



# 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.

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

November 20, 2022 | 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

## PRELUDE

### “My Tribute”

How can I say thanks for the things you have done for me; things so undeserved yet you give to prove your love for me? The voices of a million angels could not express my gratitude; all that I am and ever hope to be, I owe it all to thee. To God be the glory. To God be the glory. To God be the glory for the things he has done. With his blood he has saved me, with his pow’r he has raised me. To God be the glory for the things he has done. Just let me live my life – let it be pleasing Lord to thee and should I gain any praise, let it go to Calvary. With his blood he has saved me, with his pow’r he has raised me. To God be the glory for the things he has done.

Words and music by Andraé Crouch.

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

## CALL TO WORSHIP • Psalm 107:1-9; 43

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever. Let the redeemed of the LORD say this—those he redeemed from the hand of the foe, those he gathered from the lands, from east and west, from north and south. Some wandered in desert wastelands, finding no way to a city where they could settle. They were hungry and thirsty, and their lives ebbed away. Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress. He led them by a straight way to a city where they could settle. Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for men, for he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things. Those who are wise, let them heed these things and consider the great love of the Lord.

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

## **HYMN OF RESPONSE**

### **“Doxology”**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heav’nly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## **INVOCATION**

## **THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

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

## **THE WELCOME OF GOD**

## SONGS OF PRAISE

### **"Forever"** (11:00 AM Service)

Give thanks to the Lord, our God and King -  
His love endures forever.  
For he is good, he is above all things -  
His love endures forever.  
Sing praise, sing praise.

With a mighty hand and outstretched arm -  
His love endures forever.  
For the life that's been reborn -  
His love endures forever.  
Sing praise, sing praise.  
Sing praise, sing praise.

*Forever God is faithful,  
Forever God is strong,  
Forever God is with us,  
Forever, forever.*

From the rising to the setting sun -  
His love endures forever,  
And by the grace of God, we will carry on -  
His love endures forever.  
Sing praise, sing praise.  
Sing praise, sing praise.

*Forever God is faithful,  
Forever God is strong,  
Forever God is with us,  
Forever, forever.  
Forever God is faithful,  
Forever God is strong,  
Forever God is with us,  
Forever, forever.*

Words and Music by Chris Tomlin.

## **“God of Wonders”**

Lord of all creation, of water, earth, and sky,  
The heavens are your tabernacle.  
Glory to the Lord on high.

*God of wonders beyond our galaxy, you are holy, holy.  
The universe declares your majesty. You are holy, holy.  
(Men) Lord of heaven and earth.  
(Women) Lord of heaven and earth.  
(Men) Lord of heaven and earth.  
(Women) Lord of heaven and earth.*

Early in the morning I will celebrate the light.  
When I stumble in the darkness  
I will call your name by night.

*God of wonders beyond our galaxy, you are holy, holy.  
The universe declares your majesty. You are holy, holy.  
(Men) Lord of heaven and earth.  
(Women) Lord of heaven and earth.  
(Men) Lord of heaven and earth.  
(Women) Lord of heaven and earth.*

(Men) Hallelujah ... (Women) ... to the Lord of heaven and earth.  
(Men) Hallelujah ... (Women) ... to the Lord of heaven and earth.  
(Men) Hallelujah ... (Women) ... to the Lord of heaven and earth.

*God of wonders beyond our galaxy, you are holy, holy.  
The universe declares your majesty. You are holy, holy.  
(Men) Lord of heaven and earth.  
(Women) Lord of heaven and earth.  
(Men) Lord of heaven and earth.  
(Women) Lord of heaven and earth.  
(Men) Lord of heaven and earth.  
(Women) ... and earth.*

Words and Music by Marc Byrd and Steve Hindalong.

## **"For the Beauty"**

For the beauty of the earth,  
For the glory of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth  
Over and around us lies;  
Lord of all, to thee we raise,  
This our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour  
Of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,  
Sun and moon, and stars of light;  
Lord of all, to thee we raise,  
This our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love,  
Brother, sister, parent, child,  
Friends on earth and friends above,  
For all gentle thoughts and mild;  
Lord of all, to thee we raise,  
This our hymn of grateful praise.

For each perfect gift of thine  
To our race so freely given,  
Graces human and divine,  
Flowers of earth and buds of Heaven;  
Lord of all, to thee we raise,  
This our hymn of grateful praise.

*"We confess that often we love those gifts more than we love you.... Help us to love you more than everything else."*

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

## **CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Holy and Loving God,  
you have poured out your good gifts upon us.  
Today we thank you for all of them,  
but we also confess that often  
we love those gifts more than we love you.  
We confess that we are discontented with your gifts,  
and we find ourselves wanting more and more things.  
Forgive us for not being content and thankful.  
Forgive us for our complaining spirits.  
Forgive our selfishness.  
Help us to love you more than everything else.  
We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Based on Worship Sourcebook C2.2.2.

## **SILENT CONFESSION**

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

### **(All) Thanks be to God...**

(Leader) ... that, though we used to be slaves to sin, we have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness.

### **Thanks be to God—**

through Jesus Christ our Lord, we are a slave to God's law.

### **Thanks be to God!**

We are victorious over sin and death through our Lord Jesus Christ.

## **Thanks be to God!**

We are being led in Christ to spread everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of Jesus. For we are to God the aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing.

## **Thanks be to God...**

... for the indescribable gift of his mercy and grace to us through Christ Jesus.

## **Thanks be to God!**

Romans 6:17-18; 7:25; 1 Corinthians 15:57; 2 Corinthians 2:14-15; 9:15.

## **HYMN OF RESPONSE • #125**

PLEASE STAND

### **“Let All Things Now Living”**

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving  
To God the Creator triumphantly raise,  
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,  
Who guides us and leads to the end of our days.  
His banners are o'er us, his light goes before us  
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night,  
'Til shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,  
As forward we travel from light into light.

His law he enforces: the stars in their courses,  
The sun in its orbit, obediently shine;  
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains  
The deeps of the ocean proclaim him divine.

We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing,  
With glad adoration a song let us raise,  
'Til all things now living unite in thanksgiving  
To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!

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

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SHARING & PRAYER

### SCRIPTURE READING • Romans 4:1-12

<sup>4:1</sup> What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? <sup>2</sup> For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. <sup>3</sup> For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness."<sup>4</sup> Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. <sup>5</sup> And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, <sup>6</sup> just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works:

<sup>7</sup> "Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven,  
and whose sins are covered;

<sup>8</sup> blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin."

<sup>9</sup> Is this blessing then only for the circumcised, or also for the uncircumcised? For we say that faith was counted to Abraham as righteousness. <sup>10</sup> How then was it counted to him? Was it before or after he had been circumcised? It was not after, but before he was circumcised. <sup>11</sup> He received the sign of circumcision as a seal of the righteousness that he had by faith while he was still uncircumcised. The purpose was to make him the father of all who believe without being circumcised, so that righteousness would be counted to them as well, <sup>12</sup> and to make him the father of the circumcised who are not merely circumcised but who also walk in the footsteps of the faith that our father Abraham had before he was circumcised.

## **SERMON • “The Story of Justification by Faith” Rev. Michael MacCaughelty**

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What does it mean to trust in God? Paul presents a set of rhetorical questions with a fictional Jewish questioner in order to prove that justification and righteousness with God is solely by faith. Faith is reliant trust that abandons fleshly works of achievement and rests solely on God’s grace to receive righteousness from God through Christ Jesus.

### **I. The Story of the Flesh**

### **II. The Story of Faith**

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

## **GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

### **SONG OF RESPONSE**

#### **“My Faith Has Found a Resting Place”**

My faith has found a resting place not in device nor creed. I trust the ever-living One, his wounds for me shall plead. Enough for me that Jesus saves, this ends my fear and doubt; a sinful soul I come to him, he'll never cast me out. I need no other argument, I need no other plea; it is enough that Jesus died, and that he died for me. My heart is leaning on the Word, the written Word of God: salvation by my Savior's name, salvation through his blood. I need no other argument, I need no other plea; it is enough that Jesus died, and that he died for me. On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand. I need no other argument, I need no other plea; it is enough that Jesus died, and that He died for me.

“My Faith Has Found a Resting Place” words by Lidie H. Edmunds. Music by Andre Gretry.

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” words by Edward Mote. Music by William B. Bradbury.

*“I need no other  
argument, I need  
no other plea; it  
is enough that  
Jesus died, and  
that he died for  
me.”*

## **HYMN OF RESPONSE • #499**

PLEASE STAND

### **“Rock of Ages”**

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee;  
Let the water and the blood, from thy riven side which flowed,  
Be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow’r.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfil thy law’s demands;  
Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,  
All for sin could not atone; thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to thy cross I cling;  
Naked, come to thee for dress; helpless, look to thee for grace;  
Foul, I to the Fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death,  
When I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy judgment throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.

Words by Augustus M. Toplady; alt. by Thomas Cotterill. Music by Thomas Hastings.

*Not the labors of  
my hands can  
fulfil thy law’s  
demands;  
Could my zeal  
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## **BENEDICTION**

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

## **POSTLUDE**

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### **WEEKLY BIBLE READING (November 21 - November 27)**

Philippians 1-2 • Philippians 3-4 • Hebrews 1-2 • Hebrews 3-4 • Hebrews 5-6

# Announcements

**OUR MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK** are Scott and Dana Jennings. Scott and Dana Jennings serve in Birmingham, England with Betel of Britain, a division of WEC International (Worldwide Evangelism for Christ). They work with the homeless, addicts, and ex-offenders through counseling, prayer and Bible studies. They also assist with street evangelism and prison ministries.

- **COVID PROTOCOL:** Currently, both early and late services are mask-optional in the Sanctuary and seating in the Parlor is social distanced and mask-required for the early service. Beginning December 4, the Sanctuary and the Parlor will be mask-optional in both the early and late services.
- **PASTORAL TRANSITION FAQ DOCUMENT:** Curious to know what the latest news is from our Pastoral Transition Committee? If so, we encourage you to check out the FAQ document which can be found in the parlor and in the Welcome Center. There will also be informational meetings regarding the pastoral transition during the Sunday School hour on December 4 and 11. We encourage you to attend those meetings. An electronic version of this document can be found on the church website: [www.avpc.org/about/pastoral-transition](http://www.avpc.org/about/pastoral-transition).
- **HANGING OF THE GREEN:** Please join us for our annual Hanging of the Green Event on Tuesday, November 22. First, we will need lots of helpers to transport decorations from the attic to fellowship hall on Monday, November 21, beginning at 9:00 AM. Then we need all hands-on deck on Tuesday, November 22, from 9:00 AM until Noon, to help place the decorations. Please let Christine know (via email) if you will be able to help – even for an hour. If you need childcare for Tuesday, please contact Christine to see what can be arranged. Thank you.
- **LESSONS & CAROLS:** Our annual Lessons and Carols Service, featuring the AVPC Chancel Choir, Orchestra, Bell Choir, Preschool Praisers, and other AVPC musicians, will be on Sunday, December 11. A reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a homemade Christmas sweet to share (enough for 25 people) and drop it off in the kitchen. Please note that doors will open for seating in the Sanctuary at 5:15 PM. You will not be able to save seats before this time. (Note: we will provide seating for kitchen workers.) Childcare will be provided through age three during the service.
- **SEARCHING FOR LOST ORCHESTRA CHAIRS:** Several black metal folding chairs (not the black mesh chairs) disappeared sometime during the last couple of years. These chairs were used onstage in the sanctuary for the orchestra. If you know the whereabouts of these chairs, please contact Steve Whitner or Heather Sommer. Thank you.
- **CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED:** This Thursday and Friday, November 24 and 25, church offices will be closed in observance of Thanksgiving.

# Calendar

## SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 20)

8:30 AM    Worship Service  
 9:45 AM    Sunday School  
 11:00 AM    Worship Service  
               Michael | Romans 4:1-12

## MONDAY (NOVEMBER 21)

6:30 AM    Men's Breakfast  
 9:00 AM    Hanging of the Green  
 3:00 PM    WTW Bible Study

## TUESDAY (NOVEMBER 22)

9:00 AM    Hanging of the Green

## SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 27)

8:30 AM    Worship Service  
 9:45 AM    Sunday School  
 11:00 AM    Worship Service  
               Brad | Romans 3:21-26  
 4:00 PM    Orchestra/Ensemble Rehearsal  
 5:00 PM    Kid's Bridge Night  
               Youth Ministry Night  
               Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
               Community Groups  
               Men's Bible Study

- **GENERAL FUND BUDGET:** Hard copies of the Proposed 2023 General Fund Budget are available for your review. These can be found in the Parlor and Welcome Center. Electronic copy can be found on the [Worship & Media/Resource Links](#) tab of the church website.
- **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** The Session has called for a Congregational Meeting on December 4 at 10:15 in Fellowship Hall. The purpose of the meeting will be to vote on new officers and to change the call of Blake Harris from Assistant Pastor to Associate Pastor. In addition, we will also hear a report from the Session on the pastoral transition process. The Elder nominees to be voted on are Brian Beckett, Brent McClenny, Jack Morris, Karl Poythress, and Thomas Prettyman. Deacon nominees are Woody Armstrong, Al Foster, Trey Holmes, Matt Jackson, Jon Peters, Josh Putman, Bill Sommer, and Ed Wofford.

	11/13/22 Receipts	Year-To-Date Receipts	Year-To-Date Requirements	Over(Under) Budget
<b>General Fund</b>	\$14,666	\$1,148,800	\$1,117,698	\$31,103
<b>Faith Promise</b>	\$3,276	\$259,233	\$266,879	(\$7,646)

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

### ADMINISTRATIVE AND FACILITY

Christine Rowlette  
*Church Administrator*  
Connor Bingham  
*Administrative Assistant*  
Jimmie Campbell  
*Bookkeeper*  
Dave Mayhew  
*Facilities Manager*  
Christin Murphy  
*Kitchen Coordinator*

### WORSHIP MINISTRIES

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