



# 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 6, 2022 | 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

## PRELUDE

### “Tend”

In the landscape of my life you don't rush through any season. You always take your time. A careful hand, a gentle guide, you take what's dead away and you prune what's running wild. (So) be the gardener of my heart; tend the soil of my soul. Break up the fallow ground, cut back the overgrown. I won't shy away. I will let the branches fall so what you want can stay and what you love can grow. Through the winter I'm still alive. What you've planted in the dirt is ever reaching to the light. You prepare me for darkened times. You'll sustain what you have started and you'll teach me to abide. I'll remain in you; you'll remain in me. And I will trust your timing. I'll remain in you; you'll remain in me from the start until the ending 'cause you will know better.

Words and music by Emmy Rose, Jessie Early, and Michaela Gentile.

## CALL TO WORSHIP • *From Psalm 103:1-12, 22*

(Leader) Praise the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits—who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. The Lord works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses, his deeds to the people of Israel: The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

**(All) Praise the Lord, all his works everywhere in his dominion. Praise the Lord, O my soul.**

*Jesus said, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me."*  
*John 15:1-4*

*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.*

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## INVOCATION

### THE WELCOME OF GOD

### SONGS OF PRAISE

#### **“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;  
Join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen how thy desires all have been  
Granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;  
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.  
Ponder anew what the Almighty will do,  
If with his love he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
Let the “Amen” sound from his people again;  
Gladly forever adore him!  
Let the “Amen” sound from his people again;  
Gladly forever adore him!

## **“His Mercy is More”**

What love could remember no wrongs we have done?  
Omniscient, all knowing, he counts not their sum.  
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore,  
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more.

*Praise the Lord, his mercy is more.  
Stronger than darkness, new every morn,  
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more.*

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?  
What Father so tender is calling us home?  
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest the poor.  
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more.

*Praise the Lord, his mercy is more.  
Stronger than darkness, new every morn,  
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more.*

What riches of kindness he lavished on us.  
His blood was the payment, his life was the cost.  
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford.  
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more.

*Praise the Lord, his mercy is more.  
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Words and music by Matt Papa and Matt Boswell.

**“Known and Loved” (11:00 AM Service)**

God, you were there from my beginning  
For I was crafted by your hands.  
You see my hopes and hesitations,  
My days are written in your plan.

If you have seen my weakest moments  
And still you love me even then,  
I need no greater confirmation  
That God, your goodness has no end.

*I come to Jesus, lay down my weakness.  
No need for hiding, here in his light.  
This truth I treasure, my peace forever,  
Is being known and loved by him.*

I trust with Jesus, it is finished,  
For he has paid my every debt.  
No need to pull it all together  
For what is broken he will mend.

*I come to Jesus, lay down my weakness.  
No need for hiding, here in his light.  
This truth I treasure, my peace forever,  
Is being known and loved by him.*

Though I can't see the path before me,  
I know the One who knows the way.  
And as I walk, his hand will guide me  
Until I see him face to face.

*I come to Jesus, lay down my weakness.  
No need for hiding, here in his light.  
This truth I treasure, my peace forever,  
Is being known and loved by him.*

Words and music by Tiarne Tranter, Jaywan Maxwell, and Fiona Aghajani.

## **CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

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**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."

*As a corporate  
body, we confess  
our sins to God and  
call out to him for  
reconciliation  
and faith.*

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

## **SILENT CONFESSION**

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

*We receive  
assurance that  
through Jesus  
Christ, our sins have  
been forgiven.*

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.

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### **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.”

*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.

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

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.

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

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.

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

*“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.”*

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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## **CHORAL RESPONSE** *(8:30 AM Service)*

### **“Total Praise”**

Lord, I will lift mine eyes to the hills, knowing my help is coming from you. Your peace, you give me in time of the storm. You are the source of my strength; you are the strength of my life. I lift my hands in total praise to you. Amen.

Words and music by Richard Smallwood.

## **PASTORAL PRAYER** *(8:30 AM Service)*

## **SHARING & PRAYER** *(11:00 AM Service)*

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

## **SCRIPTURE READING • Romans 3:21-26**

<sup>3:21</sup> But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— <sup>22</sup> the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: <sup>23</sup> for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup> and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup> whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God’s righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. <sup>26</sup> It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

## **SERMON • “Gospel Words” Rev. Brad Allison**

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It's hard to overstate the importance of the six verses that comprise our text this morning. The New Testament scholar Leon Morris goes so far as to suggest that this passage may be “possibly the most important single paragraph ever written.” Paul stated his theme back in 1:16-17. “For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, ‘The righteous shall live by faith.’” He first had to answer the question of why people need saving, which he did in two and a half stormy chapters that we've just finished considering. Now that he has established the need of salvation, he begins describing that salvation. We are going to look at this by considering the three main words of this passage.

### **I. Righteousness**

### **II. Propitiation**

### **III. 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**

#### **“Grace Alone”**

I was an orphan lost at the Fall, running away when I'd hear you call, but Father, you worked your will. I had no righteousness of my own; I had no right to draw near your throne, but Father, you loved me still. And in love before you laid the world's foundation, you predestined to adopt me as your own. You have raised me up so high above my station. I'm a child of God by grace and grace alone. You left your home to seek out the lost, you knew the great and terrible cost, but Jesus, your face was set. I worked my fingers down to the bone, but nothing I did could ever atone; but Jesus, you paid my debt. By your blood I have redemption and salvation. Lord, you died that I might reap what you have sown and you rose that I might be a new creation. I am born again by grace and grace alone. I was in darkness all of my life; I never knew the day from the night, but Spirit, you made me see. I swore I knew the way on my own, head full of rocks, a heart made of stone, but Spirit, you moved in me. And at your touch my sleeping spirit was awakened. On my darkened heart the light of Christ has shone, called into a kingdom that cannot be shaken, Heaven's citizen by grace and grace alone. So I'll stand in faith by grace and grace alone. I will run the race by grace and grace alone. I will slay my sin by grace and grace alone. I will reach the end by grace and grace alone.

Words and Music by Dustin Kensrue.

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### **HYMN OF RESPONSE • #247**

#### **“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”**

O sacred Head, now wounded,  
With grief and shame weighed down;  
Now scornfully surrounded  
With thorns, thine only crown;

O sacred Head, what glory,  
What bliss till now was thine!  
Yet, though despised and gory,  
I joy to call thee mine.

What thou, my Lord, hast suffered  
Was all for sinners' gain:  
Mine, mine was the transgression,  
But thine the deadly pain.  
Lo, here I fall, my Savior!  
Tis I deserve thy place;  
Look on me with thy favor,  
Vouchsafe to me thy grace.

What language shall I borrow  
To thank thee, dearest Friend,  
For this, thy dying sorrow,  
Thy pity without end?  
O make me thine forever;  
And should I fainting be,  
Lord, let me never, never  
Outlive my love to thee.

## **BENEDICTION**

## **POSTLUDE**

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

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### **WEEKLY BIBLE READING (November 7 - November 13)**

Acts 20-21 • Acts 22-23 • Acts 24-25 • Acts 26-27 • Acts 28

# Announcements

**OUR MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK** are Daniel and Courtney Hightower. They are involved with student evangelism and discipleship at Jacksonville State University, working through Reformed University Fellowship (RUF).

- **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.
- **BABY SHOWER:** Tomorrow the women of AVPC will be hosting a baby shower to honor Carly Price on November 7, at 7:00 PM, at the home of Amy MacCaugherty. You can contribute online thru CCB, in the offering plate or in the collection envelope in your Sunday school class. Please designate 'baby shower' in the memo line of your check.
- **MEN'S GAME NIGHT:** Men of all ages, join us Tuesday, November 8 from 6:00-8:30 PM at the home of Holt and Laura Gray for a night of pizza and board games of varying skill levels. To RSVP you can contact Holt Gray at (205) 999-0213.
- **ALTADENA PARK WORKDAY:** Grab your shovels, rakes, wheelbarrows, work gloves and any other tools that might be useful and join us for our next Altadena Park workday, Saturday, November 12, from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM.
- **THANKSGIVING BOXES:** Thanksgiving will be here soon and this year we would like to provide 7 families with a wonderful Thanksgiving meal. All items must be brought to the church by next Sunday, November 13. Collection bins are in the Parlor and Welcome Center. Call the church office with any questions. Thank you in advance for your generosity.
- **ATTENTION NURSING MOMS:** As a reminder the Library (located off the Parlor) is our Nursing Room. Feel free to close the door and listen to the service through the in-room speaker.
- **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY:** AVPC is hiring two nursery workers specifically for Wednesday morning Bible study from 8:45 AM to 11:15 AM. If you are interested please contact Catie Lumpkin at [catie@avpc.org](mailto:catie@avpc.org). This is an excellent opportunity for a homeschooling teen.
- **SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP MEALS:** Our evening Fellowship Meals will be featuring a Dessert Potluck at every meal - provided by you! Dust off your favorite recipe or bring store bought goodies - enough to share with 8-10 people.
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- **CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES:** Christmas is right around the corner and AVPC is partnering with Sacred Road Ministries to provide 50 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.

# Calendar

## SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 6)

**\*DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS\***

8:30 AM    Worship Service  
 9:45 AM    Sunday School  
 11:00 AM    Worship Service  
               Brad | Romans 3:21-26  
 5:00 PM    Kid's Bridge Night  
               Youth Ministry Night  
               Chancel Choir  
               Community Groups  
               Men's Bible Study  
 6:30 PM    Fellowship Dinner with  
               Dessert Potluck

## MONDAY (NOVEMBER 7)

6:30 AM    Men's Breakfast  
 3:00 PM    WTW Bible Study

## TUESDAY (NOVEMBER 8)

6:00 PM    Men's Game Night  
 7:00 PM    Diaconate Meeting

## WEDNESDAY (NOVEMBER 9)

9:00 AM    WTW Bible Study  
 6:00 PM    Community Groups  
 6:15 PM    Praise Team Rehearsal  
 6:30 PM    Youth Small Groups

## THURSDAY (NOVEMBER 10)

9:00 AM    Men's Coffee

## SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 12)

8:00 AM    Altadena Park Work Day

## SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 13)

8:30 AM    Worship Service  
 9:45 AM    Sunday School  
 11:00 AM    Worship Service  
               Brad | Romans 3:27-31  
 5:00 PM    Kid's Bridge Night  
               Youth Ministry Night  
               Chancel Choir  
               Community Groups  
               Men's Bible Study  
 6:30 PM    Fellowship Dinner with  
               Dessert Potluck

- **MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** 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, at 6:00 PM. More information to come.

	10/30/22 Receipts	Year-To-Date Receipts	Year-To-Date Requirements	Over(Under) Budget
<b>General Fund</b>	\$29,193	\$1,111,090	\$1,062,101	\$48,989
<b>Faith Promise</b>	\$5,206	\$250,707	\$257,155	(\$6,448)

## **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  
*Worship Ministry Assistant*  
Young jin Jeon  
*Organist*  
Carol Apol & Ricky Klose  
*Sound Ministry Directors*