



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.

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 24, 2024 | 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

Palm Sunday Service

PRELUDE

"Hosanna"

I see the King of glory coming on the clouds with fire; the whole earth shakes. I see his love and mercy washing over all our sin. The people sing, Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. I see a generation rising up to take their place with selfless faith. I see a near revival stirring as we pray and seek. We're on our knees. Heal my heart and make it clean. Open up my eyes to the things unseen. Show me how to love like you have loved me. Break my heart for what breaks yours. Everything I am for your Kingdom's cause as I walk from earth into eternity.

Words and Music by Brooke Ligertwood.

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.

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Leader) Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

(Congregation) Hosanna in the highest!

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

Lo, your king comes to you;

Triumphant and victorious is he,

Humble and riding on a donkey,

On a colt, the foal of a donkey.

(All) Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

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

11:00 AM: PLEASE STAND

PALM PROCESSIONAL • #235 (11:00 AM Service)

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!
Thou art the King of Israel, thou David’s royal Son,
Who in the Lord’s name comest, the King and blessed One!

The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems before thee we present:
To thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;
To thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.

Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,
Who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King!
All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!

INVOCATION

THE WELCOME OF GOD

SONGS OF PRAISE

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

Come, Christians, join to sing, Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;
Praise is his gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!

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

8:30 AM: PLEASE STAND

Come, lift your hearts on high, Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!
He is our Guide and Friend; to us he'll condescend;
His love shall never end. Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again, Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore, his goodness we'll adore,
Singing forevermore, "Alleluia! Amen!"

"Crown Him With Many Crowns"

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne.
Hark! How the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love! Behold his hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
All hail, redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me:
Thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life! Who triumphed o'er the grave,
Who rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high.
Who died eternal life to bring and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of Heav'n! One with the Father known,
One with the Spirit through him giv'n from yonder glorious throne.
To thee be endless praise, for thou for us hast died.
Be thou, O Lord, thro' endless days adored and magnified!
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“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.

*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 if I am lost, he will come to me.
And he showed me on that cross, he will come to me.

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He will keep us day and night.
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Words and music by Colin Buchanan, Jonny Robinson, Michael Farren, and Rich Thompson.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Like the people who greeted Jesus as he entered Jerusalem and then later pronounced “Crucify him,” we are fickle people who often deny Christ in our thoughts, words, and deeds. Remembering the events of Jesus’ last week helps us see ourselves for what we are: sinners in need of a Savior, a Savior—praise God—we have in Christ. In honesty and hope, let us now corporately confess our sins to God.

Worship Sourcebook K.2.1.1.

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O Lord Jesus, who on this day
entered the rebellious city that later rejected you,
we confess
that our wills are as rebellious as Jerusalem’s,
that our faith is often more show than substance,
that our hearts are in need of cleansing.**

Have mercy on us, Son of David, Savior of our lives.

**Help us to lay at your feet all that we have and all that we are,
trusting you to forgive what is sinful,
to heal what is broken,
to welcome our praises, and to receive us as your own.**

In your name we pray. Amen.

Worship Sourcebook K.2.2.2.

SILENT CONFESSION

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

We receive assurance that Christ took the punishment we deserved, and by his wounds we are healed from sin.

PLEASE STAND

ASSURANCE OF PARDON • Isaiah 53:5-6; 2 Corinthians 5:21

Jesus was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. God made Jesus, who had no sin, to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF RESPONSE • #247

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

O sacred Head, now wounded,
With grief and shame weighed down;
Now scornfully surrounded
With thorns, thine only crown;
O sacred Head, what glory,
What bliss till now was thine!
Yet, though despised and gory,
I joy to call thee mine.

What thou, my Lord, hast suffered
Was all for sinners' gain:
Mine, mine was the transgression,
But thine the deadly pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Savior!
Tis I deserve thy place;
Look on me with thy favor,
Vouchsafe to me thy grace.

What language shall I borrow
To thank thee, dearest Friend,
For this, thy dying sorrow,
Thy pity without end?
O make me thine forever;
And should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never
Outlive my love to thee.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE BE SEATED

PASTORAL PRAYER

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SCRIPTURE READING • Hebrews 13:1-6

^{13:1} Let brotherly love continue. ² Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. ³ Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body. ⁴ Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. ⁵ Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."⁶ So we can confidently say,

"The Lord is my helper;
I will not fear;
what can man do to me?"

SERMON • “A Welcoming Community” Rev. Brad Allison

I’m so thankful to be a part of a church with a core value of being a welcoming community. A core value is a God-given strength, and God has gifted our church with this value. Though this is a strength of our church, there is still much room for improvement. So today we are going to consider one verse from Hebrews. “Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares” (13:2). Though the word “welcome” is not used here, the idea is present in this notion of hospitality. It means literally a love of strangers. It is the welcome extended to outsiders by those who are insiders.

I. Hospitality Commanded

II. Hospitality Neglected

III. Hospitality Rewarded

*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

"There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood"

There is a fountain filled with blood, drawn from Immanuel's veins; and sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains. The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day; and there have I, as vile as he, washed all my sins away. Dear dying Lamb, your precious blood shall never lose its pow'r, till all the ransomed church of God be saved to sin no more. E'er since by faith I saw the stream your flowing wounds supply, redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die. When this poor lisp'ing, stamm'ring tongue lies silent in the grave, then in a nobler, sweeter song, I'll sing thy power to save.

HYMN OF RESPONSE • #335

PLEASE STAND

“Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me”

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I myself would gracious be;
And with words that help and heal, would thy life in mine reveal;
And with actions bold and meek, would for Christ, my Savior, speak.

Truthful Spirit, dwell with me, I myself would truthful be;
And with wisdom kind and clear, let thy life in mine appear;
And with actions brotherly, speak my Lord’s sincerity.

Mighty Spirit, dwell with me, I myself would mighty be;
Mighty so as to prevail where unaided man must fail;
Ever by a mighty hope pressing on and bearing up.

Holy Spirit, dwell with me, I myself would holy be;
Separate from sin, I would choose and cherish all things good,
And whatever I can be, give to him who gave me thee!

BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE

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WEEKLY BIBLE READING (March 25 - March 31)

Joshua 5-6 • Joshua 7-8 • Joshua 23-24 • Judges 2-3 • Judges 4

Announcements

OUR MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK are Brad and Anna Owens. Brad is the RUF Campus Minister at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB). As a campus minister, Brad reaches and equips students for Christ by pastoring students, building healthy student groups, leading and managing student and staff teams, and developing ministry partners, all for the sake of serving Christ, the campus, and the church.

- **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. Today is the deadline to submit an order.
- **GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE:** Our Good Friday Service will be this Friday, March 29, from 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM. Join us as we remember the suffering of Christ on our behalf. We encourage you to invite your family, friends, and co-workers for this special service. Childcare provided through age 5.
- **AVPC EASTER EGG HUNT:** Please join us this Saturday, March 30, at 10:30 AM in Altadena Park for our annual outreach neighborhood egg hunt. Bring a friend and join us!
- **CANDY DONATIONS:** If you would like to leave candy donations for the Easter Egg Hunt, you can do so in one of the labeled boxes in the Parlor or Welcome Center.
- **EASTER AT AVPC:** Easter is next Sunday! Our Easter services will begin with a sunrise service at 7:00 AM at Acton Memorial Cemetery followed by an Easter breakfast at 7:20 AM.
- **FAITH PROMISE FOR MISSIONS UPDATE:** The Missions Team and our missionaries share our thanksgiving to the Lord and His church for the \$339,944 pledged from 100 individuals and families (as of March 20) towards our goal of \$335,000 for our annual Missions budget. We will use this amount as we finalize our budget for 2024. Contributions may be given to Faith Promise even if you did not make a pledge.
- **MEMBERSHIP NIGHT:** Are you thinking about church membership at Altadena? Come to our next Membership Night on Friday, April 19. Dinner is served at 6:00 PM, followed by an informational meeting. You will meet church staff and hear about ministry opportunities. You can sign up on the AVPC website. Attendance at this or another Membership Night is required for church membership. The deadline to register is April 14.
- **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES:** The Youth Ministry Team is looking for a female summer intern. Applicants need to love God, to love students, and to be available ten weeks out of the summer. For more information visit our church website. The deadline to apply is April 6. Please send applications to clint@avpc.org. The church is also seeking a College Ministry Assistant to shepherd and disciple college-age members. Email Anna Waldrip (anna@avpc.org) for more information or to apply.
- **ALTADENA PARK WORKDAY:** Grab your shovels, rakes, wheelbarrows, work gloves, and any other tools that might be useful, and join us for our next Altadena Park workday on Saturday, April 6, from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM. We will provide pizza for lunch.

Calendar

PALM SUNDAY (MARCH 24)*

8:30 AM Worship Service
 Brad | Hebrews 13: 1-6
 9:45 AM Sunday School
 11:00 AM Worship Service

MONDAY (MARCH 25)

6:30 AM Men's Bible Study - Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY (MARCH 27)

6:15 PM Praise Team Rehearsal
 6:30 PM Community Groups

THURSDAY (MARCH 28)

9:00 AM Men's Coffee

FRIDAY (MARCH 29)

12:00 PM Good Friday Service

SATURDAY (MARCH 30)

10:30 AM Easter Egg Hunt

EASTER SUNDAY (MARCH 31)

7:00 AM Sunrise Service
 7:20 AM Easter Breakfast
 8:30 AM Worship Service
 Brad | Luke 24:13-35
 9:45 AM Sunday School
 11:00 AM Worship Service

**Celebration of The Lord's Supper*

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

Easter Events

March 29 - Good Friday Service at 12:00 PM
 March 30 - Easter Egg Hunt at 10:30 AM
 March 31 - Sunrise Service at 7:00 AM
 March 31 - Easter Breakfast at 7:20 AM

	Contributions for the Week	Year-To-Date Contributions	Year-To-Date Requirements	Over(Under) Budget
General Fund	\$17,219	\$393,414	\$314,208	\$79,206
Faith Promise	\$3,845	\$70,717	\$51,707	\$19,010

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
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WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Heather Sommer
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Catie Lumpkin Allie Campbell
Children's Director Nursery Director

Mary Frances Snyder
Children's Administrative Assistant

Amanda Amerson
Children's Ministry Assistant

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Blake Harris
Associate Pastor

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Clint Cvacho
Youth Director

Callen Moyer
Girls' Discipleship Director

Benjamin Lumpkin
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