



*A Dark and
Wacky Night*

July 6–9

Altadena Valley Presbyterian Church
July 5, 2026

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. 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 5, 2026 | 10:00 AM

Preparation for Worship

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.

Prelude

“She Must and Shall Go Free”

Mercy speaks by Jesus’ blood; hear and sing, ye sons of God; justice satisfied indeed; 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. “All her debts were cast on me, and she must and 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. “All her debts were cast on me, and she must and shall go free.” Should the law against her roar, Jesus’ blood still speaks with power, “All her debts were cast on me, and she must and shall go free.”

Gadsby Hymn #534. Music by Derek Webb and Sandra McCracken.

Announcements

Reverence

(God Pursues Us)

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

PLEASE STAND

Call to Worship • From Isaiah 12

(Leader) I will give thanks to you, O Lord, though you were angry with us, your anger turned away, that you might comfort us. God you are our salvation; We will trust and not fear! For the Lord is our strength, our song, and our salvation. With joy we draw from the wells of salvation.

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

(Congregation) We give thanks to you Lord, calling upon your name, making known your deeds among us. We sing praises to you, for you do glorious things.

The LORD be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of Invocation

The Welcome of God

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

Songs of Praise

“Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”

*(Chorus) Hail to the Lord's anointed, great David's greater Son!
Hail in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun!
His reign on earth begun!*

He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free,
To take away transgression, and rule in equity. *(Chorus)*

He comes with comfort speedy to those who suffer wrong,
To help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong;
To give them songs for sighing, their darkness turned to light,
Whose souls, condemned and dying, were precious in his sight. *(Chorus)*

He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth,
Love, joy, and hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth.
The tide of time shall never his covenant remove.
His name shall stand forever, that name to us is Love. *(Chorus)*

Words by James Montgomery. Music by Sandra McCracken.

“Here I Am to Worship”

Light of the World,
You stepped down into darkness,
Opened my eyes, let me see.
Beauty that made this heart adore you,
Hope of a life spent with you.

*(Chorus) So here I am to worship,
Here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that you're my God.
You're altogether lovely,
Altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful to me.*

King of all days,
Oh, so highly exalted,
Glorious in heaven above.
Humbly you came to the earth you created,
All for love's sake became poor. *(Chorus 2x)*

Words and Music by Tim Hughes.

Reconciliation

(God Restores Us)

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

Corporate Prayer of Confession • from Isaiah 43:1-5

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But now thus says the Lord, he who created us, he formed us: “Fear not, I have redeemed you; I call you by name, you are mine!”

When we pass through the waters, you are with us.

When we face rivers, they do not overwhelm us!

When we walk through fire we are not burned, their flame does not consume us!

But now thus says the Lord, he who created us, he formed us: “Fear not, I have redeemed you; I call you by name, you are mine.”

God, you tell us not if we will face difficulties and struggles, but when.

Fortify our resolve to meet life's challenges, failures, shame, victories, and hardships in Christ, who alone, saves and restores us!

We encourage you to use this time for silent reflection.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon • from Micah 7:18-20

(Leader) Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression? You do not retain your anger forever, because you delight in steadfast love. You will again have compassion on us; you will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.

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

(Congregation) Let no one take us captive by philosophy, empty deceit, or human tradition, and not according to Christ.

In Christ the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily. In Christ, we are buried with him in baptism and raised with him through faith.

You will show faithfulness and steadfast love, as you have sworn to from the days of old.

Hymn of Response

PLEASE STAND

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee,
Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
Drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee,
Earth and heav'n reflect thy rays.
Stars and angels sing around thee,
Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flowery meadow, flashing sea;
Chanting bird and flowing fountain
Call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living,
Ocean depth of happy rest.
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother -
All who live in love are thine.
Teach us how to love each other;
Lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the mighty chorus
Which the morning stars began;
Love divine is reigning o'er us,
Leading us with mercy's hand.
Ever singing, march we onward,
Victors in the midst of strife.
Joyful music leads us sunward
In the triumph song of life.

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

PLEASE BE SEATED

Revelation

(God Speaks to Us)

Commissioning: Mission trip to Pendleton, OR

Youth: Noah Allday, Silas Allday, Addy Kate Armstrong, Charis Armstrong, Beau Barnett, Cooper Campbell, Lucas Ireland, Graham Jackson, Naomi Jackson, Lottie Kanter, Daniel Lumpkin, Mary Kate McCrory, Ezekiel Putman, Emma Snow, Micah Snow

Adults: Jason Allday, Laura Allday, Nikki Armstrong, Woody Armstrong, Alli Campbell, Clint Cvacho, Elizabeth Kanter, Catie Lumpkin, Josh Putman

Prayer of Supplication

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(At this time, 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 the children's area after the service.)

Scripture Reading • John 12:1-8

^{1,2,1} Six days before the Passover, Jesus therefore came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. ² So they gave a dinner for him there. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those reclining with him at table. ³ Mary therefore took a pound of expensive ointment made from pure nard, and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴ But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (he who was about to betray him), said, ⁵ “Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?” ⁶ He said this, not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief, and having charge of the moneybag he used to help himself to what was put into it. ⁷ Jesus said, “Leave her alone, so that she may keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸ For the poor you always have with you, but you do not always have me.”

Introduction

- Jesus returning for Passover is ironic because the feast's intention was to seek cleansing from sin, but the Jews' intention is to stain the nation with Jesus's death.
- He returns to feast with friends; what a cool view of our future! Reclining with loved ones who enjoy an eternal perspective founded upon an eternal future!
- Judas embodies harm to healthy churches: gospel-sounding people with demeanors resembling Mat 12:20's bruised reeds but are actually Acts 7:51's stiff-necked.

I) Christians enjoy Jesus (1-3)

- The dinner is beautiful! Jesus enjoys friendships forged through deep gratitude for one another, only possible amongst those who experience rescue.
- We share in Jesus' rescue; our individual stories bear striking similarities; what's impossible for us to grasp, to survive, and to heal from is possible in Jesus.
- Jesus covers us and takes the hits when life throws us into murky, gross water; Jesus liberates us when trapped, assures us when hopeless; He redeems us!

II) Judas envies Jesus (4-6)

- Judas shows how easy it is to lose everything: just envy anything more than Jesus.
- We relate to Judas every time we feel isolated and lonely! Judas was hanging with Jesus, who alone can embrace our ugly and awful, but we often deny him.
- I mentioned the stiff-necked, bruised reeds earlier — this was Judas who faked care for others, but his real intent was caring for his true love: himself.

III) Jesus encourages JOY! (7-8)

- These friends, bonded by suffering, knew what was going on politically against Jesus, but Lazarus had gained eternal perspective which demanded joy.
- I remember 1976, the excitement, gratitude, and hope. I contrast that with chatting with a friend this week lamenting the division, violence, and despair.
- News on our 250th is a mess, regardless of where on the political or cultural spectrum you reside; discord is rampant, but NOT in Christ or His Kingdom.

Conclusion

- Most of us love our country; I don't even watch soccer but GO USA. Personally, I have concerns, grumbling alongside my preferred news, but need rest in my King.
- Assess within your life the relationship between your anxiety and assurance. Does any anxiety you face find Jesus surprised, ill-prepared, or too flimsy to fight?
- No! Then lets get on with living with expectation, encouragement, and joy!

Response

(We Respond to God in Faith)

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

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

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

Hymn of Response

“Empty Me Out”

Empty me out. Fill me with you. Lord there is nothing I can give to you. I lay down my life here at your feet. You give me life so completely now, I died with you, was buried with you the moment I believed, and I rose with you ascended with you into the heavenlies. Lord, it's not me. It's you inside of me, and Jesus, you're all these eyes can see.

Words and Music by Josh White.

*Rest – God
blesses us to rest
in his peace.*

PLEASE STAND

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

Rest

(God Blesses Us)

Hymn of Response • #76

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven, to his feet your tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who like me his praise should sing?
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favor to our fathers in distress.
Praise him, still the same forever, slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, glorious in his faithfulness.

Fatherlike, he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows.
In his hands he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, widely as his mercy goes.

Frail as summer's flower we flourish, blows the wind and it is gone.
But while mortals rise and perish, God endures unchanging on.
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the High Eternal One.

Angels, help us to adore him; you behold him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space.
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise with us the God of grace.

Benediction

Postlude

This Week

Sunday, July 5

9:00 AM Continental Fellowship Breakfast
10:00 AM Worship Service
Kyle Parker | John 12:1-8

Monday, July 6

8:30 AM WACK

Monday, July 7

8:30 AM WACK

Wednesday, July 8

8:30 AM WACK
6:15 PM Praise Team Rehearsal
6:30 PM Small Groups

Thursday, July 9

8:30 AM WACK
6:30 PM WACK Program
6:30 PM Young Adult Bible Study (Youth House)

Sunday, July 12

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

Weekly Bible Reading

Esther 5-7 • Esther 8-10 • Nehemiah 1-2 • Nehemiah 3-4 • Nehemiah 5-6

Missionaries of the Week

Laura Morgan serves with Serge and provides spiritual and logistical support for missionaries, and ministry leaders. She and her husband, Steve, reside in Tryon, N.C., where he is a hospital chaplain.

	Contributions for June 28	Year-To-Date Contributions
General Fund	\$14,326	\$732,789
Faith Promise	\$1,975	\$170,783

Church Life

Pray for WACK

WACK begins tomorrow. Please pray for our WACK teachers, volunteers, and campers. If you would like to help with WACK in any way, please contact Heather Sommer for more information.

Youth Mission Trip

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

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.

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 is 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
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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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