



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

November 17, 2024 | 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

PRELUDE

“Rejoice”

Come and stand before your maker, full of wonder, full of fear. Come, behold his power and glory, yet with confidence draw near. For the one who holds the heavens and commands the stars above is the God who bends to bless us with an unrelenting love. Rejoice! Come and lift your hands and raise your voice! He is worthy of all praise. Rejoice! Sing the mercies of your king and with trembling, rejoice! We are children of the promise, the beloved of the Lord; won with everlasting kindness, bought with sacrificial blood, bringing reconciliation to a world that longs to know the affections of a father who will never let them go. Rejoice! Come and lift your hands and raise your voice! He is worthy of all praise. Rejoice! Sing the mercies of your king and with trembling, rejoice! All our sickness, all our sorrows, Jesus carried up the hill. He has walked this path before us, he is walking with us still. Turning tragedy to triumph, turning agony to praise. There is blessing in the battle so take heart and stand amazed. Rejoice! When you cry to him he hears your voice. He will wipe away your tears! Rejoice! In the midst of suffering, he will help you sing.

Words and music by Dustin Kensrue and Stuart Townend.

CALL TO WORSHIP • *Adapted from Psalm 102:12-22*

(Leader) You, O Lord, sit enthroned forever; your renown endures through all generations. You will arise and have compassion on Zion, for it is time to show favor to her; the appointed time has come.

(Congregation) The nations will fear your name, O Lord, all the kings of the earth will revere your glory.

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, either by singing along with the praise team or by meditating on the lyrics as the praise team sings.

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

For you will rebuild Zion and appear in your glory. You will respond to the prayer of the destitute; you will not despise their plea. Let this be written for a future generation, that a people not yet created may praise you: "The Lord looked down from his sanctuary on high, from heaven he viewed the earth, to hear the groans of the prisoners and release those condemned to death."

(All) May your name, O Lord, be declared in Zion and your praise in Jerusalem when the peoples and the kingdoms assemble to worship you, the Lord.

INVOCATION

THE WELCOME OF GOD

SONGS OF PRAISE

"Jesus, Lover of My Soul"

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly
While the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high.
Hide me, O my Savior, hide, 'til life's storm is past;
Safe into the haven guide; receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none, hangs my helpless soul on thee;
Leave, oh, leave me not alone, still support and comfort me.
All my trust on thee is stayed, help from thee I bring;
Cover my defenseless head in the shadow of thy wing.

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

Thou, O Christ, are all I want, more than all in thee I find;
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is thy Name, I am all unrighteousness;
False and full of sin I am; thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art, let me take of thee;
Spring thou up within my heart; for all eternity.

“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.

*(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.*

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending, bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love. *(Chorus)*

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)*

“There Is One Gospel” (8:30 AM Service)

There is one Gospel on which I stand for all eternity.
It is my story, my Father’s plan, the Son has rescued me.
Oh, what a Gospel, oh, what a peace, my highest joy and my deepest need,
Now and forever, he is my light. I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

There is one Gospel to which I cling, all else I count as loss.
For there, where justice and mercy meet, he saved me on the cross.
No more I boast in what I can bring, no more I carry the weight of sin,
For he has brought me from death to life. I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

There is one Gospel where hope is found, the empty tomb still speaks.
For death could not keep my Savior down, he lives and I am free.
Now on my Savior I fix my eyes, my life is his and his hope is mine,
For he has promised I too will rise. I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

And in this Gospel the church is one, we do not walk alone.
We have his Spirit as we press on to lead us safely home.
And when in glory, still I will sing of this old story that rescued me.
Praise to my Savior, the King of life! I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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Words and Music by Jonny Robinson and Rich Thompson.

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

PLEASE BE SEATED

**Sovereign Lord, your will is supreme in heaven and earth,
and all beings are creatures of your power.**

**You are our Father,
your inspiration gives us understanding,
your providence governs our lives.**

**But, O God, we are sinners in your sight;
you have judged us so, and if we deny it, we make you a liar.**

**Our hearts are full of vanity, brazenness, wrong affections,
backwardness to duty, and proneness to evil.**

Yet in Christ, you are reconciled to your rebellious subjects.

**Give us ears of faith to hear him,
the eyes of faith to see him,
the hands of faith to receive him
the appetites of faith to feed upon him;
that we might find in him light, riches, honor, and eternal life.**

**Enable us to remember who you are
and what we are,
to recall your holiness and our unworthiness
and to approach you with humility.**

**Possess our minds with the grandeur of your perfections
and let us never forget your patience, wisdom,
power, faithfulness, care,
and never cease to respond to your invitations.**

**Thank you that your love to us in Jesus
is firm and changeless;
nothing can separate us from it.**

In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

Adapted from Valley of Vision: "Seventh Day Morning: God's Good Pleasure."

SILENT CONFESSION

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

CHORAL RESPONSE (11:00 AM Service)

“Psalm 91”

You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, say to the Lord, “My refuge, my fortress, my God in whom I trust.” He will deliver you from the fowler’s snare, and under his wings you will find refuge. His faithfulness shall be your shield and rampart. You will not fear the terror by night or the arrow that flies by day, or the pestilence that stalks in darkness or ravages at midday. A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand; but you will not be harmed. If you make the Most High your dwelling—even the Lord, who is my refuge—then no harm will befall you; no scourge will approach your tent. He will give his angels charge over you; on their hand they will lift you up, lest you strike your foot upon a stone.

Words based on Psalm 91:1-7, 9-12. Arrangement by Craig Courtney.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON • Colossians 2:13-14; Philippians 1:6

Hear the good news. You, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

PLEASE STAND

HYMN OF RESPONSE • #691

“It is Well With My Soul”

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
“It is well, it is well with my soul.”

*(Chorus) It is well (it is well) With my soul (with my soul);
It is well, it is well with my soul.*

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And has shed his own blood for my soul. *(Chorus)*

My sin—O the bliss of this glorious thought!—
My sin, not in part, but the whole
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more;
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord of my soul. *(Chorus)*

O Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend,
"Even so"—it is well with my soul. *(Chorus)*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE BE SEATED

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM *(11:00 AM Service)*

Riley Jane Smith - daughter of Fletcher (Tre) & Jayla Smith

PLEASE STAND

HYMN OF RESPONSE • #189 (vs. 1, 2, 4) (11:00 AM Service)

“Jesus Loves Me, This I Know”

Jesus loves you, this I know, for the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to him belong, they are weak but he is strong.

*(1st chorus) Yes, Jesus loves you! Yes, Jesus loves you!
Yes, Jesus loves you! The Bible tells me so.*

Jesus loves me, he who died, heaven’s gates to open wide;
He will wash away my sin, let his little child come in.

*(2nd chorus) Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

Jesus loves me, he will stay close beside me all the way:
If I love him, when I die, he will take me home on high. *(2nd chorus)*

PLEASE BE SEATED

PASTORAL PRAYER

(At this time, children ages 4 through Grade 1 are invited to attend Worship Center. They will exit to the Welcome Center to meet their teachers. 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.)

SCRIPTURE READING • Colossians 1:21-23

^{1:21} And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²² he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, ²³ if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

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

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

SONG OF RESPONSE

“The Sands of Time Are Sinking”

The sands of time are sinking, the dawn of heaven breaks; the summer morn I've sighed for—the fair, sweet morn awakes. Dark, dark had been the midnight, but dayspring is at hand, and glory, glory dwelleth in Emmanuel's land. The king there in his beauty, without a veil is seen: it were a well-spent journey, though seven deaths lay between. The Lamb with his fair army, doth on Mount Zion stand, and glory, glory dwelleth in Emmanuel's land. O Christ, he is the fountain, the deep, sweet well of love! The streams on earth I've tasted, more deep I'll drink above: there to an ocean fullness his mercy doth expand, and glory, glory dwelleth in Emmanuel's land. The bride eyes not her garment, but her dear Bridegroom's face; I will not gaze at glory but on my King of grace. Not at the crown he giveth but on his pierced hand; the Lamb is all the glory of Emmanuel's land. O I am my Beloved's, and my Beloved is mine! He brings a poor vile sinner into his house of wine. I stand upon his merit—I know no other stand, not e'en where glory dwelleth in Emmanuel's land.

Words by Anne Cousin. Based on a traditional folk tune. Arrangement by Philip Palmertree.

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HYMN OF RESPONSE • #521

PLEASE STAND

“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)*

BENEDICTION

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

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WEEKLY BIBLE READING (November 18 - November 24)

Colossians 1-2 • Colossians 3-4 • Ephesians 1-2 • Ephesians 3-4 • Ephesians 5-6

Announcements

OUR MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK are Chris and Mary Granberry who serve with Sacred Road Ministries on the Yakama Indian Reservation in Washington. Their ministry includes church planting, backyard Bible clubs for children, evangelizing and discipling at-risk teens, and coordinating short-term work teams.

- **NOVEMBER SALTSHAKER:** The November edition of our monthly newsletter is available in the Parlor or Welcome Center, or you can find it on our website.
- **KYLE PARKER INSTALLATION SERVICE:** Join us for Kyle Parker's installation service next Sunday, November 24 from 5:00 – 6:00 PM in the Sanctuary. A reception will follow and childcare will be provided for children through age 5.
- **SACRED ROAD SHOEBOXES:** Christmas is right around the corner and AVPC is once again partnering with Sacred Road Ministries to provide shoebox gifts for them to distribute to needy families. Christmas Shoeboxes can be used as a ministry tool to remind the kids of God's love and faithfulness for us. Shoeboxes are due back Wednesday, November 20.
- **HANGING OF THE GREEN:** Join your church family for this year's Hanging of the Green on November 25 & 26 from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Children who are old enough are welcome to join you as junior decorators, but no childcare will be provided. You can sign up on the AVPC website.
- **COVENANT FAMILY CHRISTMAS TREE:** We're delighted to have our church family tree in the Welcome Center again this year! Every household is invited to contribute an ornament. Please put your name on it and drop it off in the labeled bin in the parlor. You'll have a chance to get it back after Christmas - otherwise we'll pack it up and bring it out next year. If you donated an ornament last year and would like to swap it out, please contact Natalie Short.
- **CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK:** Join us on Sunday, December 8, at 5:00 PM for our 6th Annual Christmas Tree Lighting in Altadena Park. There will be cookies and hot chocolate, a craft for the kids, and a gospel presentation. Invite your friends!
- **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING DECEMBER 15:** The Session has called a congregational meeting on December 15, 2024, in the Fellowship Hall during the Sunday School hour (9:45-10:45). We will elect officers at this meeting and consider proposed changes to the AVPC bylaws. A list of the officer nominees and a description of the proposed bylaws changes are available in the Parlor and Welcome Center. Copies can also be found on the church website.
- **CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED:** On Thursday and Friday, November 28 and 29, church offices will be closed in observance of Thanksgiving.
- **PRAYER BOOKS:** The prayer ministry team has placed several books on prayer in the church library, the room directly across from the piano side door in the sanctuary, for the church to read. Feel free to come grab a book to learn more about communicating with the Father.

Calendar

SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 17)

8:30 AM Worship Service
 Kyle Parker | Colossians 1:21-23

9:45 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship Service

3:30 PM Lessons & Carols Rehearsal

5:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 Kid's Bridge Night
 Men's Discussion Group
 Small Groups

MONDAY (NOVEMBER 18)

2:30 PM WTW Bible Study (Conference Room)

TUESDAY (NOVEMBER 19)

7:00 PM Session Meeting

WEDNESDAY (NOVEMBER 20)

9:00 AM WTW Bible Study (Parlor)

6:15 PM Praise Team Rehearsal

6:00 PM WTW Bible Study (Parker Home)

6:30 PM Small Groups

THURSDAY (NOVEMBER 21)

9:00 AM Men's Coffee (Conference Room)

FRIDAY (NOVEMBER 22)

1:00 PM WTW Bible Study (Bates Home)

SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 24)

8:30 AM Worship Service
 Kyle Parker | Colossians 1:24-29

9:45 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship Service

5:00 PM Kyle Parker Installation Service
 (Reception Following)

SAVE THE DATE - MORE INFORMATION COMING

November 24 – Kyle Parker Installation Service

December 15 – Congregational Meeting

November 25 & 26 – Hanging of the Green

December 15 – Lessons & Carols

December 8 – Children's Christmas Pageant

December 24 – Candlelight Services

December 8 – Christmas Tree Lighting in the Park

	Contributions for the Week	Year-To-Date Contributions	Year-To-Date Requirements	Over(Under) Budget
General Fund	\$31,901	\$1,310,674	\$1,281,272	\$29,402
Faith Promise	\$2,677	\$238,716	\$238,147	\$569

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

Kyle Parker
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
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Heather Sommer
Women's Ministry Director

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Catie Lumpkin Allie Campbell
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Amanda Amerson
Children's Ministry Assistant

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Blake Harris
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Nick Moyer
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Clint Cvacho
Youth Director

Callen Moyer
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Hannah Snow
Youth Worship Intern

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