



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 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.

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.



ORDER OF WORSHIP

May 15, 2022 | 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

PRELUDE

“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 heaven 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. 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.

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

CALL TO WORSHIP • Psalm 33:1-5, 8-11, 22

Sing joyfully to the LORD, you righteous; it is fitting for the upright to praise him. For the word of the LORD is right and true; he is faithful in all he does. The LORD loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of his unfailing love. Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the people of the world revere him. For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm. The LORD foils the plans of the nations; he thwarts the purposes of the peoples. But the plans of the LORD stand firm forever, the purposes of his heart through all generations. May your unfailing love rest upon us, O LORD, even as we put our hope in you.

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

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

INVOCATION

THE WELCOME OF GOD

HYMN OF PRAISE

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe; his craft and pow'r are great
And armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;
Were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus! It is he! Lord Sabaoth his name,
From age to age the same, and he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him; his rage we can endure,
For lo! His doom is sure; one little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also; the body they may kill:
God's truth abideth still; his kingdom is forever.

"By Faith" (11:00 AM Service)

By faith we see the hand of God
In the light of creation's grand design,
In the lives of those who prove his faithfulness,
Who walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith our fathers roamed the earth
With the power of his promise in their hearts,
Of a holy city built by God's own hand,
A place where peace and justice reign.

*(Chorus) We will stand as children of the promise;
We will fix our eyes on him, our soul's reward.
Till the race is finished and the work is done,
We'll walk by faith and not by sight.*

By faith the prophets saw a day
When the longed-for Messiah would appear
With the power to break the chains of sin and death
And rise triumphant from the grave.

By faith the church was called to go
In the power of the Spirit to the lost
To deliver captives and to preach good news
In every corner of the earth. *(Chorus)*

By faith this mountain shall be moved
And the power of the gospel shall prevail,
For we know in Christ all things are possible
For all who call upon his name. *(Chorus)*

Words and Music by Keith & Kristyn Getty and Stuart Townend.

“Speak, O Lord”

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you
To receive the food of your holy word.
Take your truth, plant it deep in us;
Shape and fashion us in your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
All your purposes for your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience,
Holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of your purity.
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of power that can never fail;
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on your promises;
And by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till your church is built
And the earth is filled with your glory.

Words and music by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend.

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

PLEASE BE SEATED

**Heavenly Father, in a world of created changeable things,
Christ and his Word alone remain unshaken.**

**O to forsake all creatures,
to rest as a stone on him the foundation,
to abide in him, be borne up by him!**

**For all our mercies come through Christ,
who has designed, purchased, promised, effected them.**

**How sweet it is to be near him,
the Lamb, filled with holy affections!**

**When we sin against you,
we cross your will, love, and life
and have no comforter
and no creature to go to.**

**Our sin is not so much this or that particular evil,
but our continual separation,
disunion, distance from you,
and having a loose spirit towards you.**

**But you have given us Jesus, your Son,
as Mediator between yourself and our souls,
for only he can span the chasm breached by sin,
and satisfy divine justice.**

**May we always lay hold upon this Mediator,
as a realized object of faith,
and alone worthy by his love
to bridge the gulf.**

Let us know that he is dear to us by his Word.

**Form our hearts according to the Word,
according to the image of your Son.**

**So shall Christ the Word, and his Word,
be our strength and comfort. Amen.**

*As a corporate
body, we confess
our sins to God and
call out to him for
forgiveness and
renewal through
the cleansing blood
of Jesus Christ.*

Adapted from Valley of Vision: "Christ the Word"

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

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON • Hebrews 4:12-16

*We receive
assurance that
through Christ,
we can approach
God's throne
of grace with
confidence,
knowing our sins
are forgiven.*

The word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account. Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin. Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

SONG OF RESPONSE

PLEASE STAND

"Ancient Words"

Holy words long preserved
For our walk in this world;
They resound with God's own heart,
O let the ancient words impart.

Words of life, words of hope,
Give us strength, help us cope.
In this world where'er we roam,
Ancient words will guide us home.

*(Chorus) Ancient words ever true,
Changing me and changing you.
We have come with open hearts,
O let the ancient words impart.*

Holy words of our faith,
Handed down to this age.
Came to us through sacrifice,
O heed the faithful words of Christ.

Martyr's blood stains each page,
They have died for this faith.
Hear them cry through years,
"Heed these words and hold them dear!" *(Chorus)*

Words and Music by Lynn DeShazo.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE BE SEATED

Byron & Inez Ahina, serving with SRMS in Yucatan, Mexico, organize short-term construction mission trips for church groups that feel called to bring hope to families and churches in the pueblos surrounding the city of Merida. Their ministry is called "Yucatan Helping Hands."

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

MISSIONARY REPORT

Byron & Inez Ahina (Yucatan, Mexico)

PASTORAL PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING • Jude 1-4

¹ Jude, a servant of Jesus Christ and brother of James,

To those who are called, beloved in God the Father and kept for Jesus Christ:

² May mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you.

³ Beloved, although I was very eager to write to you about our common salvation, I found it necessary to write appealing to you to contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints. ⁴ For certain people have crept in unnoticed who long ago were designated for this condemnation, ungodly people, who pervert the grace of our God into sensuality and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.

SERMON • “Beloved” Rev. Blake Harris

Summary: Jude makes an appeal to believers of every age to “contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints” (v 3). As we will see, the only way to contend for the faith amidst ungodly opposition is to be firmly rooted as God’s “beloved.”

I. Author

II. Audience

III. Purpose

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

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

SONG OF RESPONSE

“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.

Words and Music by Stuart Townend.

PLEASE STAND

HYMN OF RESPONSE • #81

“O Love of God, How Strong and True”

O love of God, how strong and true,
Eternal and yet ever new,
Uncomprehended and unbought,
Beyond all knowledge and all thought!
O love of God, how deep and great,
Far deeper than man’s deepest hate;
Self-fed, self-kindled like the light,
Changeless, eternal, infinite.

O heav'nly love, how precious still,
In days of weariness and ill,
In nights of pain and helplessness,
To heal, to comfort, and to bless!
O wide-embracing, wondrous love!
We read you in the sky above,
We read you in the earth below,
In seas that swell and streams that flow.

We read you best in him who came
Bearing for us the cross of shame;
Sent by the Father from on high,
Our life to live, our death to die.
We read your pow'r to bless and save,
E'en in the darkness of the grave;
Still more in resurrection light
We read the fullness of your might.

O love of God, our shield and stay
Through all the perils of our way!
Eternal love, in you we rest,
Forever safe, forever blest.
We will exalt you, God and King,
And we will ever praise your name;
We will extol you ev'ry day,
And evermore your praise proclaim.

BENEDICTION

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

Words and Music used by permission. All rights reserved. CCLI #123371.

WEEKLY BIBLE READING (May 16 - May 22)

1 Kings 16-17 • 1 Kings 18-19 • 1 Kings 21-22 • 2 Kings 2 • 2 Kings 5-6

Announcements

OUR MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK is Laura Power who is based in Birmingham, AL., and serves with Campus Outreach, in their SERVE program. She is office manager and event coordinator for all Campus Outreach locations, including 38 locations worldwide.

- **COVID PROTOCOL:** Both early and late services are mask-optional in the Sanctuary; seating in the Parlor is social distanced and mask-required for the early service.
- **PRAYER AND PRAISE SERVICE:** Join us for our prayer and praise service TONIGHT, May 15, from 5:00 to 6:00 PM, in Altadena Park. Prayer and worship time will focus on "Faith in Work". No childcare provided, but all ages are welcome. Bring your own seating.
- **MEDICAL MISSION TRIP:** There will be an informational meeting in the Conference Room directly after the late service next TODAY, May 15, to discuss the upcoming Juarez Medical Missions trip from November 5-12, 2022. We are looking for approximately 7-8 individuals from AVPC. If you are a physician, dentist, RN, PT/OT, ultrasound tech, or have other healthcare background, you are needed! We also have room for 1-2 non medical people. Come to the meeting with all your questions, or contact Hunter Boggs at 205-603-8692 or dhunterboggs@gmail.com.
- **CHURCH-WIDE TALENT SHOW:** Everyone is invited to enjoy a church-wide talent show, this Saturday, May 21 from 6:30 - 8:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Some of our brightest and best, both young and old, will perform to help the youth raise funds for the upcoming youth mission trip to Sacred Road Ministries and the Yakama people. Admission is free, and "Tip Donations" will be accepted at the tables for snacks and service. For more info, contact Clint at clint@avpc.org.
- **CHILDREN'S SUMMER CAMPS:** Registrations for Camp Solid Rock and WACK campers are now available. Forms for both camps can be found in the Parlor or Welcome Center. You can also register online by visiting the "Events" tab of the church website and drop-down to "Event Registration".
- **FUNDRAISER FOR YOUTH MISSION TRIP:** Come check out the 100 Envelopes board in the Welcome Center. The youth group is raising support toward their mission trip to Sacred Road Ministries and they are asking church members for donations. Choose an envelope today with the amount you'd like to give. Scan the QR code and give online, or drop a check in the display box or offering plate. Be sure to write "Youth Mission Trip" in the Memo line.
- **URBAN HOPE:** Snack/drink donations needed! It is that time of year again when we support Urban Hope Success Academy by collecting individually wrapped snacks, water bottles, and drink boxes. No peanut items, please! Items may be placed in the tubs in the parlor and welcome center from now until May 22.

Calendar

SUNDAY (MAY 15)

8:30 AM Worship Service
 9:45 AM Sunday School
 11:00 AM Worship Service
 Blake preaching | Jude 1-4
 12:00 PM Missions Team Lunch and Mtg
 5:00 PM Prayer and Praise in the Park

WEDNESDAY (MAY 18)

6:15 PM Praise Team Rehearsal

SATURDAY (MAY 21)

6:30 PM Church-wide Talent Show

SUNDAY (MAY 22)

8:30 AM Worship Service
 9:45 AM Sunday School
 11:00 AM Worship Service
 Blake preaching | Jude 5-16
 5:00 PM Men’s Community Group

- **FACILITIES MANAGER POSITION:** Please be in prayer for God’s provision of a new Facilities Manager for AVPC. This is a full-time position and does include benefits. A complete description and application can be found on our website, under the “About Us” tab, drop-down “Employment Opportunities.” Submit applications to christine@avpc.org by tomorrow, May 16.
- **KITCHEN MINISTRIES COORDINATOR:** As events are getting back to a regular routine, we are still in need of a Kitchen Coordinator to serve our church body. Please take this need before the Lord in prayer and refer anyone you think may be interested to christine@avpc.org. A complete description and application can be found on our website, under the “About Us” tab, drop-down “Employment Opportunities.”
- **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR GENERAL ASSEMBLY:** Our local Presbytery (Evangel) is hosting our PCA denomination’s General Assembly this summer in Birmingham on June 21-23, and we need volunteers to help. To view serving opportunities, or to sign up, you can go to <https://signup.com/go/jwqcmEY>. This is a wonderful way to serve our larger denomination.

	05/08/22 Receipts	Year-To-Date Receipts	Year-To-Date Requirements	Over(Under) Budget
General Fund	\$23,037	\$433,687	\$458,460	(\$24,773)
Faith Promise	\$7,610	\$116,352	\$117,090	(\$738)

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
Assistant Pastor—Adult Ministries

CHURCH LEADERS

ELDERS

David Allen Paul Barber Steve Barley Grahame Bobo Clint Cvacho Jim Darden
Tim English Nicholas Ireland Barry Parker Karl Poythress Danny Wachs

DEACONS

Hunter Boggs David Coley Al Foster Trey Holmes Matt Jackson Russell Lloyd
Josh Moore Darren Popwell Josh Putman Bill Sommer Rob Wise

YOUNG ADULTS & MEN'S MINISTRIES

Blake Harris
Young Adult & Men's Ministry Leader

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Catie Lumpkin
Children's Director
Diana Lloyd
Nursery Director

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Heather Sommer
Women's Ministry Director

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Clint Cvacho
Youth Director
Michael Whitner
Youth Worship Leader

ADMINISTRATIVE AND FACILITY

Christine Rowlette
Church Administrator
Connor Bingham
Administrative Assistant
Jimmie Campbell
Bookkeeper
Jody Fredrickson
Facilities Manager

WORSHIP MINISTRIES

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