



# 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.

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.
- During the Sunday School hour (9:45-10:45) adults are free to attend one of the following classes:

**Pilgrims:** This discussion class will include a brief introduction to the period of the Judges and the life of Samson.

**Fellowship Hall:** Join us for "Christ and Culture: Living in God's Two Kingdoms". We will study the "two kingdoms" teaching of Scripture and learn how to live as God's people in a world that is often hostile to them.

**Young Adult:** This class will also be studying "Christ and Culture" using the same resources the Fellowship Hall class.

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.*

**VISITORS:  
SCAN HERE**



# ORDER OF WORSHIP

January 29, 2023 | 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

## PRELUDE

### **“Mercy Speaks by Jesus’ Blood ”**

Mercy speaks by Jesus’ blood; hear and sing, ye sons of God; justice satisfied indeed; Christ has full atonement made. Christ has full atonement made. Jesus’ blood speaks loud and sweet; here all Deity can meet, and, without a jarring voice, welcome Zion to rejoice; welcome Zion to rejoice. Should the law against her roar, Jesus’ blood still speaks with power, “All her debts were cast on me, and she must and she shall go free.” Peace of conscience, peace with God, we obtain through Jesus’ blood; Jesus’ blood speaks solid rest; we believe, and we are blest; we believe, and we are blest.

Gadsby Hymn #534. Music by Carol Apol & Steve Whitner.

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

## **CALL TO WORSHIP • Adapted from Isaiah 42:5-7; Psalms 4:6-7; 101:1**

(Leader) This is what God the LORD says—

“I, the LORD, have called you in righteousness;

I will take hold of your hand.

I will keep you and will make you

to be a covenant for the people

and a light for the Gentiles,

to open eyes that are blind,

to free captives from prison

and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness.”

**(All) Let the light of your face shine upon us, O LORD.**

**You have filled our hearts with greater joy**

**than when their grain and new wine abound.**

**We will sing of your love and justice;**

**to you, O LORD, we will sing praise.**

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

## INVOCATION

*The present text of the Apostles' Creed is similar to the baptismal creed used in the church in Rome in the 3rd and 4th centuries. It reached its final form in the late 6th or early 7th century.*

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

PLEASE STAND

## 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.**

## THE WELCOME OF GOD

### SONGS OF PRAISE

#### **"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.

*(Chorus) 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. *(Chorus)*

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. *(Chorus)*

### **“Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder”**

Let us love and sing and wonder. Let us praise the Savior’s name.  
He has hushed the law’s loud thunder. He has quenched Mount Sinai’s flame.  
He has washed us with his blood. He has washed us with his blood;  
He has washed us with his blood. He has brought us nigh to God.

Let us love the Lord who bought us, pitied us when enemies.  
Called us by his grace and taught us, gave us ears and gave us eyes.  
He has washed us with his blood. He has washed us with his blood.  
He has washed us with his blood. He presents our souls to God.

Let us wonder, grace and justice join and point to mercy’s store.  
When through grace in Christ our trust is, justice smiles and asks no more.  
He, who washed us with his blood; he, who washed us with his blood;  
He, who washed us with his blood has secured our way to God.

Let us praise and join the chorus of the saints enthroned on high.  
Here they trusted him before us, now their praises fill the sky.  
Thou hast washed us with thy blood. Thou hast washed us with thy blood.  
Thou hast washed us with thy blood. Thou art worthy, Lamb of God.

Words by John Newton. Music by Laura Taylor.

*“Let us love and  
sing and wonder.  
Let us praise the  
Savior’s name. He  
has hushed the  
law’s loud thunder.  
He has quenched  
Mount Sinai’s flame.  
He has washed us  
with his blood. He  
has brought us nigh  
to God.”*

## **“Known and Loved”**

God, you were there from my beginning  
For I was crafted by your hands.  
You see my hopes and hesitations,  
My days are written in your plan.

If you have seen my weakest moments  
And still you love me even then,  
I need no greater confirmation  
That God, your goodness has no end.

*I come to Jesus, lay down my weakness.  
No need for hiding, here in his light.  
This truth I treasure, my peace forever,  
Is being known and loved by him.*

I trust with Jesus, it is finished,  
For he has paid my every debt.  
No need to pull it all together  
For what is broken he will mend.

*I come to Jesus, lay down my weakness.  
No need for hiding, here in his light.  
This truth I treasure, my peace forever,  
Is being known and loved by him.*

Though I can't see the path before me,  
I know the One who knows the way.  
And as I walk, his hand will guide me  
Until I see him face to face.

*I come to Jesus, lay down my weakness.  
No need for hiding, here in his light.  
This truth I treasure, my peace forever,  
Is being known and loved by him.*

Words and music by Tiarne Tranter, Jaywan Maxwell, and Fiona Aghajani.

## **CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*PLEASE BE SEATED*

**Lord Jesus, if we love you, our souls shall seek you,  
but we cannot seek you unless you keep alive our love for you.  
It would be fitting for you to disregard us, for we are sinful and selfish;  
yet when we do seek and find you, there is no wrath to devour us,  
but only sweet love instead.  
You stand as a rock between the scorching sun and our souls.  
We dwell in your cool shadow as your elect.  
When our minds act without you,  
they spin nothing but deceit and delusion;  
When our affections act without you, nothing is seen but dead works.  
Oh, Lord, how we need you to abide in us,  
for we have no natural eyes to see you.  
When we see that all is sin in us, all shame belongs to us;  
let us know that all good is in you, all glory is yours.  
Jesus, you break out in glory  
when you show yourself as one who outshines all creation,  
when you make us poor in spirit,  
and when you help us to find our good in you.  
Oh, Lord, how we need you to abide in us,  
for we have no natural eyes to see you.  
Grant that we may have the eyes to see our all in you.  
It is in your name we pray. Amen.**

Adapted from *Valley of Vision*: "Love to Jesus"

## **SILENT CONFESSION**

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

*We receive assurance that through Christ Jesus, God fulfills his promise to "write his law" upon the hearts of his people, thus giving them both the desire and power to carry out God's law. Furthermore, our sins are forgiven and God remembers them no more.*

PLEASE STAND

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Hear the word of the Lord: "Behold, the days are coming, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. This is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more." Jesus Christ is the mediator of this new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Adapted from Jeremiah 31:31-34 and Hebrews 9:15.*

## **HYMN OF RESPONSE • #529**

### **"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"**

Love divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down:  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
All thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion,  
Pure, unbounded love thou art.  
Visit us with thy salvation;  
Enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit  
Into ev'ry troubled breast;  
Let us all in thee inherit,  
Let us find the promised rest.  
Take away the love of sinning;  
Alpha and Omega be.  
End of faith, as its Beginning,  
Set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty, to deliver,  
Let us all thy life receive;  
Suddenly return, and never,  
Nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
Serve thee as thy hosts above,  
Pray, and praise thee without ceasing,  
Glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation;  
Pure and spotless let us be:  
Let us see thy great salvation  
Perfectly restored in thee.  
Changed from glory into glory,  
Till in heav'n we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before thee,  
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

PLEASE BE SEATED

## **PASTORAL PRAYER**

*Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed—in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*1 Cor. 15:51-52, 56-57*

## **CHORAL RESPONSE (11:00 AM Service)**

### **“Great, Great Morning”**

My Lord, what a morning when the stars begin to fall. It will be a great, great morning; it will come without a warning when we hear that trumpet sound. Though we may not know the hour, we know Christ will come in power and his trumpet blast will shake the ground. All the saints will rise and be taken to the skies. They will meet King Jesus in the air. Though we may not know the hour, we know Christ will come in power and his trumpet blast will shake the ground. In-a that great gettin’ up morning, fare thee well. It’s gonna be a gettin’ up morning. I’ll fly away, O glory! I’ll fly away, in the morning. When I die, Hallelujah, by and by. I’ll fly away! In the twinkling of an eye, we will mount up to the sky. Alleluia, we shall all be changed.

Based on Traditional African American Spirituals: *My Lord, What a Morning; In That Great Gettin’ Up Morning; Great Day I’ll Fly Away* by Albert E. Brumley. Alternate words for this anthem by J. Paul Williams. Music by Joseph M. Martin.

## **SCRIPTURE READING • Romans 7:1-6**

<sup>7:1</sup> Or do you not know, brothers—for I am speaking to those who know the law—that the law is binding on a person only as long as he lives? <sup>2</sup> For a married woman is bound by law to her husband while he lives, but if her husband dies she is released from the law of marriage. <sup>3</sup> Accordingly, she will be called an adulteress if she lives with another man while her husband is alive. But if her husband dies, she is free from that law, and if she marries another man she is not an adulteress.

<sup>4</sup> Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God. <sup>5</sup> For while we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death. <sup>6</sup> But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit and not in the old way of the written code.

## **SERMON • “Not Under Law” Rev. Brad Allison**

---

Paul had written in 6:14 that the Christian is no longer under law, but now under grace. In the rest of chapter 6 he addresses the potential misunderstanding of that statement, that it means a person can sin freely, and rejects it completely. But what does it actually mean that a person is not under law but under grace? That is the question that Paul answers in this chapter and the first part of the next. The word “law” or its equivalents is mentioned in every one of the first 14 verses of this chapter and thirty-five times from 7:1 to 8:4. It was critical that Paul deal with this because he was commonly and falsely accused of teaching people to “forsake Moses” (Acts 21:21). While statements such as the assertion that the Christian is no longer under law could be misconstrued in that way, Paul’s teaching was more nuanced than that. Romans seven unpacks some of that nuance and helps us answer the question regarding the place of the law of God in our lives.

### **I. The Analogy – v. 1-3**

### **II. The Reality – v. 4a**

### **III. The Result – v. 4a-6**

*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**

### **"Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me"**

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would gracious be; help me now thy grace to see, I would be like thee; and, with words that help and heal, thy life would mine reveal; and, with actions bold and meek, for Christ, my Savior, speak. Truthful Spirit, dwell with me, I would truthful be; help me now thy truth to see, I would be like thee; and, with wisdom kind and clear, thy life in mine appear; and, with actions brotherly, speak Christ's sincerity. Holy Spirit, dwell with me, I would holy be; show thy mercy tenderly, make me more like thee; separate from sin, I would and cherish all things good, and whatever I can be give him who gave me thee. Mighty Spirit, dwell with me, I would mighty be; help me now thy pow'r to see, I would be like thee; 'Gainst all weapons hell can wield, be thou my strength and shield; let thy Word my weapon be, Lord Thine the victory. Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would be like thee!

Arrangement by K. Lee Scott.

*"Holy Spirit, dwell  
with me, I would  
holy be; show thy  
mercy tenderly,  
make me more  
like thee; separate  
from sin, I would  
and cherish all  
things good..."*

## **HYMN OF RESPONSE • #378**

PLEASE STAND

### **“Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face”**

Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face;  
Here would I touch and handle things unseen,  
Here grasp with firmer hand th’eternal grace,  
And all my weariness upon thee lean.

Here would I feed upon the bread of God,  
Here drink with thee the royal wine of heav’n;  
Here would I lay aside each earthly load,  
Here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiv’n.

This is the hour of banquet and of song;  
This is the heav’nly table spread for me:  
Here let me feast, and, feasting, still prolong  
The brief, bright hour of fellowship with thee.

I have no help but thine, nor do I need  
Another arm save thine to lean upon:  
It is enough, my Lord, enough indeed;  
My strength is in thy might, thy might alone.

Mine is the sin, but thine the righteousness;  
Mine is the guilt, but thine the cleansing blood;  
Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace:  
Thy blood, thy righteousness, O Lord my God.

## **BENEDICTION**

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

Words and Music used by permission. All rights reserved. CCLI #123371.

### **WEEKLY BIBLE READING (January 30 - February 5)**

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

# 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.

- **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.
- **LADIES SPRING BIBLE STUDY:** Please join your AVPC sisters this spring semester as we study through the Gospel of Mark. See Enews for the schedule of groups.
- **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY:** The Youth Ministry Team is looking for one male and one female summer intern. Qualified candidates need to love God, love students, and be available ten weeks out of the summer. Please visit the church webpage for the job description and application.
- **BABY SHOWER :** The women of AVPC are hosting a baby shower to honor Danielle Harris, on February 6, at 7:00 PM, at the home of Emily Grace Ames, 2304 Dartmouth Drive, Hoover, AL. You can contribute online thru CCB or in the collection envelope in your Sunday school class. Please designate 'baby shower' in the memo line of your check.
- **HANDYMAN SERVICE TEAM:** The Diaconate of AVPC has created a new mercy ministry opportunity called the Handyman Service Team. This team is comprised of volunteers from within our church body who are willing and able to use their spiritual gifts, talents, skills, and time, to assist members who are physically unable to complete small tasks around their homes. We invite both men and women, youth and adults to volunteer for this Team and to serve as you feel called. See the Enews for the link to sign up. Questions? Contact Matt Jackson at mtjlegal@aol.com.
- **COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE - THANK YOU:** The Life South blood drive held Sunday, January 22, in Altadena Park, resulted in 14 donors. This translates to 42 lives being saved. We appreciate your support of this life-giving effort.
- **LADIES 2023 RETREAT:** Our yearly retreat is fast approaching so be sure to register now to reserve your spot. This year's retreat will be March 3 and 4, at AVPC. Registration forms are located in the Parlor and Welcome Center and on our webpage - Events Tab - Event Registrations.
- **FAITH PROMISE:** Be praying about what you will do with your 2023 Faith Promise towards missions.
- **MISSIONS CONFERENCE:** Don't forget our Missions Conference activities begin Wednesday, February 8. A schedule of events is posted in the Parlor and Welcome Center.
- **GIVING STATEMENTS:** Today is the last day to collect your 2022 Giving Statement from the Welcome Center - any left will be mailed out tomorrow.

# Calendar

## SUNDAY (JANUARY 29)\*

8:30 AM    Worship Service  
 9:45 AM    Sunday School  
 11:00 AM    Worship Service  
               Brad | Romans 7:1-6  
 5:00 PM    Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
               Community Groups  
               Men's Bible Study  
               Kids & Youth Activities

## MONDAY (JANUARY 30)

6:30 AM    Men's Breakfast/Bible Study  
 3:00 PM    WTW Bible Study

## WEDNESDAY (FEBRUARY 1)

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

## THURSDAY (FEBRUARY 2)

9:00 AM    Men's Coffee

## SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 5)

8:30 AM    Worship Service  
 9:45 AM    Sunday School  
 11:00 AM    Worship Service  
               Brad | Romans 7:7-25  
 2:30 PM    Mercy Leadership Team  
 5:00 PM    Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
               Community Groups  
               Men's Bible Study  
               Kids & Youth Activities  
 6:30 PM    Community Fellowship Meal  
               with dessert potluck

*\*Celebration of The Lord's Supper*

- **OUR CONDOLENCES:** We extend our sincere condolences to the following: Merrily McCary upon the recent death of her mother, Abbie Chapman Henderson Taylor; Jamie Lumpkin for the recent death of his father, Eddie Lumpkin; and Deborah Halbrooks for the recent death of her father, Noel Martin.

	<b>01/22/23 Receipts</b>	<b>Year-To-Date Receipts</b>	<b>Year-To-Date Requirements</b>	<b>Over(Under) Budget</b>
<b>General Fund</b>	\$20,303	\$86,480	\$66,434	\$20,046
<b>Faith Promise</b>	\$2,825	\$14,760	\$7,291	\$7,469

## **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  
*Assistant Pastor—Adult Ministries*

## **CHURCH LEADERS**

### **ELDERS**

David Allen Steve Barley Brian Beckett Grahame Bobo Clint Cvacho Nicholas Ireland  
Brent McClenny Jack Morris Barry Parker Karl Poythress Thomas Prettyman Danny Wachs

### **DEACONS**

Woody Armstrong Hunter Boggs David Coley Al Foster Trey Holmes Matt Jackson Russell Lloyd  
Josh Moore John Peters Josh Putman Bill Sommer Rob Wise Ed Wofford

### **YOUNG ADULTS & MEN'S MINISTRIES**

Blake Harris  
*Young Adult & Men's Ministry Leader*

### **CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES**

Catie Lumpkin  
*Children's Director*  
Alli Campbell  
*Nursery Director*

### **WOMEN'S MINISTRIES**

Heather Sommer  
*Women's Ministry Director*

### **YOUTH MINISTRIES**

Clint Cvacho  
*Youth Director*  
Callen Moyer  
*Girl's Discipleship Director*  
Michael Whitner  
*Youth Worship Leader*

### **ADMINISTRATIVE AND FACILITY**

Christine Rowlette  
*Church Administrator*  
Connor Bingham  
*Administrative Assistant*  
Jimmie Campbell  
*Bookkeeper*  
Dave Mayhew  
*Facilities Manager*      Christin Murphy  
*Kitchen Coordinator*

### **WORSHIP MINISTRIES**

Heather Sommer  
*Worship Ministry Assistant*  
Young jin Jeon  
*Organist*  
Carol Apol & Ricky Klose  
*Sound Ministry Directors*