



# 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

October 16, 2022 | 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

## PRELUDE

### “Satisfied”

All my life long I had panted for a drink from some cool spring that I hoped would quench the burning of the thirst I felt within. Feeding on the filth around me 'till my strength was almost gone. Longed my soul for something better, only still to hunger on. Hallelujah! He has found me, the One my soul so long has craved! Jesus satisfies all my longings; through his blood I now am saved. Poor I was and sought for riches, something that would satisfy. But the dust I gathered 'round me only mocked my soul's sad cry. Well of water ever springing, Bread of Life so rich and free. Untold wealth that never faileth, my Redeemer is to me.

Words by Clara T. Williams. Music by Karl Digerness.

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

## CALL TO WORSHIP • *From Psalm 119:169-176*

Let our cries come before you, O Lord; give us understanding according to your word! Let our pleas come before you; deliver us according to your word.

**Our lips will pour forth praise, for you teach us your statutes. Our tongues will sing of your word, for all your commandments are right.**

We have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek your servants, for we do not forget your commandments. Let your hand be ready to help us, for we have chosen your precepts. We long for your salvation, O Lord, and your law is our delight.

**(All) Let our souls live and praise you, and let your rules help us.**

*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.

PLEASE STAND

## INVOCATION

### THE WELCOME OF GOD

### SONGS OF PRAISE

#### **"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)*

## **“Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder”**

Let us love and sing and wonder.  
Let us praise the Savior’s name.  
He has hushed the law’s loud thunder.  
He has quenched Mount Sinai’s flame.  
He has washed us with his blood;  
He has washed us with his blood;  
He has washed us with his blood,  
He has brought us nigh to God.

Let us love the Lord who bought us,  
Pitied us when enemies.  
Called us by his grace and taught us,  
Gave us ears and gave us eyes.  
He has washed us with his blood.  
He has washed us with his blood.  
He has washed us with his blood.  
He presents our souls to God.

Let us wonder, grace and justice  
Join and point to mercy’s store.  
When through grace in Christ our trust is,  
Justice smiles and asks no more.  
He, who washed us with his blood;  
He, who washed us with his blood;  
He, who washed us with his blood,  
Has secured our way to God.

Let us praise and join the chorus  
Of the saints enthroned on high.  
Here they trusted him before us,  
Now their praises fill the sky.  
Thou hast washed us with thy blood.  
Thou hast washed us with thy blood.  
Thou hast washed us with thy blood.  
Thou art worthy, Lamb of God.

Words by John Newton. Music by Laura Taylor.

**"All Glory Be to Christ" (11:00 AM Service)**

Should nothing of our efforts stand,  
No legacy survive,  
Unless the Lord does raise the house  
In vain its builders strive.  
To you who boast tomorrow's gain,  
Tell me what is your life?  
A mist that vanishes at dawn;  
All glory be to Christ.

*(Refrain) All glory be to Christ our king.  
All glory be to Christ.  
His rule and reign we'll ever sing;  
All glory be to Christ.*

His will be done, his kingdom come  
On earth as is above,  
Who is himself our daily bread;  
Praise him the Lord of love.  
Let living water satisfy  
The thirsty without price.  
We'll take a cup of kindness yet;  
All glory be to Christ. *(Refrain)*

When on the day the great I Am,  
The faithful and the true,  
The Lamb who was for sinners slain,  
Is making all things new.  
Behold our God shall live with us  
And be our steadfast light,  
And we shall e'er his people be;  
All glory be to Christ! *(Refrain)*

Music based on a traditional Scottish folksong. Words and arrangement by Dustin Kensrue.

## CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy LORD,

Have mercy on us, O God,  
according to your unfailing love;  
according to your great compassion  
blot out our transgressions.

Wash away all our iniquity  
and cleanse us from our sin.

Surely we were sinful at birth,  
sinful from the time our mothers conceived us.

Surely you desire truth in the inner parts;  
you teach us wisdom in the inmost place.

Create in us a pure heart, O God,  
and renew a steadfast spirit within us.

Do not cast us from your presence  
or take your Holy Spirit from us.

Restore to us the joy of your salvation  
and grant us willing spirits, to sustain us.

O Lord, open our lips,  
and our mouths will declare your praise.

You do not delight in sacrifice, or we would bring it;  
you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;  
a broken and contrite heart,

O God, you will not despise. Amen.

Psalm 51:1-2, 5-6, 10-12, 15-17.

PLEASE BE SEATED

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

## SILENT CONFESSION

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

*The Heidelberg Catechism, written in 1563, originated in one of the few pockets of Calvinistic faith in the Lutheran and Catholic territories of Germany. Conceived originally as a teaching instrument to promote religious unity, the catechism soon became a guide for preaching as well. It is a warm-hearted and personalized confession of faith.*

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## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON • Based on Heidelberg Catechism #59/60**

Brothers and sisters in Christ,  
by true faith in Jesus Christ,  
we are right with God  
and heirs to life everlasting.

Even though our consciences accuse us  
of having grievously sinned against all God's commandments,  
and of never having kept any of them,  
and even though we are still inclined toward all evil,  
nevertheless, without our deserving it at all, out of sheer grace,

God grants and credits to us  
the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ,  
as if we had never sinned or been a sinner,  
as if we had been as perfectly obedient  
as Christ was obedient for us.

All we need to do  
is to accept this gift of God with a believing heart.

**Thanks be to God for the redeeming work of Jesus Christ.**

## **HYMN OF RESPONSE • #457**

### **“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”**

Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing,  
Tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
Call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
Sung by flaming tongues above;  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,  
Mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer;  
Hither by thy help I'm come;  
And I hope, by thy good pleasure,  
Safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
Wand'ring from the fold of God:  
He, to rescue me from danger,  
Interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be;  
Let that grace now, like a fetter,  
Bind my wand'ring heart to thee.  
Prone to wander — Lord, I feel it —  
Prone to leave the God I love:  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,  
Seal it for thy courts above.

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Seal it for thy courts above.

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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## **OUTREACH TESTIMONY**

**Ryan & Melissa Parker (8:30 AM)**

**Tom Hinke (11:00 AM)**

## PASTORAL PRAYER

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

### SCRIPTURE READING • Romans 2:17-29

<sup>17</sup> But if you call yourself a Jew and rely on the law and boast in God <sup>18</sup> and know his will and approve what is excellent, because you are instructed from the law; <sup>19</sup> and if you are sure that you yourself are a guide to the blind, a light to those who are in darkness, <sup>20</sup> an instructor of the foolish, a teacher of children, having in the law the embodiment of knowledge and truth— <sup>21</sup> you then who teach others, do you not teach yourself? While you preach against stealing, do you steal? <sup>22</sup> You who say that one must not commit adultery, do you commit adultery? You who abhor idols, do you rob temples? <sup>23</sup> You who boast in the law dishonor God by breaking the law. <sup>24</sup> For, as it is written, “The name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you.”

<sup>25</sup> For circumcision indeed is of value if you obey the law, but if you break the law, your circumcision becomes uncircumcision. <sup>26</sup> So, if a man who is uncircumcised keeps the precepts of the law, will not his uncircumcision be regarded as circumcision? <sup>27</sup> Then he who is physically uncircumcised but keeps the law will condemn you who have the written code and circumcision but break the law.

<sup>28</sup> For no one is a Jew who is merely one outwardly, nor is circumcision outward and physical. <sup>29</sup> But a Jew is one inwardly, and circumcision is a matter of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the letter. His praise is not from man but from God.

## **SERMON • “Religious Evil, Part 2” Rev. Brad Allison**

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Everyone, apart from the work of the Holy Spirit, resists the idea of personal sin. Secularists will at times roll their eyes when others talk about sin in a serious manner, or wink when they talk about it themselves. They regard sin as a guilty pleasure like a rich dessert or some sexual activity. But when someone like a preacher talks about sin, the preacher is often accused of being too judgmental. But it's not just the secularist who resists the idea of personal sin; religious people do the same. Beginning in chapter 2, Paul addresses those who use their religion to avoid God. They fail to see their own sin, and Paul wants to correct that and open their eyes to their own sinfulness. He does so out of love, that the power of the gospel might be experienced in their lives. Today's passage describes two more sins to which the religious but unbelieving Jew is particularly prone and, we might add, to which the evangelical Protestant is also prone. Both of these sins misuse two of the greatest gifts God gives to his people.

### **I. Misuse of God's Word – v. 17-24**

### **II. Misuse of Church Membership – v. 25-29**

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

## **GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

### **SONG OF RESPONSE**

#### **“Yet Not I, But Through Christ In Me”**

What gift of grace is Jesus, my Redeemer. There is no more for heaven now to give. He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom, my steadfast love my deep and boundless peace. To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus. For my life is wholly bound to his. Oh how strange and divine, I can sing, “All is mine!” Yet not I, but through Christ in me. The night is dark, but I am not forsaken, for by my side the Savior, he will stay. I labor on in weakness and rejoicing, for in my need, his power is displayed. To this I hold: my Shepherd will defend me. Through the deepest valley he will lead. Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome! Yet not I, but through Christ in me. No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven, the future sure, the price, it has been paid. For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon, and he was raised to overthrow the grave. To this I hold: my sin has been defeated. Jesus now, and ever, is my plea. Oh the chains are released, I can sing, “I am free!” Yet not I, but through Christ in me. With every breath I long to follow Jesus, for he has said that he will bring me home. And day by day I know he will renew me until I stand with joy before the throne. To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus. All the glory evermore to him. When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat, “Yet not I, but through Christ in me.”

Words and Music by Jonny Robinson, Michael Farren, and Rich Thompson.

*To this I hold:  
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complete still my  
lips shall repeat,  
“Yet not I, but  
through Christ  
in me.”*

## **HYMN OF RESPONSE • #157**

PLEASE STAND

### **“None Other Lamb, None Other Name”**

None other Lamb, none other name,  
None other hope in heav’n or earth or sea,  
None other hiding place from guilt and shame,  
None beside thee!

My faith burns low, my hope burns low;  
Only my heart’s desire cries out in me  
By the deep thunder of its want and woe,  
Cries out to thee.

Lord, thou art Life, though I be dead;  
Love’s fire thou art, however cold I be:  
Nor heav’n have I, nor place to lay my head,  
Nor home, but thee.

## **BENEDICTION**

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

## **POSTLUDE**

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### **WEEKLY BIBLE READING (October 17 - October 23)**

1 Corinthians 15-16 • 2 Corinthians 1-2 • 2 Corinthians 3-4 • 2 Corinthians 5-6 • 2 Corinthians 7-8

# Announcements

**OUR MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK** are Alan and Amanda Halbrooks with Wycliffe Bible Translators serving in Papua New Guinea. They live and work on a missionary campus where Alan is a high school English teacher and Amanda is a learning therapist for elementary students. They teach the children of other missionaries, both translation workers and support workers, which allows the translators to spend more time focusing on translating God's Word for the more than 800 languages of Papua New Guinea.

- **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.
- **SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP MEALS:** Beginning with the Sunday, October 23, Fellowship Meal we 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.
- **FALL PICNIC IN THE PARK:** Join us for our Fall Picnic in the Park on October 30 from 4-6 PM. We will have games, food, fun and fellowship. If you are interested in creating a Trunk for our children to visit to get treats, please reach out to [Catie@avpc.org](mailto:Catie@avpc.org).
- **CANDY NEEDED:** There are collection tubs in the Parlor and Welcome Center just waiting for your donation of candy for the Fall Picnic in the Park. Please bring your donation before October 30.
- **NOTICE TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY:** As an on-going effort to adhere to our Child Protection Policy, all people using Sunday childcare and nursery facilities will now need to enter the children's area using the courtyard entrance to the Educational Building. The lower-level parking lot entrance door will remain locked. As we continue to work at keeping our children safe and secure, we appreciate your understanding and cooperation.
- **URBAN HOPE BENEVOLENCE:** Our sister church, Urban Hope has set up a way to provide for the wife and children of their member, Ced Mahaffey, who was recently murdered. Visit [www.urbanhopecc.com/give](http://www.urbanhopecc.com/give) and select "Benevolence Fund" in the drop-down menu. More information is available in the church parlor. Please continue to lift this congregation up in your prayers.
- **CHURCH WITHOUT WALLS:** We are hosting a training by Church Without Walls on Saturday morning November 5, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm. Church Without Walls is a missions organization that brings Christians in contact with Muslims for friendship evangelism. A local mosque hosts a meeting, welcomes the Christian perspective on a topic, and then shares the Muslim perspective with a light lunch following. The training is in preparation for a visit to a local mosque in December. Contact Dan Dougherty [doughfamily2@psmail.net](mailto:doughfamily2@psmail.net) for more information, and to indicate your attendance.

# Calendar

## SUNDAY (OCTOBER 16)

8:30 AM     Worship Service  
 9:45 AM     Sunday School  
 11:00 AM    Worship Service in Altadena Park  
               Brad | Romans 2:17-29  
 12:00 PM    Picnic Lunch - "Bring Your Own"  
 5:00 PM     Kid's Bridge Night  
               Youth Ministry Night  
               Chancel Choir  
               Community Groups  
               Men's Bible Study  
               Officer Training

## MONDAY (OCTOBER 17)

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

## TUESDAY (OCTOBER 18)

7:00 PM     Session Meeting

## WEDNESDAY (OCTOBER 19)

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

## THURSDAY (OCTOBER 20)

9:00 AM     Men's Coffee

## SUNDAY (OCTOBER 23)

8:30 AM     Worship Service  
 9:45 AM     Sunday School  
 11:00 AM    Worship Service  
               Blake | Romans 3:1-8  
 4:00 PM     5th Annual Youth Hippie Games  
 5:00 PM     Kid's Bridge Night  
               Youth Ministry Night  
               Chancel Choir  
               Community Groups  
               Men's Bible Study  
               Officer Training  
 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. More information to come.

	10/09/22 Receipts	Year-To-Date Receipts	Year-To-Date Requirements	Over(Under) Budget
<b>General Fund</b>	\$14,910	\$912,881	\$1,009,482	(\$96,601)
<b>Faith Promise</b>	\$2,150	\$238,634	\$249,149	(\$10,515)

## 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*