



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

February 25, 2024 | 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

PRELUDE

“Praise, My Soul”

Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven, to his feet thy tribute bring. Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who like me his praise should sing? Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King. Praise him for his grace and favor to our fathers in distress. Praise him still the same forever, slow to chide, and swift to bless. Alleluia! Glorious in his faithfulness. Fatherlike he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows. In his hands he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes. Alleluia! Widely as his mercy goes.

Words by Henry Lyte. Music by Zachary Snow and Michael Bobo.

Our prelude serves as a “gathering song,” signalling to the congregation when the worship service is about to begin. We encourage you to use this time to prepare your hearts for worship.

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Leader) Hear, O people of God: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.

(Congregation) Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness.

Love your neighbor as yourself.

The Lord is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made.

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

Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the LORD is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Rejoice in the LORD, you who are righteous, and praise his holy name.

Adapted from Deuteronomy 6:4-5; Psalm 29:2; Mark 12:31; 145:9; 100:2-3; 97:12.

INVOCATION

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

THE WELCOME OF GOD

SONGS OF PRAISE

PLEASE STAND

“Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder”

Let us love and sing and wonder. Let us praise the Savior's name.
He has hushed the law's loud thunder. He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame.
He has washed us with his blood. He has washed us with his blood.
He has washed us with his blood. He has brought us nigh to God.

Let us love the Lord who bought us, pitied us when enemies.
Called us by his grace and taught us, gave us ears and gave us eyes.
He has washed us with his blood. He has washed us with his blood.
He has washed us with his blood. He presents our souls to God.

Let us wonder, grace and justice join and point to mercy's store.
When through grace in Christ our trust is, justice smiles and asks no more.
He, who washed us with his blood; he, who washed us with his blood;
He, who washed us with his blood has secured our way to God.

Let us praise and join the chorus of the saints enthroned on high.
Here they trusted him before us, now their praises fill the sky.
Thou hast washed us with thy blood. Thou hast washed us with thy blood.
Thou hast washed us with thy blood. Thou art worthy, Lamb of God.

Words by John Newton. Music by Laura Taylor.

"Cornerstone"

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame but wholly trust in Jesus' name. *(Repeat)*

*(Refrain) Christ alone, cornerstone, weak made strong in the Savior's love;
Through the storm he is Lord, Lord of all.*

When darkness seems to hide his face I rest on his unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil. *(Refrain)*

When he shall come with trumpet sound, oh, may I then in him be found,
Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless stand before the throne. *(Refrain)*

Words and Music by Edward Mote, Eric Liljero, Jonas Myrin, Reuben Morgan & William Batchelder Bradbury.

“What Love My God”

What love, my God, would bring you down to earth?
What king would take a low and lonely birth?
Yet to this dark and broken place you came
To sleep beneath the stars that you had made.

What love, my God, would send the Way of Life
To walk the road rejected and despised,
That you might know the weakness I possess
And be my rock of strength and righteousness?

*O your love, my God, like a flood
As heaven opened up pouring out on us.
O praise the King who came to the world
In his love like a mighty flood.*

What love, my God, could hold you to the tree
To bear that overwhelming debt for me?
The Son of heaven leaves the Father's side;
The Healer bleeds, the Life was made to die.

*O your love, my God, like a flood
As heaven opened up pouring out on us.
O praise the King who came to the world
In his love like a mighty flood.*

What love, my God, so gracious and extreme
Was strong enough to come and fight for me,
To go through hell and down into the grave
And raise me up to see you face to face?
You raise me up to see you face to face.

*O your love, my God, like a flood
As heaven opened up pouring out on us.
O praise the King who came to the world
In his love like a mighty flood.*

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

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

PLEASE BE SEATED

**Merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you
with our whole heart
and mind
and strength.**

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

**In your mercy
forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.**

Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Worship Sourcebook 2.2.11.

SILENT CONFESSION

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON • Ezekiel 36:25-26; 2 Corinthians 5:17

We receive assurance that in Christ, we have been given a new heart and a new spirit; we are a new creation.

This is what the Sovereign Lord says to his people, "I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh." Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

PLEASE STAND

HYMN OF RESPONSE • #529

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down,
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
All thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love thou art.
Visit us with thy salvation,
enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
Into ev'ry troubled breast;
Let us all in thee inherit,
Let us find the promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be.
End of faith, as its Beginning,
Set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty, to deliver,
Let us all thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
Glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation;
Pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in thee.
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE BE SEATED

PASTORAL PRAYER

This morning's anthem is based on the title spiritual, the 16th century German chorale, "Wake, Awake, the Night is Flying," and the early 20th century African-American song, "This Little Light of Mine." The song alludes to the Parable of the Wise and Foolish Virgins (found in Matthew 25:1-13) where they await the return of the bridegroom. The wise virgins, who brought extra oil for their lamps, are ready and prepared; the foolish virgins, who did not bring extra oil, find themselves left behind when the groom arrives. So we too are wise if we are ready when the bridegroom, Jesus Christ, returns. And what does it mean to be ready? We must be born again through saving faith in Jesus Christ. (John 3:3-5, 16)

CHORAL RESPONSE (11:00 AM Service)

"Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning"

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the Day is drawing nigh. Wake, awake, night is flying. Wake, awake, the Day is drawing nigh. Children, don't get weary, 'til your work is done. Christian, rest in Jesus, 'til your work is done. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. I'm gonna keep it burning!

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SCRIPTURE READING • Hebrews 10:19-25

^{10:19} Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³ Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, ²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

SERMON • “Life in Paradise” Rev. Brad Allison

In our series on the “One Another” commands of the New Testament, we come today to this command to “stir up one another to love and good works.” The assumption implicit in this command is that there is great potential for good in our relationships with one another. God has put within the church a capacity for us to help one another even with this greatest command to love. This verb “stir up” can carry a negative meaning, in the sense of provoking someone to anger. We sometimes say of a troubled marriage, “They know how to push one another’s buttons.” But it is used here in a positive sense. Our passage begins with language that takes us back to the main storyline of the Bible, a story that begins in the paradise of Eden.

I. Paradise Re-Opened – vs. 19-21

II. Paradise Enjoyed – vs. 22-25

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

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

("Self-serve communion packets" are available at all main sanctuary entrances. Gluten-free "bread" is available in the Welcome Center. As the elements are passed, feel free to state the following words to the person next to you in the pew: Bread—"This is Christ's body, given for you." Juice—"This is Christ's blood, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.")

SONG OF RESPONSE

"Behold the Lamb (The Communion Hymn)"

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us—and we remember the promise made that all who come in faith find forgiveness at the cross. The body of our Savior Jesus Christ, torn for you—eat and remember; the wounds that heal, the death that brings us life paid the price to make us one. So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of his sacrifice as a sign of our bonds of love around the table of the King. The blood that cleanses every stain of sin, shed for you—drink and remember he drained death's cup that all may enter in to receive the life of God. So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of his sacrifice as a sign of our bonds of grace around the table of the King. And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond—and to remember our call to follow in the steps of Christ as his body here on earth. As we share in his suffering, we proclaim Christ will come again! And we'll join in the feast of heaven around the table of the King.

Words and music by Keith & Kristyn Getty & Stuart Townend.

HYMN OF RESPONSE • #347 (vs. 1-4, 6)

PLEASE STAND

“The Church’s One Foundation”

The church’s one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is his new creation by water and the Word.
From heav’n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o’er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder men see her sore oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up, “How long?”
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

The church shall never perish! Her dear Lord to defend,
To guide, sustain, and cherish, is with her to the end;
Though there be those that hate her, and false sons in her pale,
Against all foe or traitor she ever shall prevail.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won;
O happy ones and holy! Lord give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

BENEDICTION

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

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WEEKLY BIBLE READING (February 26 - March 3)

Exodus 32-33 • Exodus 34-35 • Exodus 40 • Leviticus 8-9 • Leviticus 16-17

Announcements

OUR MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK are Ty and Ginna Nash, serving with MTW in Bangkok, Thailand. Their main focus is partnering with Thai believers to plant churches in the city.

- **FAITH PROMISE:** Please be in prayer over your 2024 Faith Promise giving. If you would like to make a Faith Promise pledge, please pick up a Faith Promise card located in the Welcome Center or Parlor. You can drop the completed bottom portion of the card in the offering plate, in the clay jars, or turn it in to the office. Today is the deadline to submit a Faith Promise pledge.
- **MEN'S COOKOUT:** Men of all ages, join us for a cookout after the 11:00 AM service today in the Fellowship Hall from 12:30 – 2:00 PM. Enjoy good food and fellowship with brothers in Christ!
- **FELLOWSHIP DINNER:** Join us tonight in the Fellowship Hall from 6:30 – 8:00 PM for a time of food and fellowship. We will be having white BBQ chicken with southern buttermilk pie for dessert.
- **WOMEN'S RETREAT:** Our annual Women's Retreat will take place this coming weekend, March 1 – 2, at Altadena. You can sign up on the website or use one of the brochures found in the Parlor or Welcome Center. There is a cost of \$30 to cover food. Registration is due today. Contact Heather Sommer with questions (heather@avpc.org).
- **CAMP SOLID ROCK PLANNING:** You're invited! We are looking for individuals to serve on our 2024 Camp Solid Rock (AVPC's VBS) leadership team! If you enjoy discipling and serving children in the context of crazy fun, please join us in the Worship Center Room either February 28, 4:30 – 5:30 PM or March 1, 9:30 – 10:30 AM. Contact Catie (catie@avpc.org) with questions.
- **MEN'S QUARTERLY GAME NIGHT:** Men of all ages, join us Thursday, March 7, for a night of pizza and board games at the home of Holt and Laura Gray (1416 Buckhead Road) from 6:00 – 8:30 PM. RSVP to Holt at (205) 999-0213.
- **OPERATION COLLEGE CARE PACKS:** The Young Adults will be packing care packages on March 10 for all of our college students and college age members. Look for a signup email to bring items for these care packs. Items are due by March 8, and you can set them in the grey tub by the church office. Make sure to bring enough of your items for 28 individuals and to get the individually wrapped version of those items. Thank you for partnering to express the love of Christ to our college students! Contact Blake Harris (blake@avpc.org) if you have any questions.
- **MERCY SUNDAY:** The Mercy Team invites you to join us on Sunday, March 17, for Mercy Sunday. More information to come. See you there!
- **CHURCH WIDE TALENT SHOW:** Do you have a talent that you would be willing to share with others, all while helping raise support for the youth mission trip to Washington state? Then make plans to join us in the Fellowship Hall on April 20 at 6:00 PM for an evening you will not soon forget! If you would like to participate in the talent show, you can contact Clint Cvacho (clint@avpc.org) or sign up on our church website.

Calendar

SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 25)*

8:30 AM Worship Service
 Brad | Hebrews 10:19-25

9:45 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship Service

12:15 PM Men's Cookout

4:00 PM Communicant's Class

5:00 PM Kid's Bridge Night
 Youth Group
 Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 Community Groups
 Men's Bible Study - Parker Home

6:30 PM Fellowship Dinner

MONDAY (FEBRUARY 26)

6:30 AM Men's Bible Study - Fellowship Hall

3:00 PM WTW Bible Study - Klose Home

WEDNESDAY (FEBRUARY 28)

9:00 AM WTW Bible Study - Church Parlor

4:30 PM Camp Solid Rock Planning Meeting

6:00 PM WTW Bible Study - Parker Home

6:15 PM Praise Team Rehearsal

6:30 PM Community Groups

THURSDAY (FEBRUARY 29)

9:00 AM Men's Coffee

FRIDAY (MARCH 1)

9:30 AM Camp Solid Rock Planning Meeting

1:00 PM WTW Bible Study - Bates Home

6:00 PM Women's Retreat

SATURDAY (MARCH 2)

8:00 AM Women's Retreat

SUNDAY (MARCH 3)

8:30 AM Worship Service
 Blake | Luke 22:31-32

9:45 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship Service

4:00 PM Communicant's Class

5:00 PM Kid's Bridge Night
 Youth Group
 Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 Community Groups
 Men's Bible Study - Parker Home

6:30 PM Fellowship Dinner

**Celebration of The Lord's Supper*

SAVE THE DATE - MORE INFORMATION COMING

Spring 2024 Events

March 1-2 - Women's Retreat
 March 31 - Easter Sunday
 April 19 - Membership Night
 May 5 - Youth Sunday

Spring 2024 Fellowship Dinners

February 25
 March 3
 April 7 & 21

	Contributions for the Week	Year-To-Date Contributions	Year-To-Date Requirements	Over(Under) Budget
General Fund	\$13,490	\$243,679	\$220,317	\$23,362
Faith Promise	\$4,262	\$41,528	\$24,275	\$17,254

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
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Associate Pastor—Outreach/Mercy

Blake Harris
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ELDERS

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Girls' Discipleship Director

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