



**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.

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

January 12, 2025 | 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

*“To be loved but not known is comforting but superficial. To be known and not loved is our greatest fear. But to be fully known and truly loved is, well, a lot like being loved by God. It is what we need more than anything. It liberates us from pretense, humbles us out of our self-righteousness, and fortifies us for any difficulty life can throw at us. . . . It is not the strength of your faith but the object of your faith that actually saves you. . . . The gospel is this: We are more sinful and flawed in ourselves than we ever dared believe, yet at the very same time we are more loved and accepted in Jesus Christ than we ever dared hope.”*

— **Tim Keller**

*“90 percent of those who come for pastoral care today seek relief from their suffering. On the other hand, one hundred years ago 90 percent of those seeking pastoral counseling came to get help to serve God in the midst of their suffering. They sought to discover the duty of their present circumstances and to fulfill it.”*

— **Sandy Wilson**

*“The presbyterian way has ever appeared to me most agreeable to the word of God, and the reason and nature of things.”*

— **Jonathan Edwards**

## PRELUDE

### “When the Roll is Called Up Yonder”

When the trumpet of the Lord shall sound and time shall be no more, and the morning breaks eternal, bright, and fair; when the saved of earth shall gather over on the other shore, and the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there. When the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there. On that bright and cloudless morning when the dead in Christ shall rise, and the glory of his resurrection share; when his chosen ones shall gather to their home beyond the skies, and the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there. When the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there. Let us labor for the Master from the dawn till setting sun, let us talk of all his wondrous love and care; then when all of life is over and our work on earth is done, and the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there. When the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.

*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, either by singing along with the praise team or by meditating on the lyrics as the praise team sings.*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP • *From Psalm 19*

(Leader) The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge. There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard. 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.

**(Congregation) Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.**

The Lord be with you!

**And also with you!**

## INVOCATION

### THE WELCOME OF GOD

### HYMN OF INVOCATION

**“Holy, Holy, Holy”**

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

*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. Please stand and welcome one another.*

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
Who wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,  
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see.  
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee –  
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
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## **CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

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(Leader) We are confident in the truth that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord, therefore, let us in freedom confess our sins.  
(From Romans 8:39)

**Father, you search us and know us.**

**You know how quickly we rise to defend our success, savviness, and strength — although the whole of it comes from your gifting and grace and not ultimately our accomplishment.**

**We resist Christ's grace by wilfully turning our backs to you as we grasp for self, digital culture, and material idols which promise comfort but deliver bondage.**

**Forgive, correct, and heal us through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

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

## **SILENT CONFESSION**

### **SONG OF CONFESSION**

#### **“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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Words and Music by Stuart Townend.

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON • Isaiah 1:18**

Come, let us reason together, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet,  
they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall  
become like wool.

## SONG OF RESPONSE

PLEASE STAND

### **“Before the Throne of God Above”**

Before the throne of God above,  
I have a strong and perfect plea;  
A great High Priest whose name is Love,  
Who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on his hands;  
My name is written on his heart.  
I know that while in heav’n he stands,  
No tongue can bid me thence depart,  
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair  
And tells me of the guilt within,  
Upward I look and see him there,  
Who made an end of all my sin.  
Because the sinless Savior died,  
My sinful soul is counted free:  
For God, the Just, is satisfied  
To look on him and pardon me,  
To look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there, the Risen Lamb;  
My perfect spotless righteousness.  
The great unchangeable I Am,  
The King of Glory and of grace.  
One with himself I cannot die;  
My soul is purchased by his blood.  
My life is hid with Christ on high,  
With Christ my Savior and my God.

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Words by C.L. Bancroft. Music by Vikki Cook.

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## **ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS**

*Elders Installed: Clint Cvacho, Nicholas Ireland, Jay Lloyd, Kelley Lloyd*

*Elders Ordained and Installed: John Franklin, Jeff Schofield*

*Deacons Ordained and Installed: Kevin Drace, Brannan Jones, John Oliver*

- **Charge to the Ruling Elders** (*Dr. Frank Thielman*)
- **Questions to the Ruling Elders** (*Rev. Blake Harris*)
- **Charge to the Deacons** (*Rev. Fran Sciacca*)
- **Questions to the Deacons** (*Rev. Michael MacCaughelty*)
- **Charge to the Congregation** (*Woody Armstrong*)
- **Questions to the Congregation** (*Rev. Kyle Parker*)
- **Charge to Officers' Wives** (*Catherine Bobo*)
- **Laying on of Hands and Prayer for Ruling Elders & Deacons**

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## **HYMN OF RESPONSE**

### **"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.

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.

## **PASTORAL PRAYER**

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## SCRIPTURE READING • Nehemiah 1

<sup>1:1</sup> The words of Nehemiah the son of Hachaliah.

Now it happened in the month of Chislev, in the twentieth year, as I was in Susa the citadel, <sup>2</sup> that Hanani, one of my brothers, came with certain men from Judah. And I asked them concerning the Jews who escaped, who had survived the exile, and concerning Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup> And they said to me, "The remnant there in the province who had survived the exile is in great trouble and shame. The wall of Jerusalem is broken down, and its gates are destroyed by fire."

<sup>4</sup> As soon as I heard these words I sat down and wept and mourned for days, and I continued fasting and praying before the God of heaven. <sup>5</sup> And I said, "O Lord God of heaven, the great and awesome God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, <sup>6</sup> let your ear be attentive and your eyes open, to hear the prayer of your servant that I now pray before you day and night for the people of Israel your servants, confessing the sins of the people of Israel, which we have sinned against you. Even I and my father's house have sinned. <sup>7</sup> We have acted very corruptly against you and have not kept the commandments, the statutes, and the rules that you commanded your servant Moses. <sup>8</sup> Remember the word that you commanded your servant Moses, saying, 'If you are unfaithful, I will scatter you among the peoples, <sup>9</sup> but if you return to me and keep my commandments and do them, though your outcasts are in the uttermost parts of heaven, from there I will gather them and bring them to the place that I have chosen, to make my name dwell there.'<sup>10</sup> They are your servants and your people, whom you have redeemed by your great power and by your strong hand. <sup>11</sup> O Lord, let your ear be attentive to the prayer of your servant, and to the prayer of your servants who delight to fear your name, and give success to your servant today, and grant him mercy in the sight of this man."

Now I was cupbearer to the king.



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

## **GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

### **SONG OF RESPONSE**

#### **“O Church, Arise”**

O Church, arise and put your armor on; hear the call of Christ our Captain. For now the weak can say that they are strong in the strength that God has given. With shield of faith and belt of truth, we'll stand against the devil's lies; an army bold whose battle cry is love, reaching out to those in darkness. Our call to war—to love the captive soul, but to rage against the captor; and with the sword that makes the wounded whole, we will fight with faith and valor. When faced with trials on every side, we know the outcome is secure, and Christ will have the prize for which he died—an inheritance of nations. Arise, shine, for your Light has come. Arise, shine, for the risen Son. Lift your eyes. We are his radiant bride. Arise, O Church, arise. Come see the cross where love and mercy meet, as the Son of God is stricken; then see his foes lie crushed beneath his feet, for the Conqueror has risen! And as the stone is rolled away, and Christ emerges from the grave, this victory march continues till the day every eye and heart shall see him. So Spirit come, put strength in every stride, give grace for every hurdle, that we may run with faith to win the prize of a servant, good and faithful. As saints of old still line the way retelling triumphs of his grace, we hear their calls and hunger for the day when with Christ we stand in glory.

Words and Music by Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, Stuart Townend, and Chris Tomlin.

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bold whose battle  
cry is love, reaching  
out to those in  
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## **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**

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

## **POSTLUDE**

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### **WEEKLY BIBLE READING (January 13 - January 19)**

Genesis 18-19 • Genesis 20-21 • Genesis 22 • Genesis 24 • Genesis 25-26

# Announcements

**OUR MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK** are John & Lynn Lehn. They are missionaries to Croatia serving with Greater Europe Mission in a church planting and discipleship ministry.

- **SMALL GROUP INVITATION:** Interested in a small group but not sure how to join one? This is a great time of year to learn more and connect with a group. Email the small group coordinator, Jack Morris (crowndoc84@gmail.com) to express interest.
- **YOUNG ADULTS SUNDAY LUNCH:** Join us for lunch after church from 12:45-2:00 PM, for a time of food and fellowship at the home of Layne and Amy Savoie.
- **CHANCEL CHOIR BEGINS TONIGHT:** Do you enjoy singing? Have you been thinking about joining the choir? If so, we would like to invite you to rehearse with the Chancel Choir tonight from 5:00 - 6:30 PM in the Choir Room. Contact Heather at heather@avpc.org for more information. This is a great opportunity for you to "try it out" for a week or two to see if this is a way you would like to serve. The choir will sing in many of the morning worship services during the winter/spring season and on Easter Sunday. If you would like more information, contact Heather at heather@avpc.org.
- **LEGACY MUSEUM TRIP:** Join us this Saturday, January 18 as we visit the Equal Justice Initiative's Legacy Museum in Montgomery. If you have any questions, please contact Michael MacCaughelty (michael@avpc.org).
- **MAN MOOT:** Men both young and old, join us on Monday, January 20 from 7:00-8:15 PM at the home of Nikki and Woody Armstrong for the first ever Man Moot. This moot has been called for the purpose of welcoming Kyle Parker into the brotherhood of the church. There will be fire!
- **MEMBERSHIP MORNING:** Are you thinking about church membership at Altadena? Come to our next Membership Event, Saturday, January 25. You will meet church staff and hear about ministry opportunities at AVPC. Attendance at this or another weekend offered throughout the year is required for church membership. You can sign up on the church website.
- **HOUSING MISSIONARIES:** The Missions Team is seeking members of the AVPC family who are willing to host some of our visiting missionaries for the 2025 Missions Conference, February 5-9. Many of their meals will be taken care of through conference events. If you have any questions or would be interested in hosting for one or more nights, please contact Margie McClenny at McClennym86@gmail.com for more information.
- **MISSION TRIP PHOTOS FOR ART GALLERY:** Missions Conference 2025 will be here soon. As part of our missions emphasis, we would like to have pictures of your past missions trips to display in the Gallery. Please submit pictures to Janet Friday (janetfriday@mindspring.com) by January 31. Please include information about the pictures - names, date, location, people served. (Note: if you have submitted pictures in the past, we plan to reuse those photos.)

# Calendar

## SUNDAY (JANUARY 12)

8:30 AM     Worship Service  
                  Kyle Parker | Nehemiah 1

9:45 AM     Sunday School

11:00 AM    Worship Service

12:30 PM    Young Adults Lunch

5:00 PM     Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
                  Kid's Bridge Night  
                  Youth Group  
                  Small Groups

## MONDAY (JANUARY 13)

2:30 PM     WTW Bible Study (Conference Room)

## TUESDAY (JANUARY 14)

7:00 PM     Diaconate Meeting

## WEDNESDAY (JANUARY 15)

6:15 PM     Praise Team Rehearsal

6:30 PM     Small Groups

## THURSDAY (JANUARY 16)

9:00 AM     Men's Coffee

## FRIDAY (JANUARY 17)

1:00 PM     WTW Bible Study (Judy Bates Home)

## SATURDAY (JANUARY 18)

8:00 AM     Legacy Museum Trip

## SUNDAY (JANUARY 19)

8:30 AM     Worship Service  
                  Kyle Parker | Colossians 3:1-4

9:45 AM     Sunday School

11:00 AM    Worship Service

5:00 PM     Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
                  Kid's Bridge Night  
                  Youth Group  
                  Small Groups

### SAVE THE DATE

January 18 – Equal Justice Museum Trip

January 25 – Membership Morning

February 5-9 – AVPC Missions Conference

	<b>Contributions for the Week</b>	<b>Year-To-Date Contributions</b>	<b>Year-To-Date Requirements</b>	<b>Over(Under) Budget</b>
<b>General Fund</b>	\$54,516	\$54,516	\$33,505	\$21,011
<b>Faith Promise</b>	\$40,935	\$40,935	\$2,246	\$38,689

## 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

Kyle Parker  
*Senior Pastor*

Stephen Whitner  
*Associate Pastor–Worship*

Michael MacCaughelty  
*Associate Pastor–Outreach/Mercy*

Blake Harris  
*Associate Pastor–Adult Ministries*

## CHURCH LEADERS

### ELDERS

Brian Beckett Grahame Bobo Clint Cvacho John Franklin Nicholas Ireland Jay Lloyd Kelley Lloyd Brent McClenny  
Jack Morris Barry Parker Karl Poythress Thomas Prettyman Jeff Schofield Danny Wachs John Wimberly

### DEACONS

Woody Armstrong Zac Campbell Kevin Drace Steve Driggers Al Foster Trey Holmes Matt Jackson Brannan Jones  
Russell Lloyd Tom McCallum John Oliver John Peters Darren Popwell Josh Putman Drew Russell Bill Sommer Ed Wofford

### WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Heather Sommer  
*Women's Ministry Director*

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Catie Lumpkin Allie Campbell  
*Children's Director Nursery Director*

Danielle Harris  
*Children's Administrative Assistant*

Amanda Amerson  
*Children's Ministry Assistant*

### YOUNG ADULTS & MEN'S MINISTRIES

Blake Harris  
*Associate Pastor*

Nick Moyer  
*College Ministry Assistant*

### YOUTH MINISTRIES

Clint Cvacho  
*Youth Director*

Callen Moyer  
*Girls' Discipleship Director*

Hannah Snow  
*Youth Worship Intern*

### ADMINISTRATIVE AND FACILITY

Anna Waldrip  
*Church Administrator*

Connor Bingham  
*Administrative Assistant*

Dave Mayhew Heather Sommer  
*Facilities Manager Financial Administrator*

Michael Bobo Hillary Gamble  
*IT Director Kitchen Coordinator*

### WORSHIP MINISTRIES

Heather Sommer  
*Worship Ministry Assistant*

Young jin Jeon  
*Organist*

Carol Apol & Ricky Klose  
*Sound Ministry Directors*