



# 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 14, 2024 | 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

## PRELUDE

### “Only a Holy God”

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven?  
Who else could make every king bow down?  
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles? Only a Holy God.

What other beauty demands such praises?  
What other splendour outshines the sun?  
What other majesty rules with justice? Only a Holy God.

*(Chorus) Come and behold him, the One and the Only.  
Cry out, sing holy, forever a Holy God. Come and worship the Holy God.*

What other glory consumes like fire?  
What other power can raise the dead?  
What other name remains undefeated? Only a Holy God. *(Chorus 2 X's)*

Who else could rescue me from my failing?  
Who else would offer his only Son?  
Who else invites me to call him Father?  
Only a Holy God. Only my Holy God. *(Chorus 2 X's)*

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

## CALL TO WORSHIP • Psalm 133:1-3; 95:6-7

Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity! It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down on the collar of his robes! It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion! For there the Lord has commanded the blessing, life forevermore. Come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

*Our prelude serves as a “gathering song,” signaling to the congregation when the worship service is about to begin. 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.*

## INVOCATION

### THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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

### THE WELCOME OF GOD

### SONGS OF PRAISE

#### ***"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"***

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;  
Our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe; his craft and pow'r are great;  
And armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;  
Were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.  
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus! It is he! Lord Sabaoth his name,  
From age to age the same, and he must win the battle.

PLEASE STAND

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,  
We will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us.  
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him; his rage we can endure,  
For lo! His doom is sure; one little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them, abideth;  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth.  
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also; the body they may kill:  
God's truth abideth still; his kingdom is forever.

### **"Mighty to Save" (11:00 AM Service)**

Everyone needs compassion, a love that's never failing.  
Let mercy fall on me.  
Everyone needs forgiveness, the kindness of a savior,  
The hope of nations. (Hope of nations)

*(Chorus 1) Savior, he can move the mountains.  
My God is mighty to save, he is mighty to save.  
Forever author of salvation; he rose and conquered the grave,  
Jesus conquered the grave. (2<sup>nd</sup> X to Bridge)*

So take me as you find me, all my fears and failures.  
Fill my life again.  
I give my life to follow. Everything I believe in,  
Now I surrender. (I surrender) *(Chorus 1)*

*(Bridge) Shine your light and let the whole world see;  
We're singing for the glory of the risen King Jesus.  
Shine your light and let the whole world see;  
We're singing for the glory of the risen King.*

*(Chorus 2) Savior, you can move the mountains.  
God, you are mighty to save, you are mighty to save.  
Forever author of salvation; you rose and conquered the grave,  
Yes, you conquered the grave. (Repeat Chorus 2)*

## **“I Will Trust My Savior Jesus”**

I will trust my Savior, Jesus,  
When my darkest doubts befall;  
Trust him when to simply trust him  
Seems the hardest thing of all.

I will trust my Savior, Jesus,  
Trust him when my strength is small,  
For I know the shield of Jesus  
Is the safest place of all.

*Jesus, only Jesus,  
Help me trust you more and more;  
Jesus, only Jesus,  
May my heart be ever yours.*

I will trust my Savior, Jesus,  
He has said his way is best,  
And I know the path he's chosen  
Leads to everlasting rest.

*Jesus, only Jesus,  
Help me trust you more and more;  
Jesus, only Jesus,  
May my heart be ever yours.*

*(Bridge)* Oh, on that cross how it was seen.  
I can go now ever trusting  
In the one who died for me.  
What could I bring for your gift is complete,  
So I trust you, simply trust you,  
Lord, with every part of me.

*Jesus, only Jesus,  
Help me trust you more and more;  
Jesus, only Jesus,  
May my heart be ever yours.*

Words and music by Jaywan Maxwell, Jonny Robinson, Lucy Ann Bennett, Rich Thompson, and Tiarne Tranter.

## **CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

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**O Lord, we thank you that the issue of the battle  
between yourself and Satan has never been uncertain  
and will end in victory.**

**Calvary broke the dragon's head,  
and we contend with a vanquished foe,  
who with all his subtlety and strength  
has already been overcome.**

**When we feel the serpent at our heels  
may we remember him whose heel was bruised,  
but who, when bruised, crushed the devil's head.**

**Our souls with inward joy extol Jesus Christ, our mighty conqueror.**

**Forgive our sins and heal us of wounds received in the great conflict;  
when we have gathered defilement,  
when our faith has suffered damage,  
when our hope is less than bright,  
when our love is not fervent,  
when our souls sink under the pressure of the fight.**

**Give us such fellowship with you  
that we may defy Satan, unbelief, the flesh, and the world,  
with a delight that comes not from a creature,  
but from you, our Creator.**

**In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

Adapted from *Valley of Vision*: "The Servant in Battle."

## **SILENT CONFESSION**

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

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON • Romans 5:1-5, 8-9

Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.

*We receive assurance that through Christ, we have peace with God.*

*Hymn-writer and minister, Edward Mote, wrote this hymn one morning as he was thinking about the "gracious experience of a Christian." A few days later, Mote found himself at the bedside of a dear friend's dying wife. When the friend lamented that he could not find a hymn to sing, Mote took the hymn from his pocket and asked if they would like to sing his new hymn. The family was so blessed by the song that Mote later made 1000 copies and sent them to other friends.*

## HYMN OF RESPONSE • #521

### **"My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less"**

My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

*(Chorus) On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand,  
All other ground is sinking sand.*

When darkness veils his lovely face,  
I rest on his unchanging grace;  
In every high and stormy gale,  
My anchor holds within the veil. *(Chorus)*



His oath, his covenant, his blood  
Support me in the whelming flood:  
When all around my soul gives way,  
He then is all my hope and stay. *(Chorus)*

When he shall come with trumpet sound,  
O may I then in him be found;  
Dressed in his righteousness alone,  
Faultless to stand before the throne. *(Chorus)*

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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## **FAITH PROMISE TESTIMONY**

*Ryan & Melissa Parker*

## PASTORAL PRAYER

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## SCRIPTURE READING • Romans 16:17-23

<sup>16:17</sup> I appeal to you, brothers, to watch out for those who cause divisions and create obstacles contrary to the doctrine that you have been taught; avoid them. <sup>18</sup> For such persons do not serve our Lord Christ, but their own appetites, and by smooth talk and flattery they deceive the hearts of the naive. <sup>19</sup> For your obedience is known to all, so that I rejoice over you, but I want you to be wise as to what is good and innocent as to what is evil. <sup>20</sup> The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

<sup>21</sup> Timothy, my fellow worker, greets you; so do Lucius and Jason and Sosipater, my kinsmen.

<sup>22</sup> I Tertius, who wrote this letter, greet you in the Lord.

<sup>23</sup> Gaius, who is host to me and to the whole church, greets you. Erastus, the city treasurer, and our brother Quartus, greet you.

## **SERMON • “Watch Out” Rev. Blake Harris**

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You know that moment when a parent stops a child who is walking out of the house and says, “Be careful! Watch out for \_\_\_\_\_ (tigers, flying squirrels, etc.)” Right in the middle of his parting greetings, Paul has a fatherly moment with the Roman church: “Watch out! This gospel and the gospel community I’ve just described are precious treasures. Don’t let anyone take that from you.”

### **I. They Are Not Who They Say They Are**

### **II. You Are Not Who You Once Were**

### **III. God Is Who He Has Always Said He Is**

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

## **GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

### **SONG 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 heaven 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.

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## **HYMN OF RESPONSE • #358 (vs. 1-2, 4-6)**

PLEASE STAND

### **“For All the Saints”**

For all the saints, who from their labors rest,  
Who thee by faith before the world confessed,  
Thy Name, O Jesus, be forever blessed. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might;  
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well fought fight;  
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true Light. Alleluia, Alleluia!

The golden evening brightens in the west;  
Soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;  
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest. Alleluia, Alleluia!

But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;  
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;  
The King of glory passes on his way. Alleluia, Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
Singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, Alleluia!

## **BENEDICTION**

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

## **POSTLUDE**

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### **WEEKLY BIBLE READING (January 15 - January 21)**

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

# Announcements

**OUR MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK** are Jeremy and Angel Martin, serving with Serge in Southall, London. Jeremy and Angel work with New Life Masih Ghar Church and are involved with diaconal ministry, discipleship, leadership development and hospitality.

- **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](mailto:heather@avpc.org) for more information.
- **FELLOWSHIP DINNER:** Join us tonight in the Fellowship Hall from 6:30 - 8:00 PM for a time of food and fellowship. We'll be having chicken and dumplings.
- **MEMBERSHIP NIGHT:** Are you thinking about church membership at Altadena? Come to our next Membership Event on Friday, January 19. Dinner is served at 6:00 PM, followed by an informational meeting. You will meet church staff and hear about ministry opportunities. You can sign up on the AVPC website under the Events - Event Registrations tab. Attendance at this or another weekend offered is required for church membership. Today is the deadline to register.
- **WOMEN'S LUNCHEON:** Ladies, you are invited to a small group luncheon on January 21 after the late service. The women will meet in groups of 6-8. RSVP to Heather at [heather@avpc.org](mailto:heather@avpc.org). Today is the deadline to register.
- **COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE:** Next Sunday, January 21, Lifesouth Community Bloodcenters is hosting a blood drive in Altadena Park. No appointment is necessary.
- **PRAYER SERVICE:** Next Sunday, January 21, 5:45 - 6:30 PM, the Prayer Ministry Team will be hosting a corporate time of prayer in the Conference Room. We plan to pray about the themes of compassion and peace as we continue to seek the Lord during our pastoral transition process.
- **MISSION TRIP PHOTOS FOR ART GALLERY:** The 2024 Missions Conference 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](mailto:janetfriday@mindspring.com)) by January 24. Please include information about the pictures - names, date, location, people served.
- **YOUNG ADULT DINNER:** Join us for dinner and dessert on Friday, January 26 at the home of Russell and Katey Windsor. All who are out of college or working are welcome!
- **MEN'S PRAYER AND BREAKFAST:** January 27, from 7:30 - 9:00 AM, the Men's Ministry is hosting a time of prayer and breakfast at the MacCaughelty home, 2832 Cahawba Trail. All ages are welcome.
- **BABY SHOWER:** The women of AVPC are hosting a baby shower on February 5, at 7:00 PM, at the home of Whitney Jones, 216 Oakmont Cir. This shower will be honoring Caroline Cwynar. You can contribute online or in the collection envelope in your Sunday school class. Please designate 'baby shower' in the memo line of your check.

# Calendar

## SUNDAY (JANUARY 14)

- 8:30 AM    Worship Service  
              Blake | Romans 16:17-23
- 9:45 AM    Sunday School
- 11:00 AM    Worship Service
- 12:30 PM    Pastoral Search Committee Meeting
- 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 (JANUARY 15)

- 6:30 AM    Men's Bible Study - Fellowship Hall
- 3:00 PM    WTW Bible Study - Klose Home

## TUESDAY (JANUARY 16)

- 7:00 PM    Session Meeting

## WEDNESDAY (JANUARY 17)

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

## THURSDAY (JANUARY 18)

- 9:00 AM    Men's Coffee

## FRIDAY (JANUARY 19)

- 1:00 PM    WTW Bible Study - Bates Home
- 6:00 PM    Membership Night

## SUNDAY (JANUARY 21)

- 8:30 AM    Worship Service  
              Brad | Romans 16: 25-27
- 9:45 AM    Sunday School
- 11:00 AM    Worship Service
- 12:30 PM    Women's Small Group Luncheon
- 12:45 PM    Community Blood Drive
- 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
- 5:45 PM    Prayer Service
- 6:30 PM    Fellowship Dinner

**SAVE THE DATE - MORE INFORMATION COMING**

**Spring 2024 Events**

- March 1-2 - Women's Retreat
- March 31 - Easter Sunday
- May 5 - Youth Sunday

**Spring 2024 Fellowship Dinners**

- January 14 & 21
- February 4 & 25
- April 7 & 21

	<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>	\$45,078	\$45,078	\$31,790	\$13,288
<b>Faith Promise</b>	\$1,980	\$1,980	\$2,246	(\$266)

## 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  
*Senior Pastor*

Stephen Whitner  
*Associate Pastor—Worship*

Michael MacCaughelty  
*Associate Pastor—Outreach/Mercy*

Blake Harris  
*Associate Pastor—Adult Ministries*

## CHURCH LEADERS

### ELDERS

Paul Barber Steve Barley Brian Beckett Grahame Bobo Brent McClenny Jack Morris  
Barry Parker Karl Poythress Thomas Prettyman Danny Wachs John Wimberly

### DEACONS

Woody Armstrong Hunter Boggs Zac Campbell David Coley Steve Driggers Al Foster Trey Holmes Matt Jackson  
Russell Lloyd Tom McCallum Josh Moore 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*

Mary Frances Snyder  
*Children's Administrative Assistant*

Amanda Amerson  
*Children's Ministry Assistant*

### YOUNG ADULTS & MEN'S MINISTRIES

Blake Harris  
*Associate Pastor*

### YOUTH MINISTRIES

Clint Cvacho  
*Youth Director*

Callen Moyer  
*Girls' Discipleship Director*

Michael Whitner  
*Youth Worship Leader*

### ADMINISTRATIVE AND FACILITY

Anna Waldrip  
*Church Administrator*

Connor Bingham  
*Administrative Assistant*

Heather Sommer  
*Financial Secretary*

Dave Mayhew  
*Facilities Manager*

Hillary Gamble  
*Kitchen Coordinator*

### WORSHIP MINISTRIES

Heather Sommer  
*Worship Ministry Assistant*

Young jin Jeon  
*Organist*

Carol Apol & Ricky Klose  
*Sound Ministry Directors*