



**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.

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

## PRELUDE

### **“Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery”**

Come, behold the wondrous mystery in the dawning of the King.  
He, the theme of heaven’s praises, robed in frail humanity.  
In our longing, in our darkness, now the light of life has come.  
Look to Christ who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us.

Come, behold the wondrous mystery, he the perfect Son of Man.  
In his living, in his suffering, never trace, nor stain of sin.  
See the true and better Adam, come to save the hell-bound man.  
Christ, the great and sure fulfillment of the law, in him we stand.

Come, behold the wondrous mystery, Christ the Lord upon the tree.  
In the stead of ruined sinners hangs the Lamb in victory.  
See the price of our redemption, see the Father’s plan unfold.  
Bringing many sons to glory; grace unmeasured, love untold.

Come, behold the wondrous mystery, slain by death, the God of life.  
But no grave could e’er restrain him. Praise the Lord, he is alive!  
What a foretaste of deliverance, how unwavering our hope.  
Christ, in power resurrected as we will be when he comes.

Words and Music by Matt Boswell, Matt Papa, Michael Bleecker.

*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.*

*\* the universal church; the whole church in all times and places.*

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

## **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.

## **INVOCATION**

## **THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic\* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **THE WELCOME OF GOD**

## SONGS OF PRAISE

### **“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”**

Come, ye thankful people, come; raise the song of harvest home;  
All is safely gathered in ere the winter storms begin.  
God, our Maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied.  
Come to God’s own temple, come; raise the song of harvest home.

For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take his harvest home;  
From his field shall in that day all offenses purge away.  
Give his angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,  
But the fruitful ears to store in his garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come to thy final harvest-home;  
Gather thou thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin.  
There forever purified, in thy presence to abide.  
Come, with all thine angels come; raise the glorious harvest home.

### **“Great Are You, Lord”**

You give life. You are love. You bring light to the darkness.  
You give hope. You restore ev’ry heart that is broken.  
And great are you, Lord.

*(Chorus) It’s your breath in our lungs,  
So we pour out our praise, we pour out our praise.  
It’s your breath in our lungs,  
So we pour out our praise to you only.*

You give life. You are love. You bring light to the darkness.  
You give hope. You restore ev’ry heart that is broken.  
And great are you, Lord. *(Chorus)*

*(Bridge) And all the earth will shout your praise.  
Our hearts will cry these bones will sing,  
“Great are you, Lord!” (Repeat Bridge 2 X’s then go to Chorus)*

*(Ending) “Great are you, Lord!”*

## **“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.

## **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.

PLEASE BE SEATED

## **SILENT CONFESSION**

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

*We receive assurance that though we used to be slaves to sin, through Christ Jesus, we have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness.*

## **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.

PLEASE STAND

## **HYMN OF RESPONSE • #125**

### **“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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## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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## **PASTORAL PRAYER**

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## **SCRIPTURE READING • Colossians 1:24-29**

<sup>1:24</sup> Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church, <sup>25</sup> of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, <sup>26</sup> the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. <sup>27</sup> To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. <sup>28</sup> Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. <sup>29</sup> For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

**SERMON • “Work is Good” Rev. Kyle Parker**

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**I. For hire – my purpose in Christ**

**II. For real – His power in me**

**III. Forever – His provision for us**

*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**

### **"What Wondrous Love is This"**

*"When I was  
sinking down, O  
my soul. When I  
was sinking down  
beneath God's  
righteous frown,  
Christ laid aside his  
crown for my soul."*

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul, to bear the dreadful curse for my soul. When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down. When I was sinking down, O my soul. When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown, Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul. Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul. To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to God and to the Lamb, I will sing; to God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM, while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing, while millions join the theme, I will sing!

## SONG OF RESPONSE

PLEASE STAND

### “Isaiah 43”

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you  
And the waves they will not overcome you.  
Do not fear. For I have redeemed you.  
I have called you by name, you are mine.

*(Chorus)*

*(Men) For I am the Lord your God.*

*(Women) I am the Lord your God.*

*(Men) For I am the Lord your God.*

*(Women) I am...*

*(Together) ... the Holy One of Israel, Your Savior.*

*(Men) For I am the Lord your God.*

*(Women) I am the Lord your God.*

*(Men) For I am the Lord your God.*

*(Women) I am...*

*(Together) ... the Holy One of Israel, Your Savior.*

*I am the Lord. (Do not fear.)*

*I am the Lord. (Do not fear.)*

*I am the Lord. (Do not fear.)*

*I am the Lord. (Do not fear.)*

*(Last time only) I am the Lord.*

When you walk through the fire, you'll not be burned.  
And the flames, they will not consume you.  
Do not fear. For I have redeemed you.  
I have called you by name, you are mine. *(Chorus)*

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

## BENEDICTION

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### WEEKLY BIBLE READING (November 25 - December 1)

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

# Announcements

**OUR MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK** are Dan & Gini Herron who have worked with Serge starting new churches for 37 years, first in Uganda and then in Spain and the southern Mediterranean. Dan is currently the Area Director supervising teams in Latin America.

- **KYLE PARKER INSTALLATION SERVICE:** Join us this evening from 5:00 – 6:00 PM in the Sanctuary for Kyle Parker’s installation service. A reception will follow, and childcare will be provided for children through age 5.
- **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:** This 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.
- **DECEMBER SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Following AVPC tradition, we will have joint Sunday school in the Fellowship Hall with many fellowship and worship opportunities through the month of December. We will have a fellowship brunch as well as a time of recognition for the Pastoral Search Committee on December 1, the Children’s Christmas Pageant on December 8, a congregational meeting on December 15, and a Carol Sing on December 22. There will be no Sunday School on December 29 and only one service at 10 AM.

# Calendar

## **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)

## **MONDAY (NOVEMBER 25)**

9:00 AM      Hanging of the Green

## **TUESDAY (NOVEMBER 26)**

9:00 AM      Hanging of the Green

## **THURSDAY (NOVEMBER 28)**

**\* CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED\***

## **FRIDAY (NOVEMBER 29)**

**\* CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED\***

## **SUNDAY (DECEMBER 1)**

8:30 AM      Worship Service  
                  Clint Cvacho | Psalm 13

9:45 AM      Sunday School

11:00 AM     Worship Service

3:30 PM      Lessons & Carols Rehearsals

5:00 PM      Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
                  Youth Group  
                  Men's Discussion Group  
                  Small Groups

*\*Celebration of The Lord's Supper*

<b>SAVE THE DATE - MORE INFORMATION COMING</b>
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November 25 & 26 – Hanging of the Green

December 15 – Congregational Meeting

December 8 – Children's Christmas Pageant

December 15 – Lessons & Carols

December 8 – Christmas Tree Lighting in the Park

December 24 – Candlelight Services

	<b>Contributions for the Week</b>	<b>Year-To-Date Contributions</b>	<b>Year-To-Date Requirements</b>	<b>Over(Under) Budget</b>
<b>General Fund</b>	\$17,226	\$1,327,901	\$1,311,611	\$16,290
<b>Faith Promise</b>	\$2,257	\$240,973	\$242,486	(\$1,512)

## 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  
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  
Russell Lloyd Tom McCallum Josh Moore John Peters Darren Popwell Josh Putman Drew Russell Bill Sommer Ed Wofford

## WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Heather Sommer  
*Women's Ministry Director*

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

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

Danielle Harris  
*Children's Administrative Assistant*

Amanda Amerson  
*Children's Ministry Assistant*

## YOUNG ADULTS & MEN'S MINISTRIES

Blake Harris  
*Associate Pastor*

Nick Moyer  
*College Ministry Assisitant*

## YOUTH MINISTRIES

Clint Cvacho  
*Youth Director*

Callen Moyer  
*Girls' Discipleship Director*

Hannah Snow  
*Youth Worship Intern*

## ADMINISTRATIVE AND FACILITY

Anna Waldrip  
*Church Administrator*

Connor Bingham  
*Administrative Assistant*

Dave Mayhew Heather Sommer  
*Facilities Manager Financial Administrator*

Michael Bobo Hillary Gamble  
*IT Director Kitchen Coordinator*

## WORSHIP MINISTRIES

Heather Sommer  
*Worship Ministry Assistant*

Young jin Jeon  
*Organist*

Carol Apol & Ricky Klose  
*Sound Ministry Directors*