



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:
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

February 5, 2023 | 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

PRELUDE

“Your Love is Strong”

Heavenly Father, you always amaze me. Let your kingdom come in my world and in my life. Give me the food I need to live through today and forgive me as I forgive the people that wrong me. Lead me far from temptation; deliver me from the evil one. I look out the window—the birds are composing—not a note is out of tune or out of place. I walk to the meadow and stare at the flowers, better dressed than any girl on her wedding day. So why should I worry, why do I freak out? God knows what I need. You know what I need. Your love is strong. The kingdom of the heavens is now advancing—invade my heart, invade this broken town. The kingdom of the heavens is buried treasure—would you sell yourself to buy the one you’ve found? Two things you told me, that you are strong and you love me. Yes, you love me. Our God in heaven, hallowed be thy name above all names. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us weary sinners, keep us far from our vices and deliver us from these prisons.

Words and Music by Jon Foreman.

CALL TO WORSHIP • *Adapted from Psalm 19:7-10; 119:171-175*

(Leader) The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.

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.

(All) Our lips will pour forth praise, for you teach us your statutes. Our tongues will sing of your word, for all your commandments are right. Let your hand be ready to help us, for we have chosen your precepts. We long for your salvation, O LORD, and your law is our delight. Let our souls live and praise you, and let your rules help us.

INVOCATION

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

THE WELCOME OF GOD

SONGS OF PRAISE

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;
Join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires all have been
Granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew what the Almighty will do,
If with his love he befriend thee.

PLEASE STAND

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the "Amen" sound from his people again; gladly forever adore him!
Let the "Amen" sound from his people again; gladly forever adore him!

"His Mercy is More"

What love could remember no wrongs we have done?
Omniscient, all knowing, he counts not their sum.
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore,
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more.

*Praise the Lord, his mercy is more.
Stronger than darkness, new every morn,
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more.*

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?
What Father so tender is calling us home?
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest the poor.
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more.

*Praise the Lord, his mercy is more.
Stronger than darkness, new every morn,
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more.*

What riches of kindness he lavished on us.
His blood was the payment, his life was the cost.
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford.
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more.

*Praise the Lord, his mercy is more.
Stronger than darkness, new every morn,
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more.*

Words and music by Matt Papa and Matt Boswell.

“All I Have is Christ” (11:00 AM Service)

I once was lost in darkest night yet thought I knew the way.
The sin that promised joy and life had led me to the grave.
I had no hope that you would own a rebel to your will,
And if you had not loved me first, I would refuse you still.

But as I ran my hell-bound race, indifferent to the cost,
You looked upon my helpless state and led me to the cross.
And I beheld God’s love displayed, you suffered in my place.
You bore the wrath reserved for me now all I know is grace.

*Hallelujah! All I have is Christ. Hallelujah! Jesus is my life.
Hallelujah! All I have is Christ. Hallelujah! Jesus is my life.*

Now Lord, I would be yours alone and live so all might see
The strength to follow your commands could never come from me.
O Father, use my ransomed life in any way you choose;
O Father, use my ransomed life in any way you choose
And let my song forever be: my only boast is you.

*Hallelujah! All I have is Christ. Hallelujah! Jesus is my life.
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Words and Music by Jordan Kauffin.

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(Leader) O LORD, our God who brought your people out of Egypt,
out of the land of slavery and by Christ delivered us from sin,
you have been faithful to keep all the promises of your covenant.

But we, O LORD, have been a stiff-necked people who love unfaithfulness.

(All) We have loved other gods before you and become their servants.

**We have not worshipped you in spirit and in truth,
and so we have mocked your glory in heaven.**

We have used your name in vain and profaned your reputation on earth.

**We have desecrated your Sabbath
because we have not trusted you to give us rest.**

**We have not honored our fathers and mothers,
and so we have proved ourselves rebels.**

We have hated our neighbors and murdered them in our hearts.

**We have made adulterers of ourselves
in the lust of our eyes or in the deeds of our flesh.**

We have stolen honor and wealth and privileges that are not ours.

We have lied and falsely accused for we love gossip more than truth.

We have coveted blessings you wisely and righteously gave to others.

Forgive our hidden faults.

Keep us, your servants from willful sins; may they not rule over us.

**May the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts
be pleasing in your sight,**

O LORD, our Rock and our Redeemer. Amen.

Based on the Ten Commandments and Psalm 19:12-14.

PLEASE BE SEATED

*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
there is no
condemnation for
those who are in
Christ Jesus.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON • John 8:32, 36; Romans 8:1-2

Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life has set us free from the law of sin and death.

Thanks be to God.

PLEASE STAND

HYMN OF RESPONSE • #701

"Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It!"

Redeemed, how I love to proclaim it! Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb;
Redeemed through his infinite mercy, his child and forever I am.
Redeemed, redeemed, redeemed by the blood of the Lamb;
Redeemed through his infinite mercy, his child and forever I am.

Redeemed, and so happy in Jesus, no language my rapture can tell;
I know that the light of his presence with me doth continually dwell.
Redeemed, redeemed, redeemed by the blood of the Lamb;
Redeemed through his infinite mercy, his child and forever I am.

I think of my blessed Redeemer, I think of him all the day long;
I sing, for I cannot be silent; his love is the theme of my song.
Redeemed, redeemed, redeemed by the blood of the Lamb;
Redeemed through his infinite mercy, his child and forever I am.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE BE SEATED

FAITH PROMISE TESTIMONY

Dan Dougherty

PASTORAL PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE (8:30 AM Service)

“Great, Great Morning”

My Lord, what a morning when the stars begin to fall. It will be a great, great morning; it will come without a warning when we hear that trumpet sound. Though we may not know the hour, we know Christ will come in power and his trumpet blast will shake the ground. All the saints will rise and be taken to the skies. They will meet King Jesus in the air. Though we may not know the hour, we know Christ will come in power and his trumpet blast will shake the ground. In-a that great gettin' up morning, fare thee well. It's gonna be a gettin' up morning. I'll fly away, O glory! I'll fly away, in the morning. When I die, Hallelujah, by and by. I'll fly away! In the twinkling of an eye, we will mount up to the sky. Alleluia, we shall all be changed.

Based on Traditional African American Spirituals: *My Lord, What a Morning; In That Great Gettin' Up Morning; Great Day I'll Fly Away* by Albert E. Brumley. Alternate words for this anthem by J. Paul Williams. Music by Joseph M. Martin.

*Listen, I tell you
a mystery: We
will not all sleep,
but we will all
be changed—in
a flash, in the
twinkling of an
eye, at the last
trumpet. For
the trumpet will
sound, the dead
will be raised
imperishable,
and we will be
changed. The
sting of death is
sin, and the power
of sin is the law.
But thanks be
to God! He gives
us the victory
through our Lord
Jesus Christ.*

1 Cor. 15:51-52, 56-57

SCRIPTURE READING • Romans 7:7-25

^{7,7} What then shall we say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. For I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, "You shall not covet."⁸ But sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, produced in me all kinds of covetousness. For apart from the law, sin lies dead.⁹ I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin came alive and I died.¹⁰ The very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me.¹¹ For sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me.¹² So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good.

¹³ Did that which is good, then, bring death to me? By no means! It was sin, producing death in me through what is good, in order that sin might be shown to be sin, and through the commandment might become sinful beyond measure.¹⁴ For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin.¹⁵ For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate.¹⁶ Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good.¹⁷ So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.¹⁸ For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out.¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing.²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

²¹ So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand.²² For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being,²³ but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members.²⁴ Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?²⁵ Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin.

SERMON • “The Place of the Law” Rev. Brad Allison

Since Paul has said some negative things about the law of God that could be easily misconstrued, he continues with his clarification on the place of God’s law. It is likely that Paul was frequently put in a place to make these clarifications, and he does so again here. His primary point is that the law of God is “holy, and righteous and good” (v. 12). While the law does arouse “our sinful passions” (7:5) and “increase the trespass” (5:20), the problem is not with the law. Rather, it is with our sinful nature. The law is good, but it cannot make us good. In today’s passage, Paul continues to develop these themes regarding the role of God’s law, showing what the law can do quite well, and also what it is unable to do.

I. What the Law Can Do – v. 7-12

II. What the Law Cannot Do – v. 13-25

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

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

SONG OF RESPONSE

“By Thy Mercy”

*“From the depth
of nature’s
blindness, from
the hardening
power of sin,
from all malice
and unkindness,
from the pride
that lurks within,
by thy mercy, O
deliver us, good
Lord.”*

Jesus, Lord of life and glory, bend from heaven thy gracious ear; while our waiting souls adore thee, friend of helpless sinners, hear. From the depth of nature’s blindness, from the hardening power of sin, from all malice and unkindness, from the pride that lurks within, by thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord. When temptation sorely presses in the day of Satan’s power, in our times of deep distresses, in each dark and trying hour; when the world around is smiling in the time of wealth and ease, earthly joys our hearts beguiling, in the day of health and peace, by thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord. In the weary hours of sickness, in the times of grief and pain, when we feel our mortal weakness, when all human help is vain; in the solemn hour of dying, in the awful judgment day, may our souls, on thee relying, find thee still our Rock and Stay. By thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord.

Words by James J. Cummins. Music by Greg Thompson.

HYMN OF RESPONSE • #457

PLEASE STAND

“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God:
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander — Lord, I feel it — prone to leave the God I love:
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

*“Prone to wander
— Lord, I feel it —
prone to leave the
God I love:
Here's my heart,
O take and seal
it, seal it for thy
courts above.”*

BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE

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WEEKLY BIBLE READING (February 6 - February 12)

Genesis 48-49 • Genesis 50-Exodus 1 • Exodus 2-3 • Exodus 4-5 • Exodus 6-7

Announcements

OUR MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK are Avni and Maklen Menalla, serving with CRU on the Momentum Europe project. They hope to raise up a network of business and professional leaders to help connect influential European leaders to the irresistible love of Jesus.

- **BABY SHOWER** : The women of AVPC are hosting a baby shower to honor Danielle Harris, on February 6, at 7:00 PM, at the home of Emily Grace Ames, 2304 Dartmouth Drive, Hoover, AL. You can contribute online thru CCB or in the collection envelope in your Sunday school class. Please designate 'baby shower' in the memo line of your check.
- **MISSIONS CONFERENCE**: Our Missions Conference activities begin Wednesday, February 8. A schedule of events is listed on the next page.
- **PRAYER MINISTRY TEAM**: On Sunday, February 19, 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.
- **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.
- **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

	01/29/23 Receipts	Year-To-Date Receipts	Year-To-Date Requirements	Over(Under) Budget
General Fund	\$33,269	\$119,591	\$83,003	\$36,588
Faith Promise	\$9,467	\$24,227	\$9,114	\$15,113

Calendar

MISSIONS CONFERENCE - FEBRUARY 8-12

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY (FEB. 8 & 9):

Community Groups Hosting Missionaries

FRIDAY (FEB. 10):

Supper & Meeting (5:30 PM)

SATURDAY (FEB. 11):

Prayer Breakfast (8:30 AM)

SATURDAY (FEB. 11):

Supper & Missionary Panel (5:30 PM)

SUNDAY (FEB. 12):

Sunday Services (8:30 & 11:00 AM)

Church-wide Lunch

in Fellowship Hall (12:15 PM)

SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 5)

- 8:30 AM Worship Service
9:45 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship Service
 Brad | Romans 7:7-25
2:30 PM Mercy Leadership Team
5:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 Community Groups
 Men's Bible Study
 Kids & Youth Activities
6:30 PM Community Fellowship Meal
 with dessert potluck

MONDAY (FEBRUARY 6)

- 6:30 AM Men's Breakfast/Bible Study
9:00 AM WTW Bible Study
7:00 PM Baby Shower

WEDNESDAY (FEBRUARY 8)

- 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 9)

- 9:00 AM Men's Coffee

FRIDAY/SATURDAY (FEB.10/11)

MISSIONARY EVENTS: SEE SCHEDULE ABOVE

SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 12)

- 8:30 AM Worship Service
9:45 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship Service
 Chris Granberry
12:15 PM Fellowship Lunch
5:00 PM Community Groups
 Men's Bible Study
 Kids & Youth Activities

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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Girl's Discipleship Director
Michael Whitner
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