



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.

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.



REFORMATION SUNDAY

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

SOLI DEO GLORIA

(Glory to God alone)

PRELUDE

“O Church, Arise”

O Church, arise and put your armor on; hear the call of Christ our Captain. For now the weak can say that they are strong in the strength that God has given. With shield of faith and belt of truth, we'll stand against the devil's lies; an army bold whose battle cry is love, reaching out to those in darkness. Our call to war—to love the captive soul, but to rage against the captor; and with the sword that makes the wounded whole, we will fight with faith and valor. When faced with trials on every side, we know the outcome is secure, and Christ will have the prize for which he died—an inheritance of nations. Come see the cross where love and mercy meet, as the Son of God is stricken; then see his foes lie crushed beneath his feet, for the Conqueror has risen! And as the stone is rolled away and Christ emerges from the grave, this victory march continues till the day every eye and heart shall see him. So Spirit come, put strength in every stride, give grace for every hurdle that we may run with faith to win the prize of a servant, good and faithful. As saints of old still line the way retelling triumphs of his grace, we hear their calls and hunger for the day when with Christ we stand in glory.

Words and Music by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend.

CALL TO WORSHIP • *Based on John Calvin's Geneva Liturgy (1542)*

(Leader) God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

(Congregation) Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther nailed his Ninety-Five Theses to the door of the All Saints Church in Wittenberg, Germany, triggering events which would eventually lead to the Protestant Reformation. Reformation Sunday, which is traditionally celebrated on the last Sunday of October, reminds Christians that the foundation of our faith is in the grace and mercy of Jesus Christ, the Word of God who dwelled among us. This morning, through historic liturgy, we explore five core beliefs of the Christian faith (also known as the five solas because of the Latin term for "alone"): Christians are saved by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone, as revealed by Scripture alone, to the glory of God alone.

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

PLEASE STAND

*Composed
by Protestant
Reformer, Martin
Luther, "A Mighty
Fortress Is Our
God" has often
been called the
"Battle Hymn of
the Reformation."*

INVOCATION

THE WELCOME OF GOD

HYMN OF RESPONSE • #92

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe; his craft and pow'r are great
And armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;
Were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus! It is he! Lord Sabaoth his name,
From age to age the same, and he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him; his rage we can endure,
For lo! His doom is sure; one little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also; the body they may kill:
God's truth abideth still; his kingdom is forever.

SOLA SCRIPTURA

(The scripture alone)

GENEVA CONFESSION (1537) • Section 1

We declare that for the rule of faith and religion, we wish to follow the Scriptures alone, without mixing with it any other thing which might be fabricated by the opinion of men apart from the Word of God; and we do not pretend to receive any other doctrine for our spiritual government than that which is taught us by the same Word, without addition or reduction, according to the command of our Lord.

“All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the people of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.” (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Ancient Words”

Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world;
They resound with God’s own heart, O let the ancient words impart.
Words of life, words of hope, give us strength, help us cope.
In this world where’er we roam, ancient words will guide us home.

*(Chorus) Ancient words ever true, changing me and changing you.
We have come with open hearts, O let the ancient words impart.*

Holy words of our faith, handed down to this age.
Come to us through sacrifice, O heed the faithful words of Christ.
Martyr’s blood stains each page, they have died for this faith.
Hear them cry through the years, heed these words and hold them dear. *(Chorus)*

Words and Music by Lynn DeShazo.

PLEASE REMAIN
STANDING

*John Calvin
and/or William
Farel penned
the Geneva
Confession
in an effort
to encourage
corporate worship
rooted in the
Word of God.*

The "Valley of Vision" is a collection of Puritan prayers that can help shape and inform both private devotions and corporate worship.

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Heavenly Father,
in a world of created changeable things,
Christ and his Word alone remain unshaken.**

**All our mercies come through Christ,
who has designed, purchased, promised, effected them.**

**When we sin against you,
we cross your will, love, and life,
and have no comforter
and no creature to go to.**

**Our sin is not so much this or that particular evil,
but our continual separation, disunion, distance from you,
and having a loose spirit towards you.**

**But you have given us Jesus, your Son,
as Mediator between yourself and our souls,
for only he can span the chasm breached by sin,
and satisfy divine justice.**

**May we always lay hold upon this Mediator,
as a realized object of faith,
and alone worthy by his love to bridge the gulf.**

Let us know that he is dear to us by his Word.

**Form our hearts according to the Word,
according to the image of your Son.**

**So shall Christ the Word, and his Word,
be our strength and comfort. Amen.**

Adapted from Valley of Vision "Christ the Word."

SILENT CONFESSION

SOLA GRATIA SOLA FIDE

(Grace alone through faith alone)

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM (1563) • Answer #21

True faith is not only a certain knowledge, whereby I hold for truth all that God has revealed to us in his word, but also an assured confidence, which the Holy Ghost works by the gospel in my heart; that not only to others, but to me also, remission of sin, everlasting righteousness and salvation, are freely given by God, merely of grace, only for the sake of Christ's merits.

For by grace we have been saved through faith. And this is not our own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that none of us may boast. *(Ephesians 2:8-9)*

CHORAL RESPONSE *(11:00 AM Service)*

"The Staff of Faith"

My faith, it is an oaken staff, the trav'lers well-loved aid; my faith, it is a weapon stout, the soldier's trusty blade. I'll travel on, and still be stirred by prayerful thought or holy Word; by all my peril undeterred, a soldier pilgrim staid. I have a guide, and in His steps when travelers have trod, if there beneath was flinty rock or yielding grassy sod, they cared not, but with force unspent, unmoved by pain, they onward went; unstayed by pleasures, still they bent their zealous course to God. My faith, it is an oaken staff, O let me on it lean! My faith, it is a trusty sword, may falsehood find it keen! Thy Spirit, Lord, to me impart, O make what Thou ever art, O patient and courageous heart, as all true saints have been. How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in His excellent Word! What more can He say than to you He hath said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled! My faith, it is an oaken staff, the trav'ler's well-loved aid.

Words by Thomas T. Lynch. Music by Craig Courtney.

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.

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in His excellent Word! What more can He say than to you He hath said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled!

SOLUS CHRISTUS

(Through Christ alone)

In 1643, the English Parliament called upon "learned, godly and judicious Divines" to meet at Westminster Abbey in order to provide advice on issues of worship, doctrine, government and discipline of the Church of England. For the next five years, these divines penned a Confession of Faith, a Larger Catechism, and a Shorter Catechism. These documents serve as part of the constitution for our denomination, the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA).

PLEASE STAND

WESTMINSTER CONFESSION OF FAITH (1646) • VIII.1

It pleased God, in his eternal purpose, to choose and ordain the Lord Jesus, his only begotten Son, to be the Mediator between God and man, the Prophet, Priest, and King, the Head and Savior of his Church, the Heir of all things, and Judge of the world: unto whom he did from all eternity give a people, to be his seed, and to be by him in time redeemed, called, justified, sanctified, and glorified.

For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. (1 Timothy 2:5-6)

HYMN OF RESPONSE

"In Christ Alone"

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my Light, my strength, my song.
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my all in all,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones he came to save.
'Til on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied.
For every sin on him was laid,
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave he rose again.
And as he stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me.
For I am his and he is mine,
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death;
This is the pow'r of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of Hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from his hand.
'Til he returns or calls me home,
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

Words and Music by Keith & Kristyn Getty and Stuart Townend.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE BE SEATED

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

SCRIPTURE READING • Romans 3:9-20

^{3,9} What then? Are we Jews any better off? No, not at all. For we have already charged that all, both Jews and Greeks, are under sin, ¹⁰ as it is written:

“None is righteous, no, not one;

¹¹ no one understands;
no one seeks for God.

¹² All have turned aside; together they have become worthless;
no one does good,
not even one.”

¹³ “Their throat is an open grave;
they use their tongues to deceive.”

“The venom of asps is under their lips.”

¹⁴ “Their mouth is full of curses and bitterness.”

¹⁵ “Their feet are swift to shed blood;
¹⁶ in their paths are ruin and misery,

¹⁷ and the way of peace they have not known.”

¹⁸ “There is no fear of God before their eyes.”

¹⁹ Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰ For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

SERMON • “Total Depravity” Rev. Brad Allison

Advances in medical science involve not just better treatments, but also better diagnostics. Medical conditions can be effectively treated only when an accurate diagnosis is made. The same is true in the spiritual realm, and for over two chapters Paul has been laboring to make clear our true diagnosis. The essential human problem is sin. Unless this diagnosis is accepted, there will never be any hope of solving our main problem. Today’s passage makes a point about this that is new. He has previously said that every social group is guilty, naming specifically Jews and Gentiles. Lest some think that they may be exceptional in that they aren’t personally guilty even if they belong to a group that is, Paul makes the point in today’s passage that every single member of every group is also guilty. In theology, this often comes under the heading referred to as “total depravity.”

I. Everyone Is a Sinner

II. Every Part of Everyone Is Sinful

III. Every Path to Restoration Blocked, Save One

*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

"Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed"

Alas! And did my Savior bleed and did my Sovereign die? Would he devote that sacred Head for sinners such as I? The strangeness of love, my life in your death, in your Brokenness, my wholeness revealed. Your bonds are my freedom, your sorrow my song, and by your wounds I am healed. Was it for crimes that I have done, he groaned upon the tree? Amazing pity! Grace unknown! And love beyond degree! But drops of grief can ne'er repay the debt of love I owe: Here, Lord, I give myself away, 'tis all that I can do.

Words by Isaac Watts. Alt. by Greg Thompson. Music by Greg Thompson.

HYMN OF RESPONSE • #378

PLEASE STAND

“Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face”

Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face;
Here would I touch and handle things unseen,
Here grasp with firmer hand th’eternal grace,
And all my weariness upon thee lean.

Here would I feed upon the bread of God,
Here drink with thee the royal wine of heav’n;
Here would I lay aside each earthly load,
Here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiv’n.

This is the hour of banquet and of song;
This is the heav’nly table spread for me:
Here let me feast, and, feasting, still prolong
The brief, bright hour of fellowship with thee.

I have no help but thine, nor do I need
Another arm save thine to lean upon:
It is enough, my Lord, enough indeed;
My strength is in thy might, thy might alone.

Mine is the sin, but thine the righteousness;
Mine is the guilt, but thine the cleansing blood;
Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace:
Thy blood, thy righteousness, O Lord my God.

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

BENEDICTION

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WEEKLY BIBLE READING (October 31 - November 6)

Romans 7-8 • Romans 9-10 • Romans 11-12 • Romans 13-14 • Romans 15-16

Announcements

OUR MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK are Peter and Janet H. Peter and Janet are serving in a creative-access area among an unreached people. They operate a small arts business and are involved in discipleship and evangelism toward the goal of church planting and growing/strengthening the existing church.

- **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:** 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.
- **CHURCH WITHOUT WALLS:** We are hosting a training by *Church Without Walls* on Saturday morning November 5, 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. *Church Without Walls* is a missions organization that brings Christians in contact with Muslims for friendship evangelism. The training is in preparation for a visit to a local mosque in December. Contact Dan Dougherty doughfamily2@psmail.net for more information, and to indicate your attendance.
- **BABY SHOWER:** 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 MacCaughelty. 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.
- **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.
- **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 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.
- **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.
- **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. Please pray about your ability and willingness to participate in the shoebox outreach this year. Read the article in the Saltshaker and Visit the display in the Welcome Center to participate.

Calendar

SUNDAY (OCTOBER 30) *

8:30 AM Worship Service
 9:45 AM Sunday School
 11:00 AM Worship Service
 Brad | Romans 3:9-20
 4:00 PM Fall Picnic in the Park

MONDAY (OCTOBER 31)

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

WEDNESDAY (NOVEMBER 2)

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

**Celebration of The Lord's Supper*

THURSDAY (NOVEMBER 3)

9:00 AM Men's Coffee

SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 5)

9:00 AM Church Without Walls

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

- **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY:** AVPC is hiring two nursery workers specifically for Wednesday morning Bible study from 8:45 AM to 11:15AM. If you are interested please contact Catie Lumpkin at catie@avpc.org. This is an excellent opportunity for a homeschooling teen.
- **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.
- **FALL PICNIC IN THE PARK:** Join us tonight for our Fall Picnic in the Park from 4 to 6 PM. We will have games, food, live music, fun and fellowship.

	10/23/22 Receipts	Year-To-Date Receipts	Year-To-Date Requirements	Over(Under) Budget
General Fund	\$125,401	\$1,081,897	\$1,044,561	\$37,336
Faith Promise	\$2,121	\$245,501	\$254,486	(\$8,986)

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
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Blake Harris
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