



# 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 9, 2022 | 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.

## **CALL TO WORSHIP • From Psalm 9:1-2, 7-11**

(Leader) I will praise you, O LORD, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonders.  
**(Congregation) I will be glad and rejoice in you; I will sing praise to your name,  
O Most High.**  
You, O LORD, reign forever; you have established your throne for judgment.  
**You judge the world in righteousness; you govern the peoples with justice.**

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

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

You, O LORD, are a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.

**Those who know your name will trust in you, for you, LORD, have never forsaken those who seek you.**

**(All) Sing praises to the LORD, enthroned in Zion; proclaim among the nations what he has done.**

## INVOCATION

### THE WELCOME OF GOD

### SONGS OF PRAISE

#### **“Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Wretched”**

Come, ye sinners, poor and wretched,  
Weak and wounded, sick and sore;  
Jesus, ready, stands to save you,  
Full of pity, joined with power.  
He is able, he is able;  
He is willing; doubt no more.

Come ye needy, come, and welcome,  
God's free bounty glorify;  
True belief and true repentance,  
Every grace that brings you nigh.  
Without money, without money,  
Come to Jesus Christ and buy.

Come, ye weary, heavy laden,  
Bruised and broken by the fall;  
If you tarry 'til you're better,  
You will never come at all.  
Not the righteous, not the righteous;  
Sinners Jesus came to call.

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

PLEASE STAND

Let not conscience make you linger,  
Nor of fitness fondly dream;  
All the fitness he requireth  
Is to feel your need of him.  
This he gives you, this he gives you,  
'Tis the Spirit's rising beam.

### **"All I Have is Christ"**

*Hallelujah! All I have is Christ. Hallelujah! Jesus is my life.*

I once was lost in darkest night yet thought I knew the way.  
The sin that promised joy and life had led me to the grave.  
I had no hope that you would own a rebel to your will,  
And if you had not loved me first, I would refuse you still.

But as I ran my hell-bound race, indifferent to the cost,  
You looked upon my helpless state and led me to the cross.  
And I beheld God's love displayed, you suffered in my place.  
You bore the wrath reserved for me now all I know is grace.

*Hallelujah! All I have is Christ. Hallelujah! Jesus is my life.*

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Now Lord, I would be yours alone and live so all might see  
The strength to follow your commands could never come from me.  
O Father, use my ransomed life in any way you choose;  
O Father, use my ransomed life in any way you choose  
And let my song forever be: my only boast is you.

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Words and Music by Jordan Kaufflin.

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

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

## **CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

O God of Grace, you have imputed our sins to Jesus, our substitute, and you have imputed his righteousness to our souls, clothing us with a bridegroom's robe, lavishing us with jewels of holiness. But in our Christian walk, we are still in rags; our best prayers are stained with sin; our tears of sorrow are impure; our confessions of wrong are sinful in themselves; our receiving the Holy Spirit is tainted with selfishness.

**Forgive us our sins, O God.**

We need to repent of our repentance; we need our tears to be washed; we have no robe to bring to cover our sins, no loom to weave our own righteousness. In our sin, we stand clothed in filthy garments.

**Forgive us our sins, O God.**

But in your grace, O God, we receive a change of raiment, the robe of righteousness reserved for your prodigal children. Grant us never to lose sight of the exceeding sinfulness of sin, the exceeding righteousness of salvation, the exceeding glory of Christ, the exceeding beauty of holiness, and the exceeding wonder of grace.

**Forgive us and heal us from our sins, O God. It is in the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.**

Adapted from *Valley of Vision*, "Continual Repentance."

## **SILENT CONFESSION**

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON • Isaiah 53:5-6; 2 Corinthians 5:21**

Jesus was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. God made Jesus, who had no sin, to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

*We receive assurance that Jesus Christ has taken upon himself the just penalty of our sin, and he has imputed to us his perfect righteousness.*

## **HYMN OF RESPONSE**

PLEASE STAND

### **“Hallelujah, What A Savior”**

“Man of Sorrows,” what a name for the Son of God who came.

Ruined sinners to reclaim, hallelujah what a Savior!

Hallelujah, what a Savior!

Bearing shame and scoffing rude; in my place condemned he stood.

Sealed my pardon with his blood, hallelujah what a Savior!

Hallelujah, what a Savior!

Guilty vile and helpless, we; spotless Lamb of God was he.

Full atonement can it be? Hallelujah what a Savior!

Hallelujah, what a Savior!

Lifted up was he to die; “It is finished!” was his cry.

Now in heav’n exalted high, hallelujah what a Savior!

Hallelujah, what a Savior!

When he comes, our glorious King, all his ransomed home to bring

Then anew this song we’ll sing, hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Hallelujah, what a Savior!

**Q. Is Infant  
Baptism the  
same thing  
as Infant  
Dedication?**

A. No. While there are shared beliefs and declarations in the two, they are not the same thing. The primary focus (and starting point) of Infant Baptism is on what God is promising to do for his people (i.e. that God will extend his covenant promises to the children of his people). The primary focus (and starting point) of Infant Dedication is on what the people are promising to do for God (i.e. to raise their child in the love and admonition of the Lord). Infant Baptism incorporates both focuses, while maintaining the primacy and starting point of God's promises and faithfulness to his people.

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (8:30 AM Service)**

**Matilda Joy Prettyman - daughter of Thomas & Heather Prettyman**

### **HYMN OF RESPONSE • #189 (8:30 AM Service)**

#### **“Jesus Loves Me, This I Know”**

Jesus loves you, this I know for the Bible tells me so;  
Little ones to him belong, they are weak but he is strong

*(1st chorus) Yes, Jesus loves you! Yes, Jesus loves you!  
Yes, Jesus loves you! The Bible tells me so.*

Jesus loves me, he who died, heaven's gates to open wide;  
He will wash away my sin, let his little child come in.

*(2nd chorus) Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

Jesus loves me, he will stay close beside me all the way;  
If I love him, when I die he will take me home on high. *(2nd chorus)*

## **MISSION REPORT** *(11:00 AM Service)*

Peter & Chris Jennings (Betel: United Kingdom - Birmingham)

## **PASTORAL PRAYER**

## **CHORAL RESPONSE** *(11:00 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.

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

## SCRIPTURE READING • Romans 2:1-16

<sup>2:1</sup> Therefore you have no excuse, O man, every one of you who judges. For in passing judgment on another you condemn yourself, because you, the judge, practice the very same things. <sup>2</sup> We know that the judgment of God rightly falls on those who practice such things. <sup>3</sup> Do you suppose, O man—you who judge those who practice such things and yet do them yourself—that you will escape the judgment of God? <sup>4</sup> Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God’s kindness is meant to lead you to repentance? <sup>5</sup> But because of your hard and impenitent heart you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath when God’s righteous judgment will be revealed.

<sup>6</sup> He will render to each one according to his works: <sup>7</sup> to those who by patience in well-doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, he will give eternal life; <sup>8</sup> but for those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, there will be wrath and fury. <sup>9</sup> There will be tribulation and distress for every human being who does evil, the Jew first and also the Greek, <sup>10</sup> but glory and honor and peace for everyone who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. <sup>11</sup> For God shows no partiality.

<sup>12</sup> For all who have sinned without the law will also perish without the law, and all who have sinned under the law will be judged by the law. <sup>13</sup> For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified. <sup>14</sup> For when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do what the law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the law. <sup>15</sup> They show that the work of the law is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness, and their conflicting thoughts accuse or even excuse them <sup>16</sup> on that day when, according to my gospel, God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus.

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

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When a doctor seeks to bring healing to a patient, the first step is always to make an accurate diagnosis of the problem. Similarly, Paul’s first step in bringing his readers to the good news of salvation through Christ is to bring them to the place of recognizing the problem requiring their salvation. In a word, that problem is sin. In the previous chapter, Paul had highlighted typically Gentile sins. Jewish people universally opposed idolatry and homosexuality, regarding them as reasons for God’s just judgment upon Gentiles. But in describing those sins in the previous chapter, Paul has quietly set a trap for his beloved fellow countrymen. It was a mercy trap designed to bring them to the place of recognizing that it wasn’t just Gentiles that stood in need of the power of salvation through Christ. Deeply religious people had their own evil to answer for, and today’s passage describes two particularly religious evils.

### **I. Sinfully Judging Others**

### **II. Taking Refuge in One’s Religious Pedigree**

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

## **GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

### **SONG OF RESPONSE**

#### **“At the Cross”**

Alas! And did my Savior bleed and did my Sovereign die? Would he devote that sacred head for sinners such as I? Was it for crimes that I had done he groaned upon the tree? Amazing pity! Grace unknown! And love beyond degree! At the cross, where I first saw the light, and the burden of my heart rolled away. It was there by faith I received my sight, and now I am happy all the day! Thus might I hide my blushing face while Calvary's cross appears, dissolve my heart in thankfulness and melt mine eyes to tears. 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. At the cross, where I first saw the light, and the burden of my heart rolled away. It was there by faith I received my sight, and now I am happy all the day!

Words by Isaac Watts and Ralph E. Hudson. Music by Ralph E. Hudson. Arrangement by Steve Whitner.

## HYMN OF RESPONSE • #500

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 James Ward.

## BENEDICTION

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

## POSTLUDE

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### WEEKLY BIBLE READING (October 10 - October 16)

1 Corinthians 5-6 • 1 Corinthians 7-8 • 1 Corinthians 9-10 • 1 Corinthians 11-12 • 1 Corinthians 13-14

# Announcements

**OUR MISSION OF THE WEEK** is Grace House Ministries, located in Fairfield. It is a Christian inner-city ministry to disadvantaged girls of all ages. They provide Christian homes for young girls, ages 6-18, who cannot live with their birth families because of situations such as extreme poverty and dysfunctional, neglectful, and abusive circumstances. Here, they find a secure place to live where they are loved, nurtured, trained, and encouraged to become mature, godly women.

- **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.
- **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.
- **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.
- **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.
- **NEXT WEEK:** Our late service (11:00 AM) will be held in Altadena Park. A "Bring Your Own Picnic" will immediately follow the service. If inclement weather, late service will be held in the sanctuary.
- **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.

# Calendar

## SUNDAY (OCTOBER 9)

8:30 AM     Worship Service  
 9:45 AM     Sunday School  
 11:00 AM    Worship Service  
               Brad | Romans 2:1-16  
 12:00 PM    Missions Team Lunch & Meeting  
 5:00 PM     Kid's Bridge Night  
               Youth Ministry Night  
               Chancel Choir  
               Community Groups  
               Officer Training  
 6:30 PM     Fellowship Dinner

## MONDAY (OCTOBER 10)

3:00 PM     WTW Bible Study

## TUESDAY (OCTOBER 11)

7:00 PM     Diaconate Meeting

## WEDNESDAY (OCTOBER 12)

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 13)

9:00 AM     Men's Coffee

## FRIDAY (OCTOBER 14)

6:00 PM     Membership Dinner

## 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

	10/02/22 Receipts	Year-To-Date Receipts	Year-To-Date Requirements	Over(Under) Budget
<b>General Fund</b>	\$25,000	\$897,971	\$991,942	(\$93,971)
<b>Faith Promise</b>	\$4,960	\$236,484	\$246,481	(\$9,997)

## **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  
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### **WORSHIP MINISTRIES**

Heather Sommer  
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Carol Apol & Ricky Klose  
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