



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 26, 2023 | 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

PRELUDE

“This is Amazing Grace”

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness? Whose love is mighty and so much stronger? The King of Glory, the King above all kings. Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder and leaves us breathless in awe and wonder? The King of Glory, the King above all kings. This is amazing grace, this is unfailing love, that you would take my place, that you would bear my cross; you laid down your life that I would be set free. Jesus, I sing for all that you’ve done for me. Who brings our chaos back into order? Who makes the orphan a son and daughter? The King of Glory. Who rules the nations with truth and justice? Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance? The King of Glory, the King above all kings. Worthy is the Lamb who was slain and worthy is the King who conquered the grave.

Words and Music by Jeremy Riddle, Josh Farro, and Phil Wickham.

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

CALL TO WORSHIP • From Psalm 103

Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him; from everlasting to everlasting the LORD’s love is with those who fear him, and his righteousness with their children’s children—with those who keep his covenant and remember to obey his precepts. Praise the LORD, O my soul.

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

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

"Good, Good Father"

Oh, I've heard a thousand stories of what they think you're like,
But I've heard the tender whisper of love in the dead of night.
And you tell me that you're pleased and that I'm never alone.

*(Chorus 1) You're a good, good Father. It's who you are, it's who you are,
It's who you are, and I'm loved by you.
It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am. (2nd X go to Bridge)*

Oh, I've seen many searching for answers far and wide,
But I know we're all searching for answers only you provide
'Cause you know just what we need before we say a word. *(Chorus 1)*

PLEASE STAND

(Bridge) You are perfect in all of your ways.
You are perfect in all of your ways.
You are perfect in all of your ways to us. *(Repeat Bridge)*

Love so undeniable I can hardly speak;
Peace so unexplainable I can hardly think
As you call me deeper still, as you call me deeper still,
As you call me deeper still into love, love, love.

“There Is One Gospel”

There is one Gospel on which I stand for all eternity.
It is my story, my Father’s plan, the Son has rescued me.
Oh, what a Gospel, oh what a peace. My highest joy and my deepest need.
Now and forever, he is my light. I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

There is one Gospel to which I cling, all else I count as loss.
For there, where justice and mercy meet, he saved me on the cross.
No more I boast in what I can bring, no more I carry the weight of sin.
For he has brought me from death to life. I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

There is one Gospel where hope is found, the empty tomb still speaks.
For death could not keep my Savior down, he lives and I am free.
Now on my Savior I fix my eyes, my life is his and his hope is mine
For he has promised I too will rise. I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

And in this Gospel the church is one, we do not walk alone.
We have his Spirit as we press on to lead us safely home.
And when in glory still I will sing of this old story that rescued me.
Praise to my Savior, the King of life! I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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Words and Music by Jonny Robinson and Rich Thompson.

“How Deep the Father’s Love For Us”

How deep the Father’s love for us,
How vast beyond all measure,
That he should give his only Son
To make a wretch his treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss,
The Father turns his face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross,
My sin upon his shoulders,
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held him there
Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life,
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything,
No gifts, no pow’r, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from his reward?
I cannot give an answer,
But this I know with all my heart,
His wounds have paid my ransom.

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I cannot give an answer,
But this I know with all my heart,
His wounds have paid my ransom.

Words and Music by Stuart Townend.

CORPORATE PRAYER OF SUPPLICATION

PLEASE BE SEATED

Heavenly Father, help our infirmities.

**When we are pressed down with a load of sorrow,
perplexed and knowing not what to do,
slandered and persecuted,
made to feel the weight of the cross,
help us, we pray.**

**If you see in us
any wrong thing encouraged,
any evil desire cherished,
any delight that is not your delight,
any habit that grieves you,
any nest of sin in our hearts,
then grant us the kiss of your forgiveness,
and teach us to walk in the way of your commandments.**

**Teach us to praise, adore, and magnify you,
with the music of heaven.**

**We do not crouch at your feet
as slaves before a tyrant,
but rather we exult before you
as children with a loving father.**

**Give us the power and strength
to live as your children
in all our actions.**

In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

Adapted from *Valley of Vision*: "Weaknesses".

SILENT CONFESSION

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON • From Gal. 4:4-7; Phil. 3:20-21

We receive assurance that through Christ, we have been redeemed and are adopted into the family of God.

Hear the good news! When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God. Our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

Thanks be to God.

PLEASE STAND

HYMN OF RESPONSE • #642 (vs. 1-2, 4-5)

“Be Thou My Vision”

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art—
Thou my best thought by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now; and always:
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE BE SEATED

PASTORAL PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE (11:00 AM Service)

“The Meditations of My Heart”

May the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord. May the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my Rock, O Lord my strength, O Lord my God and Redeemer.

Words and music by Elaine Hagenberg. Based on Psalm 19:14.

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

SCRIPTURE READING • Romans 8:12-17

^{8:12} So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³ For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶ The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

SERMON • “Debtor and Royalty” Rev. Brad Allison

Identity is a major factor in behavior. A person identifying as a victim will often behave in a way that gives up easily, followed by self-pity and self-condemnation. A person who is secure in his or her identity will approach the world with confidence and curiosity, seeing challenges as opportunities rather than threats. Paul knows that much of our growth in personal holiness, our sanctification, depends on our sense of identity. That’s why he labors to remind us of our absolute security in this chapter on sanctification. Today’s passage features two truths about our identity. We are debtors, and we are royal sons and daughters of God Most High.

I. Debtor – v. 12-13

II. Royalty – v. 14-17

*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

*"Calling every
daughter, calling
every son, all
who've been
adopted through
a sacrifice of love.
There's no need
for you to fear,
your debts have
all been cleared...
God's prepared
a place for you.
He's calling you
to come and sing,
come and dance.
The Father's
singing over you"*

"God Delights In You"

Calling every daughter, calling every son, all who've been adopted through a sacrifice of love. There's no need for you to fear, your debts have all been cleared. Calling all the downcast who feel like they're alone; anyone who's longing for a family of their own. God's prepared a place for you. He's calling you to come and sing, come and dance. The Father's singing over you. Come rejoice and be glad for God delights in you. Calling all who've wandered, gone off on their own, anyone who wonders if they're welcome back at home. The God of grace makes all things new. He's calling you to come and sing, come and dance. The Father's singing over you. Come rejoice and be glad for God delights in you. You chose us to be the objects of your love in spite of all we have done. You gave your beloved Son to die for us to make us daughters and sons.

Words by Eric Grover. Music by George Romanacce.

HYMN OF RESPONSE • #559

PLEASE STAND

“Father, I Know That All My Life”

Father, I know that all my life is portioned out for me;
The changes that are sure to come, I do not fear to see:
I ask thee for a present mind, intent on pleasing thee.

I would not have the restless will that hurries to and fro,
Seeking for some great thing to do, or secret thing to know;
I would be treated as a child, and guided where I go.

I ask thee for the daily strength, to none that ask denied,
A mind to blend with outward life, while keeping at thy side,
Content to fill a little space, if thou be glorified.

In service which thy will appoints there are no bonds for me;
My secret heart is taught the truth that makes thy children free;
A life of self-renouncing love is one of liberty.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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

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WEEKLY BIBLE READING (February 27 - March 5)

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

Announcements

OUR MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK are Gregg and Julie Nicholson serving with United World Mission (UWM) in Bangkok, Thailand. Gregg is the team leader for the Bangkok UWM team. He also serves on the national level, as a coordinator for the Thailand Evangelism and Church Growth Committee as well as the Evangelical Fellowship of Thailand. Julie serves as Learning Disabilities specialist at the International Community School.

- **LADIES 2023 RETREAT:** Ladies of Altadena, please consider joining your sisters this Friday, March 3 and Saturday, March 4, at AVPC for the 2023 Ladies Retreat. Today is the deadline to register, so be sure to do so to reserve your spot. 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 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

MONDAY (FEBRUARY 27)

6:30 AM Men's Breakfast/Bible Study
 3:00 PM WTW Bible Study - Allison Home

WEDNESDAY (MARCH 1)

9:00 AM WTW Bible Study - Church Parlor
 6:00 PM Community Groups
 WTW Bible Study - Parker Home
 6:15 PM Praise Team Rehearsal
 6:30 PM Youth Small Groups

**Celebration of The Lord's Supper*

THURSDAY (MARCH 2)

9:00 AM Men's Coffee

SUNDAY (MARCH 5)

8:30 AM Worship Service
 9:45 AM Sunday School
 11:00 AM Worship Service
 Brad | Romans 8:18-30
 5:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 Community Groups
 Men's Bible Study
 Kids & Youth Activities
 6:30 PM Community Fellowship Meal
 with dessert potluck

	02/19/23 Receipts	Year-To-Date Receipts	Year-To-Date Requirements	Over(Under) Budget
General Fund	\$17,612	\$208,894	\$181,827	\$27,068
Faith Promise	\$2,686	\$38,740	\$24,626	\$14,114

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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