

WOTS 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.

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 19, 2025 | 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

#### **PRELUDE**

## "The Sands of Time Are Sinking"

The sands of time are sinking, the dawn of heaven breaks; The summer morn I've sighed for—the fair, sweet morn awakes. Dark, dark had been the midnight, but dayspring is at hand, And glory, glory dwelleth in Emmanuel's land.

The king there in his beauty without a veil is seen: It were a well-spent journey, though seven deaths lay between. The Lamb with his fair army doth on Mount Zion stand, And glory, glory dwelleth in Emmanuel's land.

O Christ, he is the fountain, the deep, sweet well of love! The streams on earth I've tasted, more deep I'll drink above: There to an ocean fullness his mercy doth expand, And glory, glory dwelleth in Emmanuel's land.

The bride eyes not her garment, but her dear Bridegroom's face; I will not gaze at glory but on my King of grace.

Not at the crown he giveth but on his pierced hand;

The Lamb is all the glory of Emmanuel's land.

O I am my Beloved's, and my Beloved is mine! He brings a poor vile sinner into his house of wine. I stand upon his merit—I know no other stand, Not e'en where glory dwelleth in Emmanuel's land.

Words by Anne Cousin. Based on a traditional folk tune. Arrangement by Philip Palmertree.

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.

## CALL TO WORSHIP • Adapted from Psalm 47:1-2, 5-9

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

(All) God reigns over the nations. He sits on his holy throne. He is highly exalted.

(Leader) Clap your hands, all you peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

For the Lord, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth. God

has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet. Sing praises to

God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises! For God is the King of all

#### PLEASE STAND

### **HYMN OF RESPONSE**

the earth; sing praises with a psalm!

## "Doxology"

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heav'nly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## **INVOCATION**

## THE WELCOME OF GOD

## **SONGS OF PRAISE**

## "Jesus, Lover of My Soul"

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly, While the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high. Hide me, O my Savior, hide, 'til life's storm is past; Safe into the haven guide; receive my soul at last.

## Our welcome of one another is a tangible expression of God's welcome

expression of God's welcome to us. Please welcome one another. Other refuge have I none, hangs my helpless soul on thee; Leave, oh, leave me not alone, still support and comfort me. All my trust on thee is stayed, help from thee I bring; Cover my defenseless head in the shadow of thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, are all I want, more than all in thee I find; Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind. Just and holy is thy Name, I am all unrighteousness; False and full of sin I am; thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with thee is found, grace to cover all my sin; Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within. Thou of life the fountain art, let me take of thee; Spring thou up within my heart; for all eternity.

#### "Behold Our God"

Who has held the oceans in his hands? Who has numbered every grain of sand? Kings and nations tremble at his voice. All creation rises to rejoice.

(Chorus) Behold our God seated on his throne. Come let us adore him. Behold our King; nothing can compare. Come let us adore him.

Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of his words?
Who can teach the One who knows all things?
Who can fathom all his wondrous deeds? (Chorus)

Behold our God seated on his throne. Come let us adore him. Behold our King; nothing can compare. Come let us adore him.

Who has felt the nails upon his hand, bearing all the guilt of sinful man? God eternal, humbled to the grave; Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign. *(Chorus)* 

(Bridge) You will reign forever! (Let your glory fill the earth.) (Repeat Bridge 7 X's, then return to Chorus)

Words and Music by Jonathan Baird, Meghan Baird, Ryan Baird, and Stephen Altrogge.

#### CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord and Savior, help us.

We are slow to learn, prone to forget, and weak to climb;

We are in the foothills when we should be in the heights;

We are pained by our graceless hearts, our prayerless days, our poverty of love, our sloth in the heavenly race, our sullied consciences, our wasted hours, our unspent opportunities.

We are blind while the light shines around us.

Take the scales from our eyes, grind to dust our hearts of unbelief.

Make it our highest joy to study you, to meditate on you, to gaze upon you, to sit like Mary at your feet, to lean like John upon your breast, to appeal like Peter to your love, to count like Paul all things but loss.

We believe; help our unbelief.

In your name we pray. Amen.

Adapted from The Valley of Vision: "A Disciple's Renewal".

We encourage you to use this time for silent reflection.

SILENT CONFESSION

#### SONG OF CONFESSION

## "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" (11:00 AM Service)

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.

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#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON • Romans 8:31-34, 38-39

We receive assurance that nothing can separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Leader) If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.

(All) I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

#### PLEASE STAND

#### **HYMN OF RESPONSE** • #535

## "O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus"

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free; Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me.
Underneath me, all around me, is the current of his love;
Leading onward, leading homeward, to thy glorious rest above.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Spread his praise from shore to shore; How he loveth, ever loveth, changeth never, nevermore; How he watches o'er his loved ones, died to call them all his own; How for them he intercedeth, watcheth o'er them from the throne.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Love of ev'ry love the best: 'Tis an ocean vast of blessing, 'tis a haven sweet of rest. O the deep, deep love of Jesus! 'tis a heav'n of heavens to me; And it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to thee.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS	
SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE TESTIMONY	
Denise Davidson	

**PASTORAL PRAYER** 

PLEASE BE SEATED

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### **SCRIPTURE READING** • Colossians 3:1-4

<sup>3:1</sup> If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. <sup>3</sup> For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup> When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

I. Seated in Christ

II. Set On Christ

III. Secured by Christ

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

#### **GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

## **SONG OF RESPONSE**

## "Jesus, Cast a Look"

Jesus, cast a look on me, give me sweet simplicity, make me poor and keep me low, seeking only thee to know. All that feeds my busy pride, cast it evermore aside, bid my will to thine submit, lay me humbly at thy feet. Make me like a little child, of my strength and wisdom spoiled, seeing only in thy light, walking only in thy might. Leaning on thy loving breast, where a weary soul can rest, feeling well the peace of God, flowing from his precious blood. In this posture let me live, and hosannas daily give. In this temper let me die, and hosannas ever cry!

Words by John Berridge. Music by Matthew Perryman Jones.

"Make me like a little child, of my strength and wisdom spoiled, seeing only in thy light, walking only in thy might." HYMN OF RESPONSE PLEASE STAND

#### "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.

#### **BENEDICTION**

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

## **POSTLUDE**

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## **WEEKLY BIBLE READING (January 20 - January 26)**

Genesis 27-28 • Genesis 29-30 • Genesis 31-32 • Genesis 33, 35 • Genesis 37

## Announcements

**OUR MISSION OF THE WEEK** is LOGOI. Directed by Ed Thompson, LOGOI provides Bible college and seminary training for Latin American church leaders. Over 100,000 students have taken at least one year of LOGOI's Bible studies in 22 different countries. AVPC has supported LOGOI for many years.

- **FELLOWSHIP DINNER:** Join us tonight in the Fellowship Hall from 6:30 8:00 PM for a time of food and fellowship. We will be having crispy pulled pork sandwiches, roasted brussel sprouts, french fries, and s'mores bars.
- MAN MOOT: Men of all ages, join us tomorrow, January 20, at 6:30 PM at the home of Woody and Nikki Armstrong (2400 Murphy Pass, Hoover, AL, 35244) to watch the college football championship and welcome Kyle Parker into the brotherhood of the church. There will be meat and fire!
- MEMBERSHIP MORNING: Are you thinking about church membership at Altadena? Come to our
  next Membership Event this Saturday, January 25, at 8:30 AM. 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 or with the link
  in our weekly newsletter. Today is the deadline to register.
- **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES:** AVPC has several employment opportunities coming up. We are seeking a full-time Director of Kindergarten and Daycare, Guys Youth Summer Intern, and a Girls Youth Summer Intern. More information, job descriptions, and applications can be found on the church website.
- 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.)
- 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.
- **FAITH PROMISE:** Please be in prayer over your 2025 Faith Promise giving. Be on the lookout for more information on how to give. The deadline to submit is Sunday, February 28.
- **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.

# Calendar

## **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 Groups

6:30 PM Fellowship Dinner

## **MONDAY (JANUARY 20)**

2:30 PM WTW Bible Study (Conference Room)

7:00 PM Man Moot

## **TUESDAY (JANUARY 21)**

7:00 PM Session Meeting

## **WEDNESDAY (JANUARY 22)**

9:00 AM WTW Bible Study (Church Parlor)

6:15 PM Praise Team Rehearsal

6:30 PM Small Groups

## **THURSDAY (JANUARY 23)**

9:00 AM Men's Coffee

## **FRIDAY (JANUARY 24)**

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

## **SATURDAY (JANUARY 25)**

8:30 AM Membership Morning

## **SUNDAY (JANUARY 26)**

8:30 AM Worship Service

Kyle Parker | Colossians 3:5-11

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 25 – Membership Morning

February 5-9 – AVPC Missions Conference

February 28 - March 1 - Women's Retreat

	Contributions for the Week	Year-To-Date Contributions	Year-To-Date Requirements	Over(Under) Budget
General Fund	\$20,187	\$33,117	\$67,009	(\$33,892)
Faith Promise	\$2,500	\$4,285	\$4,492	(\$207)

#### **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 Alli 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 Assisitant

## 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 IT Director Hillary Gamble Kitchen Coordinator

#### **WORSHIP MINISTRIES**

Heather Sommer
Worship Ministry Assistant
Young jin Jeon

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Carol Apol & Ricky Klose Sound Ministry Directors

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