



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.

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.



ORDER OF WORSHIP

January 15, 2023 | 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

PRELUDE

“Because He Lives (Amen)”

I believe in the Son; I believe in the Risen One; I believe I overcome by the power of his blood; Amen, I'm alive because he lives; Amen, let my song join the one that never ends because he lives. I was dead in the grave; I was covered in sin and shame; I heard mercy call my name; he rolled the stone away. Because he lives I can face tomorrow; because he lives every fear is gone. I know he holds my life, my future in his hand; because he lives.

Words and Music by Chris Tomlin, Daniel Carson, Ed Cash, Gloria Gaither, Jason Ingram, Matt Maher, & William J. Gaither.

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

CALL TO WORSHIP • Psalm 40:3-5, 9-10, 14

(Leader) The Lord put a new song in our mouths, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear the Lord and put their trust in him.

(Congregation) Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, who does not look to the proud, to those who turn aside to false gods.

Many, Lord our God, are the wonders you have done, the things you planned for us. None can compare with you; were we to speak and tell of your deeds, they would be too many to declare.

We proclaim your saving acts in the great assembly; we do not seal our lips, Lord.

We do not hide your righteousness in our hearts; we speak of your faithfulness and your saving help. We do not conceal your love and your faithfulness from the great assembly.

May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; may those who long for your saving help always say, “The Lord is great!”

(All) Praise be to our God!

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

INVOCATION

THE WELCOME OF GOD

SONGS OF PRAISE

“How Great is Our God”

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty,
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.
He wraps himself in light, and darkness tries to hide,
And trembles at his voice, and trembles at his voice.

*(Chorus) How great is our God, sing with me, how great is our God.
And all will see how great, how great is our God.*

And age to age he stands, and time is in his hands,
Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End.
The Godhead three in one: Father, Spirit, Son,
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb. *(Chorus)*

*(Bridge) Name above all names, worthy of all praise,
My heart will sing, how great is our God. (Chorus)*

Words and Music by Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves, and Ed Cash.

“Your Grace Finds Me”

It's there in the newborn cry, there in the light of every sunrise,
There in the shadows of this life: your great grace.
It's there on the mountain top, there in the everyday and the mundane,
There in the sorrow and the dancing: your great grace, O such grace.

*From the creation to the cross, there from the cross into eternity,
Your grace finds me. Yes, your grace finds me.*

It's there on a wedding day, there in the weeping by the graveside,
There in the very breath we breathe: your great grace.
The same for the rich and poor, the same for the saint and for the sinner,
Enough for this whole wide world: your great grace, O such grace.

*From the creation to the cross, there from the cross into eternity,
Your grace finds me. Yes, your grace finds me.
There in the darkest night of the soul, there in the sweetest songs of victory,
Your grace finds me. Yes, your grace finds me.
Your great grace, O such grace. Your great grace. O such grace.*

So I'm breathing in your grace and breathing out your praise.
I'm breathing in your grace.

Forever I'll be breathing in your grace and breathing out your praise.
I'm breathing in your grace.

Forever I'll be breathing in your grace and breathing out your praise.
I'm breathing in your grace.
Forever God. Forever God!

*From the creation to the cross, there from the cross into eternity,
Your grace finds me. Yes, your grace finds me.
There in the darkest night of the soul, there in the sweetest songs of victory,
Your grace finds me. Yes, your grace finds me.
Your great grace, O such grace. Your great grace. O such grace.*

Words and Music by Jonas Myrin & Matt Redman.

“God, You’re So Good” (11:00 AM Service)

Amazing love that welcomes me,
The kindness of mercy
That bought with blood wholeheartedly
My soul undeserving.

*God, you’re so good. God, you’re so good.
God, you’re so good. You’re so good to me.*

Behold the cross, age to age,
And hour by hour.
The dead are raised, the sinner saved
The work of your power.

*God, you’re so good. God, you’re so good.
God, you’re so good. You’re so good to me.*

(Bridge) I am blessed, I am called,
I am healed, I am whole,
I am saved in Jesus’ name.
Highly favored, anointed,
Filled with your power
For the glory of Jesus’ name. *(Repeat Bridge)*

And should this life bring suffering,
Lord, I will remember
What Calvary has bought for me,
Both now and forever.

*God, you’re so good. God, you’re so good.
God, you’re so good. You’re so good to me.
God, you’re so good. God, you’re so good.
God, you’re so good. You’re so good to me.*

Words and music by Brett Younker, Brooke Ligertwood, Kristian Stanfill, Scott Ligertwood.

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

PLEASE BE SEATED

**O Lord, we marvel that you should become incarnate,
that you should be crucified, dead, and buried.**

**Grant us to die with you that we may rise to new life,
for we wish to be as dead and buried
to sin, to selfishness, to the world;
that we might not hear the voice of the charmer,
and might be delivered from his lusts.**

**O Lord, there is much ill about us - crucify it,
much flesh within us - mortify it.**

**Purge us from selfishness,
the fear of man,
the love of praise and approval.**

**Grant us to stand with our crucified Savior,
to be content to be rejected,
to be willing to take up unpopular truths,
and to hold fast to your godly teachings until death,
though they be despised by the world.**

Help us to be resolute and Christ-centered.

Keep us from wandering from the path of obedience to your will.

Strengthen us for the battles ahead.

Give us courage for all the trials, and grace for all the joys.

**Grant us more and more of the resurrection life:
may it rule us,
may we walk in its power,
and be strengthened through its influence.**

In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

Adapted from The Valley of Vision: "Crucifixion & Resurrection."

SILENT CONFESSION

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON • Ephesians 2:1-8

We receive assurance that we are saved by the grace of God and made alive with Christ.

Brothers and sisters in Christ, we were dead in our transgressions and sins, in which we used to live when we followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom. All of us lived among them, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath. But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace we have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For it is by grace we have been saved, through faith—and this not from ourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that none of us can boast.

PLEASE STAND

HYMN OF RESPONSE

“In Christ Alone”

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my Light, my strength, my song.
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my all in all,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones he came to save.

'Til on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied.
For every sin on him was laid,
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave he rose again.
And as he stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me.
For I am his and he is mine,
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death;
This is the pow'r of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of Hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from his hand.
'Til he returns or calls me home,
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE BE SEATED

FAITH PROMISE TESTIMONY

Joel Bostrom

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

SCRIPTURE READING • Romans 6:1-14

^{6:1} What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ² By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³ Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

⁴ We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷ For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸ Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰ For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

¹² Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions.

¹³ Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. ¹⁴ For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

SERMON • “Revolt Against Sin” Rev. Brad Allison

With Romans 5, Paul has wrapped up his treatment of the topic of justification and moves in Romans 6 to talk about our sanctification. This is the theological word to describe how we grow in our obedience to Christ. It answers the question of how people change. We all have had the experience of recognizing our need to change, wanting to change, but then finding our sin to have such surprising power that change is only short-lived. Is real change even possible? Paul assures us that it is, and in Romans 6 he makes his case for exactly how such change happens.

I. The Objection – v. 1

II. The Answer – v. 2-11

III. The Application – v. 12-14

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

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

SONG OF RESPONSE

“Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God”

Holy Spirit, living Breath of God, breathe new life into my willing soul. Let the presence of the risen Lord come renew my heart and make me whole. Cause your word to come alive in me. Give me faith for what I cannot see; give me passion for your purity. Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me. Holy Spirit, come abide within. May your joy be seen in all I do. Love enough to cover every sin in each thought and deed and attitude. Kindness to the greatest and the least, gentleness that sows the path of peace. Turn my strivings into works of grace. Breath of God, show Christ in all I do. Holy Spirit, from creation's birth giving life to all that God has made, show your power once again on earth. Cause your church to hunger for your ways. Let the fragrance of our prayers arise. Lead us on the road of sacrifice that in unity the face of Christ may be clear for all the world to see.

Words and music by Stuart Townend and Keith Getty.

*“Holy Spirit, living
Breath of God,
breathe new life
into my willing
soul. Let the
presence of the
risen Lord come
renew my heart
and make me
whole.”*

HYMN OF RESPONSE • #277

PLEASE STAND

“Christ, the Lord is Risen Today”

“Christ the Lord is ris’n today; Alleluia!
Sons of men and angels say; Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia!
Sing ye heav’ns, and earth, reply. Alleluia!

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Alleluia!
Christ has burst the gates of hell: Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids his rise. Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King; Alleluia!
Where, O death is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died, our souls to save; Alleluia!
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led. Alleluia!
Foll’wing our exalted Head. Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise. Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia!

BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE

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WEEKLY BIBLE READING (January 16 - January 22)

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

Announcements

OUR MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK are Verne and Alina Marshall with Mission to the World in Santiago, Chile. They are part of a team that is working alongside national church planters involved in a church planting and discipleship ministry aimed at the middle and upper classes.

- **FELLOWSHIP DINNER:** Join us tonight for Fellowship dinner. Dinner starts at 6:30 - right after community groups dismiss. AND DON'T FORGET a dessert pot-luck will again be served, so bring your best dessert to share.
- **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.
- **MEMBERSHIP WEEKEND** – Are you thinking about church membership at Altadena? Come to our next Membership Event, Friday, January 20. There, you will meet church staff members, hear about ministry opportunities, and get to know others who are new to the church. Attendance at this or another weekend offered throughout the year is required for church membership. Call the church office to register and request childcare. Tomorrow is the deadline to register.
- **FAMILY SERVES INITIATIVE:** We would like to say thanks to those who have already signed up for our Family Serves Initiative. Your service has already made a huge impact on our ministries. You can still sign up via the webpage - Events Tab - Service Opportunities.
- **LADIES SPRING BIBLE STUDY:** Please join your AVPC sisters this spring semester as we study through the Gospel of Mark. Studies begin on January 23 for the Monday group and on January 18 for the Wednesday group. See Enews for more details.
- **WOMEN'S LUNCHEON:** We will be having our Women's Small Group Luncheon next Sunday immediately following the late service. We will be in groups of 6-8. Your group can choose where to eat and we hope many of you are able to join us. Please contact Heather at heather@avpc.org to participate. Deadline is today!
- **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY:** The Youth Ministry Team is looking for one male and one female summer intern. Qualified candidates need to love God, to love students, and be available ten weeks out of the summer. Please visit the church webpage for the job description and application. Deadline to apply is January 27. Return application to clint@avpc.org.
- **COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE:** We are once again making Altadena Park available for a blood drive next Sunday, January 22. The bus from Lifesouth Community Bloodcenters will be here from 1:00-7:00 PM. No appointment is necessary, but if you would like to schedule a time, you can do so on Lifesouth Community Bloodcenters' website.

Calendar

SUNDAY (JANUARY 15)

8:30 AM Worship Service
 9:45 AM Sunday School
 11:00 AM Worship Service
 Brad | Romans 6:1-14
 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 (JANUARY 16)

6:30 AM Men's Breakfast/Bible Study

TUESDAY (JANUARY 17)

7:00 PM Session Meeting

WEDNESDAY (JANUARY 18)

9:00 AM WTW Bible Study
 6:00 PM Community Groups
 6:15 PM Praise Team Rehearsal
 6:30 PM Youth Small Groups

THURSDAY (JANUARY 19)

9:00 AM Men's Coffee

SUNDAY (JANUARY 22)

8:30 AM Worship Service
 9:45 AM Sunday School
 10:40 AM 15-minute Choir Rehearsal
 11:00 AM Worship Service
 Blake | Romans 6:15-23
 12:15 PM Women's Small Group Luncheon
 1:00 PM Blood Drive in Altadena Park
 5:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 Community Groups
 Men's Bible Study
 Kids & Youth Activities
 6:30 PM Community Fellowship Meal
 with dessert potluck

- 15 MINUTE CHOIR:** The "AVPC 15-minute choir" will be singing next Sunday, January 22 in the LATE SERVICE. Our anthem will be "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder". The choir will rehearse in the choir room from 10:40–10:55 AM (optional early rehearsal from 10:25–10:40 AM), then sing that anthem with the choir in the LATE SERVICE. See Enews for more details.

	01/08/23 Receipts	Year-To-Date Receipts	Year-To-Date Requirements	Over(Under) Budget
General Fund	\$29,977	\$31,231	\$33,296	(\$2,065)
Faith Promise	\$3,473	\$4,878	\$3,646	\$1,232

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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