



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 28, 2024 | 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

PRELUDE

“Altogether Good”

How could we recount the ways that you have multiplied our faith? The wisdom of your ways, the currents of your grace expressed in every moment, every wave. In the longing of our souls, in the darkness where we go, you are there. You are love. You are altogether good. In the weakness of our faith, in the silence where we wait, you are here. You're enough. You are altogether good. Through our joys and in our griefs, you have led us to believe. The wisdom of your ways, the currents of your grace express, our only hope for all our days. I love you, Lord! You are my more. Wholly present and pure, you are altogether good.

Words by Brian Eichelberger and Zach Bolen.

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.

CALL TO WORSHIP • *Adapted from Psalms*

(Leader) Praise the LORD! O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever! (*Psalm 106:1*)

(Congregation) It is good to give thanks to you, O LORD, to sing praises to your name, O Most High; to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night. (*Psalm 92:1-2*)

We have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory. Because your steadfast love is better than life, our lips will praise you. (*Psalm 63:2-3*)

O LORD, through the abundance of your steadfast love, we will enter your house. We will bow down toward your holy temple. (*Psalm 5:7*)

We have trusted in your steadfast love; our hearts shall rejoice in your salvation. We will sing to the LORD, because he has dealt bountifully with us. (*Psalm 13:5-6*)

We will sing aloud of your steadfast love in the morning. For you have been to us a fortress and a refuge in the day of our distress. (*Psalm 59:16*)

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

Make your face shine on us, your servants; save us in your steadfast love! (*Psalms 31:16*)

Show us your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us your salvation. (*Psalms 85:7*)

(All) Give thanks to the LORD; bless his name! For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations. (*Psalms 100:4b-5*)

INVOCATION

THE WELCOME OF GOD

SONGS OF PRAISE

“Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!”

Jesus! What a friend for sinners! Jesus! Lover of my soul;
Friends may fail me, foes assail me, he, my Savior, makes me whole.
Hallelujah! What a Savior! Hallelujah! What a friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, he is with me to the end.

Jesus! What a strength in weakness! Let me hide myself in him;
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing, he, my strength, my vict'ry wins.
Hallelujah! What a Savior! Hallelujah! What a friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, he is with me to the end.

Jesus! What a help in sorrow! While the billows o'er me roll,
Even when my heart is breaking, he, my comfort helps my soul.
Hallelujah! What a Savior! Hallelujah! What a friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, he is with me to the end.

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

PLEASE STAND

Jesus! I do now receive him, more than all in him I find;
He hath granted me forgiveness, I am his, and he is mine.
Hallelujah! What a Savior! Hallelujah! What a friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, he is with me to the end.

“Steadfast”

I will build my house whether storm or drought,
On the rock that does not move.
I will set my hope in your love, O Lord,
And your faithfulness will prove.
You are steadfast, steadfast.

By the word you spoke all the starry host
Are called out by name each night.
In your watchful care, I will rest secure
As you lead us with your light.
You are steadfast, steadfast. You are steadfast, steadfast.

I will not trust in the strength of kings;
On your promise I will stand.
I will shout for joy, I will raise my voice,
“Hallelujah to the Lamb!”
You are steadfast, steadfast. You are steadfast, steadfast.

In the moment of emptiness, all was fulfilled,
In the hour of darkness, your light was revealed.
In the presence of death, your life was affirmed.
In the absence of holiness, you are still God.
You are steadfast, steadfast. You are steadfast, steadfast.
You are steadfast, steadfast. You are steadfast, steadfast.

Words and Music by Joshua Silverberg, Leslie Jordan, and Sandra McCracken.

“Only a Holy God” (11:00 AM Service)

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.

*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.

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Come and worship the Holy God.*

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.

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

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

PLEASE BE SEATED

Holy LORD,

**Have mercy on us, O God,
according to your unfailing love;
according to your great compassion
blot out our transgressions.**

**Wash away all our iniquity
and cleanse us from our sin.**

**Surely we were sinful at birth,
sinful from the time our mothers conceived us.**

**Surely you desire truth in the inner parts;
you teach us wisdom in the inmost place.**

**Create in us a pure heart, O God,
and renew a steadfast spirit within us.**

**Do not cast us from your presence
or take your Holy Spirit from us.**

**Restore to us the joy of your salvation
and grant us willing spirits, to sustain us.**

**O Lord, open our lips,
and our mouths will declare your praise.**

**You do not delight in sacrifice, or we would bring it;
you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.**

**The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart,**

O God, you will not despise. Amen.

Psalm 51:1-2, 5-6, 10-12, 15-17.

SILENT CONFESSION

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON • Romans 5:8; John 1:12; 1 John 3:1-3

We are assured that all who have received Jesus, to those who have believed in his name, he has given the right to become children of God.

This is how we know what love is: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. All who have received Jesus, to those who have believed in his name, he has given us the right to become children of God. How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. Everyone who has this hope in him purifies himself, just as he is pure.

PLEASE STAND

HYMN OF RESPONSE

“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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I cannot give an answer,
But this I know with all my heart,
His wounds have paid my ransom.

Words and Music by Stuart Townend.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE BE SEATED

INSTALLATION OF OFFICER (8:30 AM Service)

Deacon: Zac Campbell

PASTORAL PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE (11:00 AM Service)

“Come and Be Joyful”

Come and be joyful; come and praise the Lord, sing with gladness. All be praising, thanks be raising. God is faithful and true forever.

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SCRIPTURE READING • 1 John 4:7-12

^{4,7} Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

SERMON • “Love One Another” Rev. Brad Allison

We are beginning today a short sermon series on the “one another” commands of the Bible. My hope is that these seven sermons will serve to prepare us for a change our Session has approved for our adult Sunday School program. Basically, we are moving from a topic-centered format to a community-centered format. There will still be teaching in these classes, and people will still be able to decide which Sunday School community they will join. But the Session has decided to use the Sunday School hour to strengthen our community life at gatherings smaller than our worship services and larger than our small groups. We begin this series today with the one another command Jesus spoke so much about during his last days on the earth, and that John mentioned repeatedly in his first letter.

I. Love’s Source – v. 7-8

II. Love’s Meaning – v. 9-10

III. Love’s Mission – v. 11-12

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

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

("Self-serve communion packets" are available at all main sanctuary entrances. Gluten-free "bread" is available in the Welcome Center. As the elements are passed, feel free to state the following words to the person next to you in the pew: Bread—"This is Christ's body, given for you." Juice—"This is Christ's blood, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.")

SONG OF RESPONSE

"How Beautiful"

*"How beautiful
the feet that
walked the long
dusty roads
and the hill to
the cross. How
beautiful is the
body of Christ.
How beautiful the
heart that bled,
that took all my
sin and bore it
instead."*

How beautiful the hands that served the wine and the bread and the sons of the earth. How beautiful the feet that walked the long dusty roads and the hill to the cross. How beautiful is the body of Christ. How beautiful the heart that bled, that took all my sin and bore it instead. How beautiful the tender eyes that choose to forgive and never despise. How beautiful is the body of Christ. And as he laid down his life, we offer this sacrifice, that we will live just as he died; willing to pay the price. How beautiful the radiant Bride who waits for her Groom with his light in her eyes. How beautiful when humble hearts give the fruit of pure lives so others may live. How beautiful is the body of Christ. How beautiful the feet that bring the sound of good news and the love of the King. How beautiful the hands that serve the wine and the bread and the sons of the earth. How beautiful is the body of Christ.

Words and Music by Twila Paris.

HYMN OF RESPONSE • #252

PLEASE STAND

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ, my God;
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down:
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE

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WEEKLY BIBLE READING (January 29 - February 4)

Genesis 39-40 • Genesis 41 • Genesis 42-43 • Genesis 44-45 • Genesis 46-47

Announcements

OUR MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK are Avni and Maklen Menalla, serving with CRU on the Momentum Europe project. They hope to raise up a network of business and professional leaders to help connect influential European leaders to the irresistible love of Jesus.

- **2023 GIVING STATEMENTS:** 2023 giving statements are available in the Welcome Center for you to pick up. Any statements left after today, January 28, will be mailed.
- **FELLOWSHIP DINNER:** Join us next Sunday, February 4, in the Fellowship Hall from 6:30 - 8:00 PM for a time of food and fellowship.
- **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). Please include information about the pictures - names, date, location, people served.
- **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. 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 Circle. 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.
- **MISSIONS CONFERENCE:** The 2024 Missions Conference is taking place February 7-11. You can see the schedule of events below or visit our website for more information.
 - o Wednesday, February 7: Small Group Evening Meal
 - o Thursday, February 8: Individual/Family Lunch or Coffee
 - o Thursday, February 8: Community Group Gatherings
 - o Friday, February 9: Fellowship Dinner and Youth-Led Worship Service
 - o Saturday, February 10: Prayer Breakfast
 - o Saturday, February 10: Fellowship Dinner and Panel Discussion
 - o Sunday, February 11: Sunday Worship – guest preacher Ed Thompson (LOGOI)
- **FAITH PROMISE:** Please be in prayer over your 2024 Faith Promise giving.
- **SPRING BIBLE STUDIES:** There are many Bible study and fellowship opportunities for both men and women at 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 28)*

8:30 AM Worship Service
 Brad | 1 John 4:7-12

9:45 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship Service

12:30 PM Women's Small Group Luncheon

4:00 PM Communicant's Class

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

MONDAY (JANUARY 29)

6:30 AM Men's Bible Study - Fellowship Hall

3:00 PM WTW Bible Study - Klose Home

WEDNESDAY (JANUARY 31)

9:00 AM WTW Bible Study - Parlor

5:30 PM Pastoral Search Committee Meeting

6:00 PM WTW Bible Study - Parker Home

6:15 PM Praise Team Rehearsal

6:30 PM Community Groups

THURSDAY (FEBRUARY 1)

9:00 AM Men's Coffee

FRIDAY (FEBRUARY 2)

1:00 PM WTW Bible Study - Bates Home

SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 4)

8:30 AM Worship Service
 Michael | Colossians 3:12-13

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

6:30 PM Fellowship Dinner

**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

February 4 & 25
 April 7 & 21

	Contributions for the Week	Year-To-Date Contributions	Year-To-Date Requirements	Over(Under) Budget
General Fund	\$17,062	\$78,590	\$95,371	(\$16,781)
Faith Promise	\$2,218	\$7,839	\$6,738	\$1,101

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
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Stephen Whitner
Associate Pastor—Worship

Michael MacCaughelty
Associate Pastor—Outreach/Mercy

Blake Harris
Associate Pastor—Adult Ministries

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ELDERS

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Mary Frances Snyder
Children's Administrative Assistant

Amanda Amerson
Children's Ministry Assistant

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Associate Pastor

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Girls' Discipleship Director

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