



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.

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

March 19, 2023 | 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

PRELUDE

“Blessed Are You”

Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn for they shall all be comforted. Blessed are the meek; they'll inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness; they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers; they are sons of God. Blessed are those persecuted for righteousness sake; theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil because of me. Rejoice and be glad as he taught you. Your reward's in heaven.

Words from Matthew 5:3-12. Music by Zachary Snow and Michael Bobo.

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

CALL TO WORSHIP • From Isaiah 55:6-9; Psalm 57:9-11

(Leader) Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on you, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

(Congregation) His steadfast love is great to the heavens, his faithfulness to the clouds.

(Leader) His thoughts are not our thoughts, neither are his ways our ways. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are his ways higher than our ways and his thoughts than our thoughts.

(Congregation) We will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples; we will sing praises to you among the nations.

(All) Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let your glory be over all the earth!

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

“Gloria Patri”

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, Amen.

INVOCATION

THE WELCOME OF GOD

SONGS OF PRAISE

“Open the Eyes of My Heart”

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart.
I want to see you, I want to see you.
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart.
I want to see you, I want to see you.

*To see you high and lifted up, shining in the light of your glory.
Pour out your power and love as we sing holy, holy, holy.*

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart.
I want to see you, I want to see you.
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart.
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Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy.
Holy, holy, holy. I want to see you. *(Men repeat 2 X's; women return to beginning.)*

Words and music by Paul Baloche.

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

PLEASE STAND

“This is Amazing Grace”

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness?
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger?
The King of glory, the King above all kings.

Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder?
The King of glory, the King above all kings.

*This is amazing grace, this is unfailing love,
That you would take my place, that you would bear my cross;
You laid down your life that I would be set free.
Jesus, I sing for all that you've done for me.*

Who brings our chaos back into order?
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter?
The King of glory, the King of glory.

Who rules the nations with truth and justice?
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance?
The King of glory, the King above all kings.

*This is amazing grace, this is unfailing love,
That you would take my place, that you would bear my cross;
You laid down your life that I would be set free.
Jesus, I sing for all that you've done for me.*

(Bridge) Worthy is the Lamb who was slain!
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave! *(Repeat 2X's)*
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain! Worthy, worthy, worthy!

*This is amazing grace, this is unfailing love,
That you would take my place, that you would bear my cross;
You laid down your life that I would be set free.
Jesus, I sing for all that you've done for me.*

Words and Music by Jeremy Riddle, Josh Farro, and Phil Wickham

“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.

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) 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.*

*(Bridge 1) Oh, what a Savior, wonderful Jesus.
Oh, what a Savior, wonderful Jesus. (Repeat)*

*(Bridge 2) Death could not hold you. You are victorious
Praise to the risen King. (Repeat)*

(Ending) Oh, what a Savior, wonderful King.

Words and Music by Chris Brown, Fanny Jane Crosby, Mack Brock, and Phoebe Palmer Knapp.

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

PLEASE BE SEATED

Lord and Savior, help us.

**We are slow to learn, prone to forget,
and weak to climb;**

**We are in the foothills
when we should be in the heights;**

**We are pained by our graceless hearts,
our prayerless days,
our poverty of love,
our sloth in the heavenly race,
our sullied consciences,
our wasted hours,
our unspent opportunities.**

We are blind while the light shines around us.

**Take the scales from our eyes,
grind to dust our hearts of unbelief.**

**Make it our highest joy to study you,
to meditate on you, to gaze upon you,
to sit like Mary at your feet,
to lean like John upon your breast,
to appeal like Peter to your love,
to count like Paul all things but loss.**

We believe; help our unbelief.

In your name we pray. Amen.

Adapted from *The Valley of Vision*: "A Disciple's Renewal".

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

SILENT CONFESSION

*We receive
assurance that
through Christ, we
are God's people
and recipients of his
mercy.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON • 1 Peter 2:9-10

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF RESPONSE • #296 (vs. 1, 3, 5, 6)

PLEASE STAND

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

All hail the pow’r of Jesus’ name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.

Ye seed of Israel’s chosen race, ye ransomed of the fall,
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.

Let ev’ry kindred, ev’ry tribe, on this terrestrial ball,
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all.
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!
We’ll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all.
We’ll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE BE SEATED

SHARING & PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE (11:00 AM Service)

“Is He Worthy”

Do you feel the world is broken? (We do.) Do you feel the shadows deepen? (We do.) But do you know that all the dark won't stop the light from getting through? (We do.) Do you wish that you could see it all made new? (We do.) Is all creation groaning? (It is.) Is a new creation coming? (It is.) Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst? (It is.) Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? (It is.) Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole? Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll? The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave, he is David's Root, and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave. Is he worthy of all blessing and honor and glory? Is he worthy of this? (He is!) Does the Father truly love us? (He does.) Does the Spirit move among us? (He does.) And does Jesus, our Messiah, hold forever those he loves? (He does.) Does our God intend to dwell again with us? (He does.) Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole? Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll? The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave, he is David's Root, and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave. From every people and tribe, every nation and tongue, he has made us a kingdom and priests to God to reign with the Son. Is he worthy of all blessing and honor and glory? Is he worthy of this? (He is!)

Words and Music by Andrew Peterson & Ben Shive.

*At this time,
children ages 4-6
are dismissed for
their worship.*

SCRIPTURE READING • Romans 9:1-5

^{9:1} I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit—² that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³ For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. ⁴ They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. ⁵ To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.

SERMON • “Start Here” Rev. Michael MacCaughelty

Paul has just marvelled how nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ. But what about Jewish people? At the beginning of this new section, Paul starts with anguished compassion from love for his fellow Jewish kin.

I. From Love (vs. 1-3)

II. Speak the Truth (vs. 4-5)

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

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

SONG OF RESPONSE

“Lead Kindly Light”

Lead, kindly light, amidst the grey and gloom. The night is long and I am far from home. Here in the dark, I do not ask to see the path ahead—one step enough for me. Lead on, lead on, kindly light. I was not ever willing to be led. I could have stayed, but I ran instead. In spite of fear, I followed my pride. My eyes could see, but my heart was blind. Lead on, lead on, kindly light. And in the night, when I was afraid, your feet beside my own on the way. Each stumbling step where other men have trod shortens the road leading home to my God. Lead on, my God, lead on, kindly light.

Words and music by Audrey Assad.

HYMN OF RESPONSE • #263 (vs. 1, 3, 4, 5)

PLEASE STAND

“Lift High the Cross”

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world adore his sacred name.*

Come brethren, follow where our Savior trod,
Our King victorious, Christ the Son of God.

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world adore his sacred name.*

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
As thou hast promised, draw men unto thee.

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world adore his sacred name.*

Thy kingdom come, that earth's despair may cease
Beneath the shadow of its healing peace.

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world adore his sacred name.*

For thy blest cross which doth for us atone,
Creation's praises rise before thy throne.

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world adore his sacred name.*

BENEDICTION

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

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WEEKLY BIBLE READING (March 20 - March 26)

Deuteronomy 8-9 • Deuteronomy 30-31 • Deuteronomy 32,34 • Joshua 1-2 • Joshua 3-4

Announcements

OUR MISSIONS OF THE WEEK are the various committees and agencies for the PCA. The PCA has 10 permanent committees and agencies, which serve as support for churches, members, students and missionaries all over the world; the Administrative Committee, the Committee on Discipleship Ministries (CDM), PCA Bookstore, Covenant College, Covenant Theological Seminary, Mission to North America (MNA), Mission to the World (MTW), PCA Foundation, PCA Retirement and Benefits, Inc. (RBI), Reformed University Ministries (RUM), and Ridge Haven Conference and Retreat Center.

- **PRAYER MINISTRY NEWS:** The Prayer Prompt bookmarks from the Prayer Ministry Team are now available for use. Pick up your copy from the Parlor or Welcome Center.
- **15 MINUTE CHOIR:** Join us today in the LATE SERVICE for the “AVPC 15-minute choir”. Our anthem will be Andrew Peterson’s well-known song, “Is He Worthy”. The choir will rehearse in the choir room from 10:40–10:55 AM (optional early rehearsal from 10:25–10:40 AM), then sing that anthem with the choir in the LATE SERVICE. We hope you will join us.
- **DIVINE DESIGN SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS COMING SOON:** This class (taught by Steve Whitner and Jill & Fran Sciacca) will be offered in April and May. The purpose of this class is to provide a biblical foundation for spiritual gifts and service, and to help believers explore their own unique personality types and spiritual gifts so that they will be fruitful and fulfilled as they discover and utilize their spiritual gifts in a place of service. This class will begin with a 2-hour Myers-Briggs Type Indicator seminar on Saturday, April 1 (led by Jill Sciacca) from 1-3 PM, and will continue during the Sunday School hour in April and May. Due to the personalized nature of this class and the fact that each week builds upon another, size is limited to 12 people and advance signup is required. (Note: The Saturday seminar is mandatory and participants are expected to attend at least 7 out of the 8 classes. You can sign up by calling the church office at 205-967-0680. Deadline for sign up is Tuesday, March 21. Childcare will be available for the seminar.)
- **WEEKDAY CUSTODIAN POSITION:** The church is looking for someone to fill a paid, part-time position, who can perform custodial work for 20 hours a week. For complete job description and application, visit our website, - About Us - Employment Opportunities.
- **GHK – PART-TIME PRESCHOOL MUSIC TEACHER:** God’s House Kindergarten is looking for a part-time music teacher for the 2023-24 school year. Hours are 8:30 - 12:30, Monday – Friday. The pay for this position is \$16-\$20 per hour with PTO days. Responsibilities include leading children ages 2 - 5 in music classes and performances. Must love children while being patient and flexible with the ability to create lesson plans. Experience & degree preferred. For more information and job application, contact Michelle Taylor (michelle@avpc.org).

Calendar

SUNDAY (MARCH 19)

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

MONDAY (MARCH 20)

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

TUESDAY (MARCH 21)

7:00 PM Session Meeting

WEDNESDAY (MARCH 22)

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

THURSDAY (MARCH 23)

9:00 AM Men's Coffee

SUNDAY (MARCH 26)*

8:30 AM Worship Service
 9:45 AM Sunday School
 11:00 AM Worship Service
 Brad | Romans 9:6-29
 5:00 PM Community Groups
 Men's Bible Study

**Celebration of The Lord's Supper*

- **EASTER FLOWERS:** Now is the time to pick up an order form for Easter flowers. Details can be found on the forms located in the Parlor and Welcome Center. Deadline to order is April 2.

	03/12/23 Receipts	Year-To-Date Receipts	Year-To-Date Requirements	Over(Under) Budget
General Fund	\$21,985	\$276,871	\$266,165	\$10,706
Faith Promise	\$4,798	\$52,478	\$48,679	\$3,800

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.

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