



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.
- During the Sunday School hour (9:45-10:45) adults are free to attend one of the following classes:

Pilgrims: This discussion class will include a brief introduction to the period of the Judges and the life of Samson.

Fellowship Hall: Join us for "Christ and Culture: Living in God's Two Kingdoms". We will study the "two kingdoms" teaching of Scripture and learn how to live as God's people in a world that is often hostile to them.

Young Adult: This class will also be studying "Christ and Culture" using the same resources the Fellowship Hall class.

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.

**VISITORS:
SCAN HERE**



ORDER OF WORSHIP

February 19, 2023 | 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

PRELUDE

“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.

*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 • Psalm 146:1-2, 5-10

Praise the LORD. Praise the LORD, O my soul. I will praise the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live. Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God, the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them—the LORD, who remains faithful forever. He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets prisoners free, the LORD gives sight to the blind, the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down, the LORD loves the righteous. The LORD watches over the alien and sustains the fatherless and the widow, but he frustrates the ways of the wicked. The LORD reigns forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the LORD.

INVOCATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

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

THE WELCOME OF GOD

SONGS OF PRAISE

PLEASE STAND

“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!

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!

“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.

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

We encourage you to use this time for silent reflection.

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God the Holy Spirit,

**You who proceed from the Father and the Son,
have mercy on us.**

**We confess that our sinful nature is full of enmity
toward our Creator and Savior.**

**As you moved to bring creation's birth and beauty from chaos,
so move, we pray, upon our disordered hearts;
take away the infirmities of unruly desires and hateful lusts;
lift the mists and darkness of unbelief.**

Take the things of Christ and show them to our souls.

**May we daily learn more of his love, grace, compassion,
faithfulness, and beauty.**

Help us to find in his death the reality and immensity of his love.

**Increase our faith in the clear knowledge of atonement achieved,
satisfaction made, guilt done away, debt paid, sins forgiven,
souls saved, hell vanquished, heaven opened, eternity made ours.**

O Holy Spirit, deepen in us these saving lessons.

**Write them on our hearts,
that our walk be sin-loathing, sin-fleeing, and Christ-loving.**

It is in the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

Adapted from Valley of Vision: "The Spirit's Work."

SILENT CONFESSION

SONG OF RESPONSE

“Poor Sinner, Dejected with Fear” (8:30 AM Service)

Poor sinner, dejected with fear, unbosom thy mind* to the Lamb; no wrath on his brow he does wear, nor will he poor mourners condemn; his arm of omnipotent grace is able and willing to save; a sweet and permanent peace he'll freely and faithfully give. Come just as thou art, with thy woe, fall down at the feet of the Lamb. He will not, he cannot say, “Go,” but surely will take out thy stain, a fountain is opened for sin, and thousands its virtues have proved he'll take thee, and plunge thee therein, and wash thee from filth in his blood. The soul that on Jesus relies, he'll never, no never deceive; he freely and faithfully gives more blessings than we can conceive; yea, down to old age he will keep, nor will he forsake us at last; he knows and is known by his sheep; they're his, and he will hold them fast.

Words by William Gadsby. Music by Katy Bowser & Matthew Perryman Jones.

** “Unbosom thy mind” means “disclose or reveal the secrets of your mind.”*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON • Titus 3:4-7; 2 Corinthians 5:21

Hear the good news: When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Thanks be to God.

We receive assurance of eternal salvation through Jesus Christ our Savior.

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
To bear 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

PLEASE BE SEATED

PASTORAL PRAYER

CHILDREN'S CHORAL RESPONSE

"Amazing Grace"

Amazing grace! — how sweet the sound— that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind, but now I see. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed! The Lord has promised good to me, his Word my hope secures; he will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures. When we've been there ten thousand years bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we first begun.

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

SCRIPTURE READING • Romans 8:1-11

^{8:1} There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

² For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. ³ For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵ For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶ For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. ⁸ Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹ You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹ If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

SERMON • “A Spirit-Filled Mindset” Rev. Brad Allison

We come today to a chapter that many would regard as their favorite chapter in the Bible. It is truly majestic in its claims about the faithful love of God and the security that is ours because of this faithful love. The chapter begins with a declaration of no condemnation and ends with one of no separation. And all of this comes to us by God’s initiative and not our own. These verses are located in a section of Paul’s letter that is about sanctification. It would seem that Paul believed a certain mindset is critical to our sanctification. I note three features of that mindset in these early verses of Romans 8.

I. Secure – v. 1-3

II. Productive – v. 4-8

III. Hopeful – v. 9-11

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

** Commonweal =
"Common good,
what is shared
and beneficial
for members
of a given
community."*

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

SONG OF RESPONSE

"Spirit of the Living God"

O Spirit of the living God, thou Light and Fire Divine. Descend upon thy Church once more and make it truly thine. Fill it with love and joy and power with righteousness and peace till Christ shall dwell in human hearts, and sin and sorrow cease. Blow, wind of God, with wisdom blow until our minds are free from mists of error, clouds of doubt, which blind our eyes to thee. Burn, winged fire, inspire our lips with flaming love and zeal to preach to all thy great good news, God's glorious commonweal*. So shall we know the power of Christ who came this world to save; so shall we rise with him to life which soars beyond the grave. And earth shall win true holiness which makes thy children whole till perfected by thee we reach creation's glorious goal.

Words and Music by Audrey Assad.

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INSTALLATION SERVICE FOR REV. BLAKE HARRIS AS ASSOCIATE PASTOR

(11:00 AM Service)

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

Rev. Brad Allison *(Altadena Valley)*

Mr. Nicholas Ireland *(Altadena Valley)*

CHARGE TO ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Rev. David Chester *(Redeemer)*

CHARGE TO CONGREGATION

Rev. Michael MacCaugherty *(Altadena Valley)*

PRAYER

Mr. David Harris *(Briarwood)*

HYMN OF RESPONSE • #167 (vs. 1-4, 6)

PLEASE STAND

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Alike at work and prayer to Jesus I repair:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

When sleep her balm denies, my silent spirit sighs,

May Jesus Christ be praised!

When evil thoughts molest, with this I shield my breast:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Does sadness fill my mind? A solace here I find,

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Or fades my earthly bliss? My comfort still is this:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

In heav'n's eternal bliss the loveliest strain is this:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

The powers of darkness fear, when this sweet chant they hear:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this th'eternal song through all the ages on:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

BENEDICTION

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

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WEEKLY BIBLE READING (February 20 - February 26)

Exodus 19-20 • Exodus 24-25 • Exodus 26-27 • Exodus 28-29 • Exodus 30-31

Announcements

OUR MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK are Scott and Helen Morris. They are involved with student evangelism and discipleship at the University of Oklahoma, working through Reformed University Fellowship (RUF).

- **PRAYER MINISTRY TEAM:** Today at 5:45 PM - 6:30 PM, the Prayer Ministry Team will be hosting a corporate time of prayer for our faith family. Prayer prompts will be available with an emphasis on the Pastoral transition process.
- **LADIES 2023 RETREAT:** Our yearly retreat is fast approaching so be sure to register now to reserve your spot. This year's retreat will be March 3 and 4, at AVPC. Registration forms are located in the Parlor and Welcome Center and on our webpage - Events Tab - Event Registrations.
- **PRAYER MINISTRY NEWS:** The Session has asked the Prayer Ministry Team to launch a new prayer initiative to equip and encourage the congregation to faithfully and consistently pray over the pastoral transition process. Each month, beginning in March, there will be a new Prayer Prompt bookmark in the Parlor and Welcome Center with a specific theme, and four Scripture verses for you to use in praying for the Pastoral Transition Process. We hope you will take advantage of this guide and use it as you take this important decision before the Lord.
- **MEN'S BIBLE STUDY:** Join us on Monday's, from 6:30-7:30 AM in Fellowship Hall for a series on the book True Community by Jerry Bridges. Books are \$9.00. Contact Blake for more information.
- **HANDYMAN SERVICE TEAM:** The Diaconate of AVPC has created a new mercy ministry opportunity called the Handyman Service Team. This team is comprised of volunteers who are willing to help those unable to complete small tasks around their homes. We invite both men and women, youth and adults to volunteer for this Team and to serve as you feel called. See the Enews for the link to sign up. Questions? Contact Matt Jackson at mtjlegal@aol.com.
- **ALTADENA PARK WORK DAY:** All able bodies – young and old – are encouraged to come help with another Park work day, scheduled for Saturday, March 18, at 8 AM. A variety of projects are on the list, including path and wooden fence improvements. Please bring your work gloves and garden tools, such as shovels and wheelbarrows. After a morning of hard work, pizza will be provided for lunch. Enjoy!
- **SAVE THESE DATES:** Don't forget to mark your calendar for these upcoming events:
 - Community Easter Egg Hunt, April 8
 - Membership Weekend, Friday, April 21
 - Camp Solid Rock, June 5-8 with Thursday evening activities
 - WACK, July 10-13 with Thursday evening program

Calendar

SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 19)

8:30 AM Worship Service
 9:45 AM Sunday School
 11:00 AM Worship Service
 Brad | Romans 8:1-11
 5:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 Community Groups
 Men's Bible Study
 Kids & Youth Activities
 5:45 PM Corporate Prayer Time
 6:30 PM Community Fellowship Meal
 with dessert potluck

MONDAY (FEBRUARY 20)

6:30 AM Men's Breakfast/Bible Study
 9:00 AM WTW Bible Study

TUESDAY (FEBRUARY 21)

7:00 PM Session Meeting

WEDNESDAY (FEBRUARY 22)

9:00 AM WTW Bible Study
 6:00 PM Community Groups
 6:15 PM Praise Team Rehearsal
 6:30 PM Youth Small Groups

THURSDAY (FEBRUARY 23)

9:00 AM Men's Coffee

SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 26)

8:30 AM Worship Service
 9:45 AM Sunday School
 11:00 AM Worship Service
 Brad | Romans 8:12-17
 5:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 Community Groups
 Men's Bible Study
 Kids & Youth Activities

	02/12/23 Receipts	Year-To-Date Receipts	Year-To-Date Requirements	Over(Under) Budget
General Fund	\$32,971	\$191,480	\$157,480	\$34,000
Faith Promise	\$453	\$36,055	\$19,455	\$16,600

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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