1 Based on Isaiah 52:9-10; Luke 2:14, NRSV.

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## **HYMN OF RESPONSE • #207**

**“Good Christian Men, Rejoice”**

Good Christian men, rejoice  
With heart and soul, and voice;  
Give ye heed to what we say:  
Jesus Christ is born today;  
Earth and heav’n before him bow;  
And he is in the manger now.  
Christ is born today!  
Christ is born today!

Good Christian men, rejoice,  
With heart and soul and voice;  
Now ye hear of endless bliss:  
Jesus Christ was born for this!  
He has opened heaven’s door,  
And man is blessed evermore.  
Christ was born for this!  
Christ was born for this!

Good Christian men, rejoice,  
With heart and soul and voice;  
Now ye need not fear the grave:  
Jesus Christ was born to save!  
Calls you one and calls you all,  
To gain his everlasting hall.  
Christ was born to save!  
Christ was born to save!

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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## **PASTORAL PRAYER**

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

## SCRIPTURE READING • Luke 1:68-79

<sup>1:68</sup> "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,  
for he has visited and redeemed his people  
<sup>69</sup> and has raised up a horn of salvation for us  
in the house of his servant David,  
<sup>70</sup> as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,  
<sup>71</sup> that we should be saved from our enemies  
and from the hand of all who hate us;  
<sup>72</sup> to show the mercy promised to our fathers  
and to remember his holy covenant,  
<sup>73</sup> the oath that he swore to our father Abraham, to grant us  
<sup>74</sup> that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies,  
might serve him without fear,  
<sup>75</sup> in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.  
<sup>76</sup> And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,  
<sup>77</sup> to give knowledge of salvation to his people  
in the forgiveness of their sins,  
<sup>78</sup> because of the tender mercy of our God,  
whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high  
<sup>79</sup> to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,  
to guide our feet into the way of peace."

## **SERMON • “Christmas Gifts” Clint Cvacho**

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Our text today is a hymn of both praise and prophecy. Praise for what God had done through the birth of John the Baptist and Jesus and prophecy about what was to come through the ministry of these two. Today will be an “unboxing” of sorts as we open up the packages of praise and prophecy to see the wonderful gifts that are inside!

### **I. Praise: Promises Kept**

### **II. Prophecy: Promises Made**

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

## **GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

### **SONG OF RESPONSE**

#### **“May You Find a Light”**

Lost and weary traveler, searching for the way to go. Stranger, heavy-hearted, longing for someone to know. May you find a light to guide you home. There are weary travelers searching everywhere you go; strangers who are searching, longing deeply to be known. May you find the light to guide you home.

Words and music by Josh Garrells.

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### **HYMN OF RESPONSE • #195**

#### **“Joy to the World”**

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**

## **POSTLUDE**

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

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### **WEEKLY BIBLE READING (January 2 - January 8)**

Genesis 1-2 • Genesis 3-4 • Genesis 6-7 • Genesis 8-9 • Job 1-2

# Announcements

**OUR MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK** are Johnny & Becky Long, serving with Serge. Johnny is the Cross-cultural Renewal and Leadership Development Specialist at Serge helping to train the next generation of leaders, pastors, and church planters through regular public speaking, discipling, and the development of new leadership curriculum.

- **HOLIDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE:**

Today and Jan. 1: One worship service only at 11 AM; no Sunday School; no childcare provided. (The Lord's Supper will be celebrated on January 1.)

- **OFFICER ELECTIONS:** We are grateful to God for the election of officers at the December 18 Congregational Meeting. All the nominees received votes of approval by an overwhelming majority. Please pray for these men as they begin a three-year term of service. Brian Beckett, Brent McClenny, Jack Morris, Karl Poythress, and Thomas Prettyman will serve as elders in the class of 2025. Woody Armstrong, Al Foster, Trey Holmes, Matt Jackson, John Peters, Josh Putman, Bill Sommer, and Ed Wofford will serve as deacons in that class. The ordination and installation of new officers will take place at the late service on January 8.
- **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:** On Wednesday, December 28 at 9:00 AM we will be moving all of our Christmas decorations back into the attic. We will need all hands on deck to get the decorations put away, so please come and help if you are able - even for an hour. No sign-up is necessary.
- **MEMBERSHIP WEEKEND** – Are you thinking about church membership at Altadena? Come to our next Membership Event, Friday, January 20. There, you will meet church staff members, hear about ministry opportunities, and get to know others who are new to the church. Attendance at this or another weekend offered throughout the year is required for church membership. You can visit the *Events* tab of the church website, drop down *Event Registration*; email Christine ([christine@avpc.org](mailto:christine@avpc.org)) or call the church office to register and request childcare. Deadline to register is January 16.
- **AVPC KIDS MINISTRY NEEDS YOU:** We are recruiting Worship Center Leaders, Sunday School teachers, and substitutes for our winter/spring semester. Contact Catie at [catie@avpc.org](mailto:catie@avpc.org) for more information regarding needs.
- **NURSERY DIRECTOR:** Diana Lloyd has served AVPC faithfully as our Nursery Director for 10 years. Due to her increased family responsibilities, Diana has announced her immediate retirement. We are grateful for her impact and service. As sad as we are to see Diana leave this role, we are also grateful for God's provision of Alli Campbell, who has served as interim director during Diana's absence, and she will continue to serve in this role.

# Calendar

## SUNDAY (DECEMBER 25)

11:00 AM    Worship Service  
                  Clint | Luke 1:68-79

## SUNDAY (JANUARY 1)\*

11:00 AM    Worship Service  
                  Michael | Psalm 62:5-12

- **BECOME A FRIENDSHIP PARTNER:** Friendship partners is a program where you invest a small amount of time in an international student from UAB, in hopes of encouraging them with a family life, while they are so far away from home. AVPC participates in this program, working with the International Outreach ministry of Briarwood Presbyterian Church and UAB. Questions? Please contact Tom Hinke [thhinke@gmail.com](mailto:thhinke@gmail.com) for more detailed information.
- **PASTORAL TRANSITION FAQ DOCUMENT:** We encourage you to check out the Pastoral Transition FAQ document which can be found in the parlor and in the Welcome Center. An electronic version of this document can be found on the church website: [www.avpc.org/about/pastoral-transition](http://www.avpc.org/about/pastoral-transition).
- **CHURCH OFFICE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE:** Church offices will be closed on December 23, 26, 30, and January 2.

### SAVE THE DATE - MORE INFORMATION COMING

#### JANUARY

8 - New Sunday School Quarter Begins  
 8, 15, 22 - Sunday Night Dinners  
 20 - Membership Weekend

#### FEBRUARY

8-12 - Missions Conference  
 5, 19 - Sunday Night Dinners

*\*Celebration of The Lord's Supper*

|                      | 12/18/22<br>Receipts | Year-To-Date<br>Receipts | Year-To-Date<br>Requirements | Over(Under)<br>Budget |
|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>General Fund</b>  | \$61,714             | \$1,354,294              | \$1,378,866                  | (\$24,572)            |
| <b>Faith Promise</b> | \$12,226             | \$304,474                | \$342,308                    | (\$37,835)            |

## 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 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*  
Alli Campbell  
*Nursery Director*

### WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Heather Sommer  
*Women's Ministry Director*

### YOUTH MINISTRIES

Clint Cvacho  
*Youth Director*  
Callen Moyer  
*Girl's Discipleship Director*  
Michael Whitner  
*Youth Worship Leader*

### ADMINISTRATIVE AND FACILITY

Christine Rowlette  
*Church Administrator*  
Connor Bingham  
*Administrative Assistant*  
Jimmie Campbell  
*Bookkeeper*  
Dave Mayhew  
*Facilities Manager*  
Christin Murphy  
*Kitchen Coordinator*

### WORSHIP MINISTRIES

Heather Sommer  
*Worship Ministry Assistant*  
Young jin Jeon  
*Organist*  
Carol Apol & Ricky Klose  
*Sound Ministry Directors*