



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.

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 21, 2024 | 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

PRELUDE

“He Will Hold Me Fast”

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail, he will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold through life’s fearful path,
For my love is often cold. He must hold me fast.

*(Refrain) He will hold me fast, he will hold me fast,
For my Savior loves me so. He will hold me fast.*

Those he saves are his delight, Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in his holy sight, he will hold me fast.
He’ll not let my soul be lost; his promises shall last.
Bought by him at such a cost, he will hold me fast. *(Refrain)*

For my life he bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied, he will hold me fast.
Raised with him to endless life, he will hold me fast;
Till our faith is turned to sight when he comes at last. *(Refrain)*

Words and music by Ada Ruth Habershon and Matthew Merker.

CALL TO WORSHIP • Psalm 29:1-2, 10-11; 96:7-9

(Leader) Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.

(Congregation) The LORD sits enthroned as king forever. May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace.

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.

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

(Leader) Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength! Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts!

(All) Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth!

INVOCATION

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

THE WELCOME OF GOD

SONGS OF PRAISE

PLEASE STAND

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing, Alleluia, alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

And all ye men of tender heart,
Forgiving others, take your part, O sing ye, alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and on him cast your care.
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship him in humbleness, O praise him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, three in one.
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

"Blessed Assurance"

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

*This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.*

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending, bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

*This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.*

Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest;
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

*This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.*

“All Glory Be to Christ”

Should nothing of our efforts stand,
No legacy survive,
Unless the Lord does raise the house,
In vain its builders strive.
To you who boast tomorrow’s gain,
Tell me what is your life?
A mist that vanishes at dawn;
All glory be to Christ.

*(Refrain) All glory be to Christ our king.
All glory be to Christ.
His rule and reign we’ll ever sing;
All glory be to Christ.*

His will be done, his kingdom come
On earth as is above,
Who is himself our daily bread;
Praise him, the Lord of love.
Let living water satisfy
The thirsty without price.
We’ll take a cup of kindness yet;
All glory be to Christ. *(Refrain)*

When on the day the great I Am,
The faithful and the true,
The Lamb who was for sinners slain,
Is making all things new.
Behold our God shall live with us
And be our steadfast light,
And we shall e’er his people be;
All glory be to Christ! *(Refrain)*

Music based on a traditional Scottish folksong. Words and arrangement by Dustin Kensrue.

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

PLEASE BE SEATED

**O God, whose will conquers all,
there is no comfort in anything
apart from enjoying you
and being engaged in your service;**

**You are our All in all,
and we desire to be pleased with your will.**

What shall we give you for all your benefits?

**We long to make some return,
but have nothing to offer,
and can only rejoice that you do all,
that none in heaven or on earth shares your honor.**

**We confess that in our own strength,
we can do nothing to glorify your blessed name.**

**We ask that through your power and grace,
you would give us humble hearts
that cheerfully surrender to your will.**

**We pray this in confidence,
because we know you are the author and finisher of our faith,
that the whole work of redemption
is yours alone through Christ Jesus,
that every good work found in us
is the effect of your power and grace,
and is for your glory and pleasure.**

We pray for this in the precious name of Jesus. Amen.

Adapted from Valley of Vision: "God the All".

SILENT CONFESSION

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

We are given assurance that through the once-for-all sacrifice of Christ Jesus for our sins, we receive grace and mercy in our time of need.

PLEASE STAND

ASSURANCE OF PARDON • Phil. 2:9-11; Heb. 7:27; 8:1; 4:16

(Leader) God has highly exalted Jesus and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

(Congregation) Jesus is our high priest and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

However, unlike other high priests, Jesus does not need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for our sins. He has offered himself once as a pure and blameless sacrifice for all our sins.

In Jesus, we receive mercy and grace in our time of need.

(All) Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF RESPONSE • #55

“To God Be the Glory”

To God be the glory, great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life gate that we may go in.

*(Chorus) Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
And give him the glory, Great things he has done!*

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!
To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus forgiveness receives. *(Chorus)*

Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer and higher and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. (*Chorus*)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE BE SEATED

TESTIMONY FOR SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE SUNDAY

Heather Sommer

PASTORAL PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE (11:00 AM Service)

“Revelation Song”

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain. Holy, holy is he. Sing a new song to him who sits on Heaven’s mercy seat. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty who was and is and is to come. With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings. You are my everything, and I will adore you. Clothed in rainbows of living color, flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder; blessing and honor, strength and glory and power be to you, the only wise King. Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder at the mention of your name; Jesus, your name is power, breath and living water, such a marvelous mystery.

Words and Music by Jennie Lee Riddle.

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SCRIPTURE READING • Romans 16:25-27

^{16:25} Now to him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages ²⁶ but has now been disclosed and through the prophetic writings has been made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith— ²⁷ to the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ! Amen.

SERMON • “Praise God” Rev. Brad Allison

We come today to the end of the road in our series of sermons on Paul’s letter to the Romans. This is a series that began on September 11, 2022 and included 46 total sermons including today’s. It is fitting that the sermon should end with praise to God. This letter began with Paul’s lengthy discourse on what’s wrong with the human race, which he summarizes in terms of worship. The problem is that men and women don’t “honor [God] as God or give thanks to him” (1:21). Paul’s conclusion to his letter shows that human beings can be changed into those who praise God and honor him. The human race can’t help but give praise and honor to those things we find praiseworthy. There must be content to our praise, and Paul’s conclusion gives us three reasons to praise God.

I. God’s Power

II. God’s Gospel

III. God’s Wisdom

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

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

SONG OF RESPONSE

“This is Amazing Grace”

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness? Whose love is mighty and so much stronger? The King of Glory, the King above all kings. Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder and leaves us breathless in awe and wonder? The King of Glory, the King above all kings. This is amazing grace, this is unending love, that you would take my place, that you would bear my cross; you laid down your life that I would be set free. Jesus, I sing for all that you've done for me. Who brings our chaos back into order? Who makes the orphan a son and daughter? The King of Glory. Who rules the nations with truth and justice? Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance? The King of Glory, the King above all kings. Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, and worthy is the King who conquered the grave.

Words and Music by Jeremy Riddle, Josh Farro, and Phil Wickham.

HYMN OF RESPONSE • #32

PLEASE STAND

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

(Chorus) Great is thy faithfulness!

Great is thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see.

All I have needed thy hand hath provided.

Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and spring-time and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. *(Chorus)*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *(Chorus)*

BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE

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WEEKLY BIBLE READING (January 22 - January 28)

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

Announcements

OUR MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK are Doni and Albina Mehmeti, serving with A Jesus Mission in Pristina, Kosovo, where they are reaching young people with digital ministries in their native language.

- **2023 GIVING STATEMENTS:** Starting today, January 21, your giving statements will be available in the Welcome Center for you to pick up. Any statements left after next Sunday, January 28, will be mailed.
- **COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE:** Today, January 21, Lifesouth Community Bloodcenters is hosting a blood drive in Altadena Park. No appointment is necessary.
- **PRAYER SERVICE:** Tonight, 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.
- **FELLOWSHIP DINNER:** Join us this evening, January 21, in the Fellowship Hall from 6:30 - 8:00 PM for a time of food and fellowship. We'll be having Mongolian pork and broccoli with egg rolls.
- **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) by Wednesday, 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 6:30 PM at the home of Russell and Katey Windsor. Everyone through age 30 who is out of college or working is 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.
- **MISSIONARY BIOGRAPHY READING:** As a part of the Missions Conference this year, the Missions Team would like to encourage reading missionary biographies. If you have any missionary biographies to loan or donate, please drop them in the marked box in the parlor by January 28 and please be sure to put your name in any book you would like returned to you. More details to come during the conference.
- **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.
- **SPRING BIBLE STUDY:** There are many Bible study and fellowship opportunities for both men and women of AVPC this spring. See the church calendar for dates and times. Call the church office at 205-967-0680 for more information.

Calendar

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

MONDAY (JANUARY 22)

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

WEDNESDAY (JANUARY 24)

- 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 25)

- 9:00 AM Men's Coffee

FRIDAY (JANUARY 26)

- 1:00 PM WTW Bible Study - Bates Home
- 6:30 PM Young Adult's Dinner

SATURDAY (JANUARY 27)

- 7:30 AM Men's Prayer and Breakfast

SUNDAY (JANUARY 28)*

- 8:30 AM Worship Service
 Brad | 1 John 4:7-12
- 9:45 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Worship Service
- 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

**Celebration of The Lord's Supper*

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 21
 February 4 & 25
 April 7 & 21

	Contributions for the Week	Year-To-Date Contributions	Year-To-Date Requirements	Over(Under) Budget
General Fund	\$16,450	\$61,528	\$63,581	(\$2,052)
Faith Promise	\$3,641	\$5,621	\$4,492	\$1,129

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

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Catie Lumpkin Allie Campbell
Children's Director Nursery Director

Mary Frances Snyder
Children's Administrative Assistant

Amanda Amerson
Children's Ministry Assistant

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Blake Harris
Associate Pastor

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Youth Director

Callen Moyer
Girls' Discipleship Director

Michael Whitner
Youth Worship Leader

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