



# 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.

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:  
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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 5, 2023 | 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

## PRELUDE

### **“All Things New”**

Come, Lord, and tarry not. Bring the long looked for day. O why these years of waiting here, these ages of decay? Come, for thy saints still wait; daily ascends their sigh. The Spirit and the Bride say, “Come.” Does thou not hear the cry? O come and make all things new. Come and make all things new. O come and make all things new. Build up this ruined earth; come and make all things new. Come, for creation groans, impatient of thy stay, worn out with these long years of ill, these ages of delay. Come, for love waxes cold; its steps are faint and slow. Faith now is lost in unbelief, hope’s lamp burns dim and low. O come and make all things new. Come and make all things new. O come and make all things new. Build up this ruined earth; come and make all things new.

Words by Horatius Bonar. Music by Clint Wells.

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

## **CALL TO WORSHIP • From Psalm 46:1-3, 10**

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging. Be still, and know that he is God. Let us exalt his name among the nations; let us exalt his name in the earth.

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

## INVOCATION

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

## **THE WELCOME OF GOD**

### **SONGS OF PRAISE**

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#### **“Christ Our Hope In Life and Death”**

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone. Christ alone.  
What is our only confidence? That our souls to him belong.  
Who holds our days within his hand? What comes apart from his command?  
And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ in which we stand.

*(Chorus) O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal.  
O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess  
Christ our hope in life and death.*

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good. God is good.  
Where is his grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood.  
Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial?  
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh unto the shore the rock of Christ? *(Chorus)*

Unto the grave what shall we sing? “Christ, he lives! Christ, he lives!”  
And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with him.  
There we will rise to meet the Lord, then sin and death will be destroyed;  
And we will feast in endless joy when Christ is ours forevermore. *(Chorus)*

Words by Jordan Kauflin, Keith Getty, Matt Boswell, Matt Papa and Matthew Merker.

## **“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”**

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms;  
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

*Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;  
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.*

Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms;  
Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

*Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;  
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.*

What have I to dread, what have I to fear,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms?  
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

*Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;  
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.*

*Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;  
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.*

**"I Will Trust My Savior Jesus" (8:30 AM Service)**

I will trust my Savior, Jesus,  
When my darkest doubts befall;  
Trust him when to simply trust him  
Seems the hardest thing of all.

I will trust my Savior, Jesus,  
Trust him when my strength is small  
For I know the shield of Jesus  
Is the safest place of all.

*Jesus, only Jesus,  
Help me trust you more and more;  
Jesus, only Jesus,  
May my heart be ever yours.*

I will trust my Savior, Jesus,  
He has said his way is best  
And I know the path he's chosen  
Leads to everlasting rest.

*Jesus, only Jesus,  
Help me trust you more and more;  
Jesus, only Jesus,  
May my heart be ever yours.*

*(Bridge)* Oh, on that cross how it was seen.  
I can go now ever trusting  
In the one who died for me.  
What could I bring for your gift is complete,  
So I trust you simply trust you  
Lord with every part of me.

*Jesus, only Jesus,  
Help me trust you more and more;  
Jesus, only Jesus,  
May my heart be ever yours.*

Words and music by Jaywan Maxwell, Jonny Robinson, Lucy Ann Bennett, Rich Thompson, and Tiarne Tranter.

## **CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

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**O Lord, we thank you that the issue of the battle  
between yourself and Satan has never been uncertain  
and will end in victory.**

**Calvary broke the dragon's head,  
and we contend with a vanquished foe,  
who with all his subtlety and strength  
has already been overcome.**

**When we feel the serpent at our heels  
may we remember him whose heel was bruised,  
but who, when bruised crushed the devil's head.**

**Our souls with inward joy extol Jesus Christ, our mighty conqueror.**

**Forgive our sins and heal us of wounds received in the great conflict;  
when we have gathered defilement,  
when our faith has suffered damage,  
when our hope is less than bright,  
when our love is not fervent,  
when our souls sink under the pressure of the fight.**

**Give us such fellowship with you  
that we may defy Satan, unbelief, the flesh, and the world,  
with a delight that comes not from a creature,  
but from you, our Creator.**

**In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

Adapted from *Valley of Vision*: "The Servant in Battle."

## **SILENT CONFESSION**

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

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON • Romans 5:1-5, 8-9

*We receive  
assurance that  
through Christ, we  
have peace with  
God.*

Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.

PLEASE STAND

## HYMN OF RESPONSE • #521

### **"My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less"**

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

*(Chorus) On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.*

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace;  
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. *(Chorus)*

His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood:  
When all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay. *(Chorus)*

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found;  
Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne. *(Chorus)*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

*Tre Smith (8:30 AM Service)*

*Kip & Betty Blighton (11:00 AM Service)*

## PASTORAL PRAYER

## CHORAL RESPONSE *(11:00 AM Service)*

### **"Praise Him!"**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below.  
Praise him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Praise God in his sanctuary, praise him for his mighty acts. Praise him in the  
firmament of his power. Praise him according to his excellent greatness. Praise  
him! I will extol the Lord my God and I will bless his name forever. Great is the  
Lord, and greatly to be praised. He is righteous and holy. The Lord is gracious  
and kind; full of compassion, slow to anger; his tender mercies are over all  
his works; the Lord is good to all. Praise him! Praise God in his sanctuary,  
praise him for his mighty acts. Praise him in the firmament of his power. Let  
everything that hath breath praise the Lord!

Words based upon Thomas Kern's *Doxology (1709)* and Psalms 150 and 145. Music by Craig Courtney.

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

## **SCRIPTURE READING • Romans 8:18-30**

<sup>8:18</sup> For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup> For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. <sup>20</sup> For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup> that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. <sup>22</sup> For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. <sup>23</sup> And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup> For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? <sup>25</sup> But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

<sup>26</sup> Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. <sup>27</sup> And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. <sup>28</sup> And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup> For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. <sup>30</sup> And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

## **SERMON • “Responding to Suffering” Rev. Brad Allison**

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The middle part of this glorious chapter is all about suffering. There is something paradoxical about a chapter being noteworthy both for its statements about the absolute security of God’s children and at the same time saying so much about suffering. The paradox makes perfect sense, though, for it is in the midst of suffering that we need the anchoring effect of knowing that we are completely secure in the love of God. The topic of suffering was introduced by Paul’s statement in verse 17 that as children of God and heirs of Christ, we both suffer with Jesus and are glorified with him. Paul then proceeds to speak of four responses to suffering

### **I. We Consider – v. 18**

### **II. We Groan – v. 19-23**

### **III. We Hope – v. 24-25**

### **IV. We Trust – v. 26-30**

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

## **GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

### **SONG OF RESPONSE**

#### **“Christ is Mine Forevermore”**

*“Mine are tears in  
times of sorrow;  
darkness not  
yet understood.  
Through the  
valley I must  
travel where I see  
no earthly good.  
But mine is peace  
that flows from  
heaven and the  
strength in times  
of need. I know  
my pain will not  
be wasted, Christ  
completes his  
work in me.”*

Mine are days that God has numbered; I was made to walk with him. Yet I look for worldly treasure and forsake the King of kings. But mine is hope in my Redeemer; though I fall, his love is sure for Christ has paid for every failing. I am his forevermore. Mine are tears in times of sorrow; darkness not yet understood. Through the valley I must travel where I see no earthly good. But mine is peace that flows from heaven and the strength in times of need. I know my pain will not be wasted, Christ completes his work in me. Mine are days here as a stranger, pilgrim on a narrow way. One with Christ, I will encounter harm and hatred for his name. But mine is armour for this battle, strong enough to last the war, and he has said he will deliver safely to the golden shore. And mine are keys to Zion city where beside the King I walk, for there my heart has found its treasure, Christ is mine forevermore. Come rejoice now, O my soul, for his love is my reward. Fear is gone and hope is sure. Christ is mine forevermore.

Words and Music by Jonny Robinson and Rich Thompson.

## HYMN OF RESPONSE • #32

PLEASE STAND

### “Great is Thy Faithfulness”

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;  
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

*(Refrain) Great is thy faithfulness!*

*Great is thy faithfulness!*

*Morning by morning new mercies I see:  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *(Refrain)*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *(Refrain)*

## BENEDICTION

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

## POSTLUDE

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### WEEKLY BIBLE READING (March 6 - March 17)

Leviticus 23 • Leviticus 26 • Numbers 11-12 • Numbers 13-14 • Numbers 16-17

# 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.

- **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.
- **COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES:** The Young Adults will be packing care packages on March 11 from 10:00-11:30 AM in the Mezzanine Room for all of our college students and college-age members. If you have signed up to bring items for the care packages, please bring them by this Wednesday, March 8, and set them in the grey tub by the church office. Make sure to bring enough of your items for 25 students and to get the individually-wrapped version of those items. Thank you for partnering to express the love of Christ to our college students! If you have any questions you can email Blake Harris at [blake@avpc.org](mailto:blake@avpc.org).
- **SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP BRUNCH:** Come hungry and join us next Sunday, March 12, during the 9:45 AM Sunday School hour, for our fellowship brunch. Everyone is welcome to attend – even if you do not attend regularly. Good food will be served and ministry leaders will briefly share about challenges our children and youth are facing in today's culture, and how the gospel and family of God can bring hope in the midst of these struggles. We hope you will join us!
- **HANDYMAN SERVICE TEAM:** The Diaconate of AVPC has created a new mercy ministry opportunity called the Handyman Service Team. This team is comprised of volunteers who are willing to help those unable to complete small tasks around their homes. We invite both men and women, youth and adults to volunteer for this Team and to serve. See the Enews for the link to sign up. Questions? Contact Matt Jackson at [mtjlegal@aol.com](mailto:mtjlegal@aol.com).
- **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.)

# Calendar

## SUNDAY (MARCH 5)

8:30 AM    Worship Service  
 9:45 AM    Sunday School  
 11:00 AM    Worship Service  
               Brad | Romans 8:18-30  
 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 6)

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

## WEDNESDAY (MARCH 8)

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 9)

9:00 AM    Men's Coffee

## SUNDAY (MARCH 12)

8:30 AM    Worship Service  
 9:45 AM    Church-wide Brunch  
 11:00 AM    Worship Service  
               Brad | Romans 8:31-39  
 5:00 PM    Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
               Community Groups  
               Men's Bible Study  
               Kids & Youth Activities

- **MEN'S QUARTERLY GAME NIGHT:** Men of all ages, join us Thursday, March 16 for a night of pizza and board games at the home of Holt and Laura Gray (1416 Buckhead Road) from 6:00-8:30 PM. RSVP to Holt at (205) 999-0213.
- **ALTADENA PARK WORK DAY:** All able bodies – young and old – are encouraged to come help with another Park work day, scheduled for Saturday, March 18, at 8 AM. A variety of projects are on the list, including path and wooden fence improvements. Please bring your work gloves and garden tools, such as shovels and wheelbarrows. Pizza will be provided for lunch. Enjoy!

	02/26/23 Receipts	Year-To-Date Receipts	Year-To-Date Requirements	Over(Under) Budget
<b>General Fund</b>	\$23,099	\$231,796	\$206,174	\$25,622
<b>Faith Promise</b>	\$4,655	\$43,395	\$29,796	\$13,599

## 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

David Allen Steve Barley Brian Beckett Grahame Bobo Clint Cvacho Nicholas Ireland  
Brent McClenny Jack Morris Barry Parker Karl Poythress Thomas Prettyman Danny Wachs

### DEACONS

Woody Armstrong Hunter Boggs David Coley Al Foster Trey Holmes Matt Jackson Russell Lloyd  
Josh Moore John Peters Josh Putman Bill Sommer Rob Wise Ed Wofford

### YOUNG ADULTS & MEN'S MINISTRIES

Blake Harris  
*Young Adult & Men's Ministry Leader*

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

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

### WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Heather Sommer  
*Women's Ministry Director*

### YOUTH MINISTRIES

Clint Cvacho  
*Youth Director*  
Callen Moyer  
*Girl's Discipleship Director*  
Michael Whitner  
*Youth Worship Leader*

### ADMINISTRATIVE AND FACILITY

Christine Rowlette  
*Church Administrator*  
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*Administrative Assistant*  
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Christin Murphy  
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### WORSHIP MINISTRIES

Heather Sommer  
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Young jin Jeon  
*Organist*  
Carol Apol & Ricky Klose  
*Sound Ministry Directors*