



# 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.

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

March 10, 2024 | 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

## PRELUDE

### “Jesus, Strong and Kind”

Jesus said that if I thirst, I should come to him. No one else can satisfy; I should come to him. Jesus said if I am weak, I should come to him. No one else can be my strength; I should come to him. For the Lord is good and faithful. He will keep us day and night. We can always run to Jesus—Jesus, strong and kind. Jesus said that if I fear, I should come to him. No one else can be my shield; I should come to him. Jesus said if I am lost, he will come to me. And he showed me on that cross, he will come to me.

Words and music by Colin Buchanan, Jonny Robinson, Michael Farren, and Rich Thompson.

*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

(Leader) Hear, O people of God: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.

**(Congregation) Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness.**

Love your neighbor as yourself.

**The Lord is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made.**

Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the LORD is God.

**It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**

Rejoice in the LORD, you who are righteous, and praise his holy name.

*Adapted from Deuteronomy 6:4-5; Psalm 29:2; Mark 12:31; 145:9; 100:2-3; 97:12.*

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

## **HYMN OF RESPONSE**

### **“Doxology”**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## **INVOCATION**

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

## **THE WELCOME OF GOD**

PLEASE STAND

## **SONGS OF PRAISE**

### **“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;  
Join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen how thy desires all have been  
Granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;  
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.  
Ponder anew what the Almighty will do,  
If with his love he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
Let the "Amen" sound from his people again; gladly forever adore him!  
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### **"Song of Moses"**

Oh, the Lord our strength and song, highest praise to him belongs.  
Christ, the Lord, the conquering King, your name we raise, your triumphs sing.

*(Chorus) Praise the Lord, our mighty warrior. Praise the Lord, the Glorious One.  
By his hand we stand in vict'ry, by his name we overcome.*

Though the storms of hell pursue, in darkest night we worship you.  
You divide the raging sea, from death to life you safely lead. *(Chorus)*

All the saints and angels bow, hosts of heaven crying out,  
"Glory, glory to the King! You reign for all eternity." *(Chorus)*

*(Bridge) The Lord shall reign forever and ever. (Repeat line 3 X's)*

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Words and Music by Aaron Keyes, Ben Smith, Chris Moerman, Graham Kendrick, and Joseph Barrett.

## **“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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Words and Music by Stuart Townend.

*Every month in  
Sunday School,  
our children learn  
a new hymn.  
“How Deep the  
Father’s Love  
For Us” was  
February’s “Hymn  
of the Month.”*

## **CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

PLEASE BE SEATED

**O Lord, no day of our lives has passed  
that has not proved us guilty in your sight.**

**Prayers have been uttered from prayerless hearts;**

**Praise has often been praiseless sound;**

**Our best services are like filthy rags.**

**Blessed Jesus, let us find a shelter in your appeasing wounds.**

**Though our sins rise to heaven,  
your merits soar above them;**

**Though our unrighteousness weighs us down to hell,  
your righteousness exalts us to your throne.**

**All things in us call for our rejection,  
all things in you plead for our acceptance.**

**We are guilty, but pardoned,  
lost, but saved,  
wandering, but found,  
sinning, but cleansed.**

**Keep us always clinging to the cross,**

**Flood us every moment with your descending grace.**

**In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.**

Adapted from *The Valley of Vision*: "The Broken Heart."

## **SILENT CONFESSION**

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

*We receive  
assurance  
that we have  
been saved,  
not because of  
righteous things  
we have done,  
but because of  
the mercy of God.*

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON • Titus 3:3-7**

At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another. But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

PLEASE STAND

## **HYMN OF RESPONSE • #467**

### **“Wonderful Grace of Jesus”**

Wonderful grace of Jesus,  
Greater than all my sin;  
How shall my tongue describe it,  
Where shall its praise begin?  
Taking away my burden,  
Setting my spirit free;  
For the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me.

*(Refrain)*

**(Together)** *Wonderful the matchless grace of Jesus,  
Deeper than the mighty rolling sea (the rolling sea);*

**(Women)** *Wonderful grace, all sufficient for me, for even me.*

**(Men)** *Higher than the mountain, sparkling like a fountain,  
All sufficient grace for even me;*

**(Together)** *Broader than the scope of my transgressions,  
Greater far than all my sin and shame,  
O magnify the precious Name of Jesus.  
Praise His Name!*



Wonderful grace of Jesus,  
Reaching to all the lost,  
By it I have been pardoned,  
Saved to the uttermost,  
Chains have been torn asunder,  
Giving me liberty;  
For the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me. *(Refrain)*

Wonderful grace of Jesus,  
Reaching the most defiled,  
By its transforming power,  
Making him God's dear child,  
Purchasing peace and heaven,  
For all eternity;  
And the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me. *(Refrain)*

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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## **RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

*(8:30 AM Service) Patrick, Laren, & Brendan Barker; Brannan & Whitney Jones;  
Ezekiel Prettyman; Jennifer Rush*

*(11:00 AM Service) Oliver Chase; Rod & Renee Chase; Hannah Short;  
Joan Smith; Marland & Patty Thurston*

## PASTORAL PRAYER

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## SCRIPTURE READING • Hebrews 10:19-25

<sup>10:19</sup> Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup> by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, <sup>21</sup> and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup> let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup> Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup> And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, <sup>25</sup> not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

## **SERMON • “Life in Paradise” Rev. Brad Allison**

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In our series on the “One Another” commands of the New Testament, we come today to this command to “stir up one another to love and good works.” The assumption implicit in this command is that there is great potential for good in our relationships with one another. God has put within the church a capacity for us to help one another even with this greatest command to love. This verb “stir up” can carry a negative meaning, in the sense of provoking someone to anger. We sometimes say of a troubled marriage, “They know how to push one another’s buttons.” But it is used here in a positive sense. Our passage begins with language that takes us back to the main storyline of the Bible, a story that begins in the paradise of Eden.

### **I. Paradise Re-Opened – vs. 19-21**

### **II. Paradise Enjoyed – vs. 22-25**

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

## **GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

### **SONG OF RESPONSE**

#### **“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”**

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love; the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above. Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers; our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares. We are one in Christ Jesus, our Lord. Through our love for one another, may his glory be revealed. We are one in Christ Jesus, our Lord. We share each other's woes, our mutual burdens bear; and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear. When we asunder part, it gives us inward pain; but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again. We are one in Christ Jesus, our Lord. Through our love for one another, may his glory be revealed. We are one in Christ Jesus, our Lord. From sorrow, toil and pain, and sin, we shall be free, and perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity. We are one in Christ Jesus, our Lord. Through our love for one another, may his glory be revealed. We are one in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Words by John Fawcett. Music by Hans G. Nageli. Alternate words and arrangement by Steve Whitner.

*“We share each  
other's woes,  
our mutual  
burdens bear;  
and often for  
each other flows  
the sympathizing  
tear.”*

## HYMN OF RESPONSE • #347 (vs. 1-4, 6)

PLEASE STAND

### “The Church’s One Foundation”

The church’s one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
She is his new creation by water and the Word.  
From heav’n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;  
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o’er all the earth,  
Her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder men see her sore oppressed,  
By schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,  
Yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up, “How long?”  
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

The church shall never perish! Her dear Lord to defend,  
To guide, sustain, and cherish, is with her to the end;  
Though there be those that hate her, and false sons in her pale,  
Against all foe or traitor she ever shall prevail.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won;  
O happy ones and holy! Lord give us grace that we,  
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

## BENEDICTION

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

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### WEEKLY BIBLE READING (March 11- March 17)

Numbers 20, 27 • Numbers 34-35 • Deuteronomy 1-2 • Deuteronomy 3-4 • Deuteronomy 6-7

# Announcements

**OUR MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK** are Bill and Cheryl Nikides, who serve with Reformed Evangelistic Fellowship (REF) in Native American church planting in Billings, Montana. They have spent many years supporting church planting in Bangladesh through the Muslim convert Presbyterian Church of Bangladesh. They also train church planters in Muslim majority Albania.

- **MEN'S WORK DAY:** Men of all ages, join us next Saturday, March 16, from 9 - 11 AM as we spruce up the church grounds, including spreading pine straw and gravel in various locations around the church buildings. Bring your gloves, shovels, and wheel barrows!
- **MERCY SUNDAY:** The Mercy Team invites you to join us on Sunday, March 17, for Mercy Sunday. We will be hearing from a guest preacher, Dion Watts, from our sister church Urban Hope. See this month's Saltshaker for more information. See you there!
- **EASTER EGG HUNT:** AVPC's Children's and Outreach Ministries will be hosting our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 30, in Altadena Park. If you would like to leave a donation of plastic eggs or candy, you can do so in one of the labeled boxes in the Parlor or Welcome Center.
- **EASTER FLOWERS:** If you would like to purchase Easter flowers to be placed in the Sanctuary in memory or honor of someone for Easter, please complete an Easter Flower order form, which can be found in the Parlor and Welcome Center. The deadline to submit an order is Sunday, March 24.
- **FAITH PROMISE:** We have received 64 pledges equaling \$153,187 toward a goal of 110 pledges and \$335,000. Additional pledges are welcome. We ask that you prayerfully consider giving to Faith Promise.
- **EASTER AT AVPC:** Easter is only three weeks away! In addition to our Sunday morning worship services and Sunday School, we have several Easter traditions we'd like to invite you to:
  - March 29, 12:00 PM: Good Friday Service
  - March 30, 10:30 AM: Neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt in Altadena Park
  - March 31, 7:00 AM: Sunrise Service in Acton Memorial Cemetery followed by Easter Breakfast
- **CHURCH WIDE TALENT SHOW:** Do you have a talent that you would be willing to share with others, all while helping raise support for the youth mission trip to Washington state? Then make plans to join us in the Fellowship Hall on April 20 at 6:00 PM for an evening you will not soon forget! If you would like to participate in the talent show, you can contact Clint Cvacho (clint@avpc.org) or sign up on our church website.
- **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** The Urban Hope Success Academy is an outreach ministry of Urban Hope, our sister church in Fairfield. The program offers academic support for middle schoolers over the summer and builds relationships with their families. For more information, contact Sandra Hardy (shardy0228@gmail.com).

# Calendar

## SUNDAY (MARCH 10)\*

8:30 AM     Worship Service  
                   Brad | Hebrews 10:19-25  
 9:45 AM     Sunday School  
 11:00 AM    Worship Service  
 5:00 PM     Kid's Bridge Night  
                   Youth Group  
                   Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
                   Community Groups  
                   Men's Bible Study - Parker Home

## MONDAY (MARCH 11)

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

## TUESDAY (MARCH 12)

7:00 PM     Diaconate Meeting

## WEDNESDAY (MARCH 13)

9:00 AM     WTW Bible Study - Church Parlor  
 6:00 PM     WTW Bible Study - Parker Home  
 6:15 PM     Praise Team Rehearsal  
 6:30 PM     Community Groups

*\*Daylight Savings (Spring Forward)*

## THURSDAY (MARCH 14)

9:00 AM     Men's Coffee

## FRIDAY (MARCH 15)

1:00 PM     WTW Bible Study - Bates Home

## SATURDAY (MARCH 16)

9:00 AM     Men's Work Day

## MERCY SUNDAY (MARCH 17)

8:30 AM     Worship Service  
                   Dion Watts | Malachi 4:1-6  
 9:45 AM     Sunday School  
 11:00 AM    Worship Service  
 12:15 PM    Pastoral Search Committee Meeting  
 5:00 PM     Kid's Bridge Night  
                   Youth Group  
                   Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
                   Community Groups  
                   Men's Bible Study - Parker Home

### SAVE THE DATE - MORE INFORMATION COMING

#### Spring 2024 Events

March 31 - Easter Sunday  
 April 19 - Membership Night  
 April 21 - Prayer Service  
 May 5 - Youth Sunday

#### Spring 2024 Fellowship Dinners

April 7 & 21

	Contributions for the Week	Year-To-Date Contributions	Year-To-Date Requirements	Over(Under) Budget
<b>General Fund</b>	\$23,666	\$297,095	\$272,315	\$24,779
<b>Faith Promise</b>	\$3,965	\$54,677	\$36,817	\$17,860

## 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*

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

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

Mary Frances Snyder  
*Children's Administrative Assistant*

Amanda Amerson  
*Children's Ministry Assistant*

## YOUNG ADULTS & MEN'S MINISTRIES

Blake Harris  
*Associate Pastor*

## YOUTH MINISTRIES

Clint Cvacho  
*Youth Director*

Callen Moyer  
*Girls' Discipleship Director*

Benjamin Lumpkin  
*Youth Worship Intern*

## ADMINISTRATIVE AND FACILITY

Anna Waldrip  
*Church Administrator*

Connor Bingham  
*Administrative Assistant*

Dave Mayhew Heather Sommer  
*Facilities Manager Financial Administrator*

Michael Bobo Hillary Gamble  
*IT Director Kitchen Coordinator*

## WORSHIP MINISTRIES

Heather Sommer  
*Worship Ministry Assistant*

Young jin Jeon  
*Organist*

Carol Apol & Ricky Klose  
*Sound Ministry Directors*