



worship

at Altadena Valley Presbyterian Church

Welcome to Altadena

We're glad you are here!

Nursery (ages 0 – 3)

Childcare is available for children 3 and under in the Education Building.

Nursing Mothers

A Nursing Mother's room with an audio feed of the service is located just outside the Sanctuary, next to the Parlor.

Worship Center (ages 4 – 1st grade)

Children ages 4 through Grade 1 are invited to attend Worship Center during the sermon in the early service. The worship leader will indicate when children can leave the sanctuary.

Sunday School

Sunday School is available for all ages from 9:45 – 10:45 AM. See the posters in the Parlor and Welcome Center for class locations and more information.

Enfold Disability Ministry

Everyone is welcome to worship with us, including those with disabilities. Sensory supports are available in the Welcome Center for those who need them.

Questions?

Ask a member of our Hospitality Team! You can find them at all church entrances, by the sanctuary doors, and in the Welcome Center.

In consideration of others, please silence all electronic devices.

Order of Worship

July 12, 2026 | 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

Preparation for Worship

"It is true for everyone that the experience that society gives to us, or denies us, is profoundly formative...Weary or bitter or bewildered as we may be, God is faithful. He lets us wander so we will know what it means to come home."

— Marilynne Robinson

"Truth is given by revelation, either general or special, and it must be received by reason. Reason is the God-given means for discovering the truth that God discloses, whether in his world or his Word. While God wants to reach the heart with truth, he does not bypass the mind."

— Jonathan Edwards

"We have made it our overriding ambition to escape work, and as a consequence have debased work until it is only fit to escape from. We have debased the products of work and have been, in turn, debased by them."

— Wendell Berry

Prelude

"Father, Long Before Creation"

Our prelude serves as a "gathering song," signaling 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.

Father, long before creation thou hadst chosen us in love, and that love so deep, so moving, draws us close to Christ above. Still it keeps us, still it keeps us firmly fixed in Christ alone. Though the world may change its fashion, yet our God is e'er the same. His compassion and his covenant through all ages will remain. God's own children, God's own children must forever praise his name. God's compassion is my story, is my boasting all the day. Mercy free and never failing moves my will, directs my way. God so loved us, God so loved us, that his only Son he gave. Loving Father now before thee, we will ever praise thy love, and our songs will sound unceasing 'til we reach our home above. Giving glory, giving glory to our God and to the Lamb. Giving glory, giving glory to our God and to the Lamb.

Words and music by Francis Johnson and Andrew Osenga.

Announcements

Reverence

(God Pursues Us)

Reverence – our Holy God pursues us! We are never left to find God on our own.

Call to Worship • From Psalm 19

(Leader) The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge. There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard.

(Congregation) The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer. The Lord be with you!

And also with you.

PLEASE STAND

Through his Word, God calls his people to enter into his presence in corporate worship.

Prayer of Invocation

The Welcome of God

We welcome one another as a tangible expression of God's welcome to us.

Songs of Praise

“By Faith”

By faith we see the hand of God
In the light of creation's grand design,
In the lives of those who prove his faithfulness,
Who walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith our fathers roamed the earth
With the power of his promise in their hearts,
Of a holy city built by God's own hand,
A place where peace and justice reign.

*(Chorus) We will stand as children of the promise;
We will fix our eyes on him, our soul's reward.
Till the race is finished and the work is done,
We'll walk by faith and not by sight.*

By faith the prophets saw a day
When the longed-for Messiah would appear
With the power to break the chains of sin and death
And rise triumphant from the grave.

By faith the church was called to go
In the power of the Spirit to the lost,
To deliver captives and to preach good news
In every corner of the earth. *(Chorus)*

By faith this mountain shall be moved
And the power of the gospel shall prevail,
For we know in Christ all things are possible
For all who call upon his name. *(Chorus 2Xs)*

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

“Jesus Messiah”

He became sin, who knew no sin
That we might become his righteousness.
He humbled himself and carried the cross;
Love so amazing, love so amazing.

*Jesus Messiah, Name above all names,
Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel.
The Rescue for sinners, the Ransom from heaven;
Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.*

His body, the bread; his blood, the wine;
Broken and poured out all for love.
The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn;
Love so amazing, love so amazing.

*Jesus Messiah, Name above all names,
Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel.
The Rescue for sinners, the Ransom from heaven;
Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.*

All our hope is in you. All our hope is in you
All the glory to you, God, the Light of the world.

*Jesus Messiah, Name above all names,
Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel.
The Rescue for sinners, the Ransom from heaven;
Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.*

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

*Reconciliation –
God restores us!
His righteousness
reveals our sin,
which is healed
by Christ's grace.*

PLEASE BE
SEATED

Reconciliation

(God Restores Us)

Corporate Prayer of Confession

(Leader) O my God, I am ashamed and blush to lift my face to you, my God, for our iniquities have risen higher than our heads, and our guilt has mounted up to the heavens.

(from Ezra 9:6)

**Father, your mercy is higher than the heavens,
wider than our wanderings, deeper than our sin.**

**Forgive our shallow attitude toward life,
our callousness toward suffering,
our envy of others,
our neglect of your wise law.**

**Help us to change the way we live so that we may desire what is good,
love what you love, and do what you command,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Silent Confession

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

Assurance of Pardon • Matthew 11:28-30

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

*We receive
assurance that
God forgives all
our sins through
Jesus Christ.*

Hymn of Response

“Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord”

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord,
Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt,
Yonder on Calvary’s mount outpoured,
There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

*(Refrain) Grace, grace, God’s grace,
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
Grace, grace, God’s grace,
Grace that is greater than all our sin.*

Sin and despair like the sea waves cold,
Threaten the soul with infinite loss;
Grace that is greater, yes, grace untold,
Points to the Refuge, the mighty cross. *(Refrain)*

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide,
What can avail to wash it away?
Look! There is flowing a crimson tide;
Whiter than snow you may be today. *(Refrain 2Xs)*

PLEASE STAND

Revelation – God speaks to us and challenges us through biblical truth.

PLEASE BE SEATED

Revelation

(God Speaks to Us)

Sharing & Prayer

(At this time in the EARLY SERVICE, children ages 4 through Grade 1 are invited to attend Worship Center. They will exit to the Welcome Center to meet their teachers. 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. During the month of July, there will be no Worship Center in the LATE SERVICE.)

Scripture Reading • John 12:9-11

^{12:9} When the large crowd of the Jews learned that Jesus was there, they came, not only on account of him but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ¹⁰ So the chief priests made plans to put Lazarus to death as well, ¹¹ because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus

Introduction

- In 1995, US Parks & Wildlife, responding to environmentalist pressure, introduced Canadian grey wolves to Yellowstone Park, Idaho, and Colorado.
- Grey wolves 'sport hunt,' taking more than they need, unlike coyotes, bears, and mountain lions! Their presence stresses cattle herds, causing malnourishment.
- Religious leaders around Jesus are cornered; becoming wolves, they decide to kill off a fellow Jew because they're threatened by God defeating death and giving life!

I) Curiosity about Jesus gathers a crowd! (9)

- Huge crowds gather curious about Jesus — people flow in from across the planet when someone sees what might be an image of Mary!
- Passover was likely the largest gatherings in the Ancient Near East; Jerusalem swelled to 6X its size: 25K regular population swelled in passover to 150K.
- Jesus is doing the ultimate God stuff, beating death, then grabbing dinner.
- A true leader would seek Jesus to lead them with his proven abilities and humble dependence on God. These men are politicians and pundits of power.

II) Crisis against Jesus scares a core! (11,10)

- From last week: What do we choose over Jesus? What do we fear losing if we choose Jesus? We must hold onto our curiosity about Jesus's next moves.
- Judas shows how easy it is to lose everything: just choose anything over Jesus.
- Many fear death; everyone fears certain kinds of death — so Lazarus walking around happy and healthy is fundamentally enticing for everyone.
- Lazarus never offered a speech nor organized any action, so why kill him? Lazarus's presence amongst the people threatened what Jesus might do for us.

Conclusion

- Andy Dufresne (Shawshank Redemption Movie) "Get busy living, or get busy dying." "Remember, hope is a good thing and no good thing ever dies."
- Friends, Satan is terrified of your hope, of your worship, of your bedrock freedom that no circumstance determines who you are because only God determines that.
- Our world's great need is Christians intent on celebrating, explaining, and resting in Jesus every day — no fanfare needed; you were dead in sin but now live!

Response

(We Respond to God in Faith)

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Hymn of Response

“If I Stand”

There's more that rises in the morning than the sun, and more that shines in the night than just the moon. It's more than just this fire here that keeps me warm, and a shelter that is larger than this room. And there's a loyalty that's deeper than mere sentiments, and a music higher than the songs that I can sing. The stuff of Earth competes for the allegiance I owe only to the giver of all good things. So if I stand, let me stand on the promise that you will pull me through. And if I can't, let me fall on the grace that first brought me to you. And if I sing, let me sing for the joy that has born in me these songs, and if I weep, let it be as a man who is longing for his home. There's more that dances on the prairies than the wind, more that pulses in the ocean than the tide. There's a love that is fiercer than the love between friends, more gentle than a mother's when her baby's at her side.

Words and Music by Richard Mullins & Steven Robert Cudworth.

Confession of Faith

(Leader) Let us affirm our faith together in the words of the Nicene Creed.

(All) We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again

Response – in faith, we respond to God's grace through joyful giving and declaring what we believe.

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

** the universal church; the whole church in all times and places*

Rest – God blesses us to rest in his peace.

PLEASE STAND

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

according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic* and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Rest

(God Blesses Us)

Hymn of Response • #559 (VS. 1–4)

“Father, I Know That All My Life”

Father, I know that all my life is portioned out for me;
The changes that are sure to come, I do not fear to see:
I ask thee for a present mind, intent on pleasing thee.

I would not have the restless will that hurries to and fro,
Seeking for some great thing to do, or secret thing to know;
I would be treated as a child, and guided where I go.

I ask thee for the daily strength, to none that ask denied,
A mind to blend with outward life, while keeping at thy side,
Content to fill a little space, if thou be glorified.

In service which thy will appoints there are no bonds for me;
My secret heart is taught the truth that makes thy children free;
A life of self-renouncing love is one of liberty.

Benediction

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This Week

Sunday, July 12

8:30 AM Worship Service
 Kyle Parker | John 12:9-11
 9:45 AM Sunday School
 11:00 AM Worship Service

Monday, July 13

2:00 PM Women's Bible Study (Conf. Room)

Tuesday, July 14

7:00 PM Diaconate Meeting

Wednesday, July 15

9:00 AM Women's Bible Study (Parlor)
 6:15 PM Praise Team Rehearsal
 6:00 PM Women's Bible Study (Parker Home)
 6:30 PM Small Groups

Thursday, July 16

9:00 AM Men's Coffee
 6:30 PM Young Adult Bible Study (Youth House)

Friday, July 17

6:00 PM Membership Weekend

Saturday, July 18

8:30 AM Membership Weekend

Sunday, July 19

8:30 AM Worship Service
 Kyle Parker | John 12:12-19
 9:45 AM Sunday School
 11:00 AM Worship Service

Weekly Bible Reading

Nehemiah 7-8 • Nehemiah 9 • Nehemiah 10 • Nehemiah 11 • Nehemiah 12

Missionaries of the Week

Gregg and Julie Nicholson serve with Mesa Global in Florida. Gregg works in development and coach training globally. He also serves on the board for Compassion International, Thailand.

	Contributions for July 5	Year-To-Date Contributions
General Fund	\$20,754	\$753,543
Faith Promise	\$4,725	\$175,508

Church Life

WACK Volunteers

Thank you to all of our teachers and volunteers for a great WACK week! The campers had an exciting time learning how to worship God through their artistic gifts. Thank you for helping make that possible.

Youth Mission Trip

Please keep the AVPC Senior High students and leaders in your prayers as they serve in Pendleton, OR this week.

Children's Ministry Teachers

AVPC Kids Ministry is recruiting Worship Center teachers and helpers, as well as Sunday School Discipleship leaders and helpers for the upcoming 2026-2027 ministry year. Please contact Catie (catie@avpc.org) for more information.

Summer Worship Center

In the month of July, Worship Center will be held only during the 8:30 AM service.

Membership Weekend – July 17-18

Anyone interested in learning more about membership at AVPC can visit the church website for more information and to register. Today is the deadline to register.

Prayer Walk – August 2

Join at 5:00 PM to walk through the church, God's House, Altadena Park, and other nearby areas to pray for our Outreach ministries, followed by ice cream in the Fellowship Hall.

Gospel Waltz Journey

The Gospel Waltz Journey is coming August 28-30 at Camp Sumatanga. Registration is open - space is limited. You can register and find more information on our church website.

Covenant Family Memory Verse

July's memory verse is Psalm 29:2, which was the theme verse of WACK:

“Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness.”

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.

Elders

Jim Baird Mike Becker Brian Beckett Clint Cvacho John Franklin Nicholas Ireland Jay Lloyd
Kelley Lloyd Barry Parker Karl Poythress Jeff Schofield Danny Wachs John Wimberly

Deacons

Jason Allday Zac Campbell David Coley Kevin Drace Steve Driggers Matt Jackson
Brannan Jones Russell Lloyd Tom McCallum John Oliver John Peters Darren Popwell Drew Russell

Staff

Children's Ministry

Catie Lumpkin – *Director*

Abi Bostrom – *Nursery Director*

Amanda Amerson – *Ministry Assistant*

Danielle Harris – *Administrative Assistant*

Youth Ministry

Clint Cvacho – *Director*

Callen Moyer – *Girls' Discipleship*

Emma Snow – *Worship Intern*

Women's Ministry

Heather Sommer – *Director*

Adult Ministry

Nick Moyer – *College Ministry Assistant*

Worship Ministry

Heather Sommer – *Ministry Assistant*

Young jin Jeon – *Organist*

Michael Bobo & Ricky Klose – *Sound Ministry Directors*

God's House Kindergarten

Sky Macrory – *Director*

Blake Harris
Associate Pastor, Adult Ministries

Michael MacCaughelty
Associate Pastor, Outreach & Mercy

Kyle Parker
Senior Pastor

Steve Whitner
Associate Pastor, Worship

Administrative & Facility

Anna Waldrip – *Church Administrator*

Connor Bingham – *Administrative Assistant*

Peggy Keller – *Financial Administrator*

Dave Mayhew – *Facilities Manager*

Michael Bobo – *IT Director*

Courtney McCrory – *Kitchen Coordinator*

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