



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.



ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE

“Cornerstone (1st Peter 2)”

Be done with all your wicked ways, with all your sins be done. Like a newborn baby, taste the Lord is good. Once you were not a people; now you are his own. Once you were without his mercy which [now] you have in full. He has called you out of darkness to his marvelous light. We are now his people. He’s our Cornerstone. Come to the Stone, rejected, chosen by the Lord. You are stones he’s building up, acceptable through Christ. Once you were not a people; now you are his own. Once you were without his mercy which [now] you have in full. He has called you out of darkness to his marvelous light. We are now his people. He’s our Cornerstone. Behold I lay a stone in Zion, a precious Cornerstone. Whoever believes will not be put to shame.

Words and Music by Michael Bobo, Zachary Snow, Randy Krueger, and Rebecca Krueger.

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

CALL TO WORSHIP • Psalm 8

O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise because of your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger. When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him? You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor. You made him ruler over the works of your hands; you put everything under his feet: all flocks and herds, and the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas. O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.

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

"10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)" (8:30 AM Service)

*(Chorus) Bless the Lord, O my soul,
O my soul; worship his holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul;
I'll worship your holy name.*

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,
It's time to sing your song again.
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes. *(Chorus)*

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger.
Your name is great and your heart is kind.
For all your goodness, I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. *(Chorus)*

And on that day when my strength is failing,
The end draws near and my time has come;
Still my soul will sing your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore. *(Chorus)*

“Christ Our Hope In Life and Death”

What is our hope in life and death?

Christ alone. Christ alone.

What is our only confidence?

That our souls to him belong.

Who holds our days within his hand?

What comes apart from his command?

And what will keep us to the end?

The love of Christ in which we stand.

(Chorus) O sing hallelujah!

Our hope springs eternal.

O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess

Christ our hope in life and death.

What truth can calm the troubled soul?

God is good. God is good.

Where is his grace and goodness known?

In our great Redeemer's blood.

Who holds our faith when fears arise?

Who stands above the stormy trial?

Who sends the waves that bring us nigh

Unto the shore the rock of Christ? *(Chorus)*

Unto the grave what shall we sing?

“Christ, he lives! Christ, he lives!”

And what reward will heaven bring?

Everlasting life with him.

There we will rise to meet the Lord,

Then sin and death will be destroyed;

And we will feast in endless joy

When Christ is ours forevermore. *(Chorus)*

Words by Jordan Kauflin, Keith Getty, Matt Boswell, Matt Papa and Matthew Merker.

“The Goodness of Jesus”

Come you weary heart now to Jesus;
Come you anxious soul now and see.
There is perfect love and comfort in your tears,
Rest here in his wondrous peace.

*Oh the goodness, the goodness of Jesus.
Satisfied, he is all that I need.
May it be, come what may, that I rest all my days
In the goodness of Jesus.*

Come find what this world cannot offer;
Come and find your joy here complete.
Taste the living water, never thirst again,
Rest here in his wondrous peace.

*Oh the goodness, the goodness of Jesus.
Satisfied, he is all that I need.
May it be, come what may, that I rest all my days
In the goodness of Jesus.*

Come and find your hope now in Jesus.
He is all he said he would be.
Grace is overflowing from the Saviour’s heart,
Rest here in his wondrous peace.

*Oh the goodness, the goodness of Jesus.
Satisfied, he is all that I need.
May it be, come what may, that I rest all my days
In the goodness of Jesus.*

Words and Music by Fiona Aghajanian, Harrison Druery, Michael Farren, Jaywan Maxwell, Jonny Robinson, and Rich Thompson.

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O Lord, we marvel that you should become incarnate,
that you should be crucified, dead, and buried.**

**Grant us to die with you that we may rise to new life,
for we wish to be as dead and buried to sin,
to selfishness, to the world,
that we might not hear the voice of the charmer,
and might be delivered from his lusts.**

**O Lord, there is much ill about us - crucify it,
much flesh within us - mortify it.**

**Purge us from selfishness,
the fear of man,
the love of praise and approval.**

Help us to be resolute and Christ-centered.

**Keep us from wandering
from the path of obedience to your will.**

Strengthen us for the battles ahead.

**Give us courage for all the trials,
and grace for all the joys.**

**Grant us more and more of the resurrection life:
may it rule us,
may we walk in its power,
and be strengthened through its influence.**

In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

Adapted from *The Valley of Vision*: "Crucifixion & Resurrection"

PLEASE BE SEATED

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

SILENT CONFESSION

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

*We receive
assurance that
through Christ,
we have new
spiritual birth and
eternal salvation.*

PLEASE STAND

ASSURANCE OF PARDON • 1 Peter 1:3-7

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade—kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God’s power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

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

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COMMISSIONING SERVICE (11:00 AM Service)

God's House Kindergarten & Daycare (see insert)

PASTORAL PRAYER

For many years, it has been the tradition of God's House Kindergarten to close its graduation services with the classic hymn, "To God Be the Glory." This morning, we sing this hymn with thanksgiving in our hearts for God's House Kindergarten and Daycare and all its employees, and we give God the glory for the many lives He has touched through this ministry in almost five decades of service.

CHORAL RESPONSE (11:00 AM Service)

"To God Be the Glory"

To God be the glory, great things he has done! So loved he the world that he gave us his Son, who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the life gate that we may go in. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice! O come to the Father through Jesus the Son, and give him the glory, great things he has done! O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood! To every believer the promise of God; the vilest offender who truly believes, that moment from Jesus forgiveness receives. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice! O come to the Father through Jesus the Son, and give him the glory, great things he has done! Great things he has taught us, great things he has done, and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son; but purer and higher and greater will be our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice! O come to the Father through Jesus the Son, and give him the glory, great things he has done!

SCRIPTURE READING • Romans 1:1-7

^{1:1} Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, ² which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, ³ concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh ⁴ and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, ⁵ through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, ⁶ including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

⁷To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

SERMON • “Good News” Rev. Brad Allison

We are beginning a new sermon series today that will take us through Paul’s letter to the Romans in 46 sermons, making it the longest series I have ever done. This number of sermons pales in comparison to the attention given this book by some preachers. The famous Donald Grey Barnhouse, pastor of the historic Tenth Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia, preached 251 sermons on Romans, a series that required almost twenty years because of Barnhouse’s extensive travel schedule that took him away from Philadelphia for months at a time. Such attention is well-deserved. Romans is arguably the most influential letter ever written. The New Testament scholar F. F. Bruce says that this book should come with a warning, because there is no telling what may happen to those who study it. We’re going to find out over the coming months. We begin today with its introduction and three ideas that dominate it.

I. The Good News – v. 1

II. About Jesus – v. 2-4

III. That Changes Everything – v. 5-7

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

Constraining means to compel or force someone to follow a particular course of action. As we increasingly apprehend Christ's unconditional love and fulfillment of the Law on our behalf, we are compelled to choose obedience not from a sense of bondage and duty, but out of freedom and love for Christ.

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

SONG OF RESPONSE

“Love Constraining to Obedience”

To see the Law by Christ fulfilled, and hear his pard'ning voice; changes a slave into a child, and duty into choice. No strength of nature can suffice to serve the LORD aright; and what she has, she misapplies, for want of clearer light. How long beneath the law I lay in bondage and distress! I toiled the precept to obey, but toiled without success. Then to abstain from outward sin was more than I could do; now, if I feel its pow'r within, I feel I hate it too. Then all my servile works were done, a righteousness to raise; now, freely chosen in the Son, I freely choose his ways.

Words by William Cowper. Music by Kevin Twit.

HYMN OF RESPONSE • #441

PLEASE STAND

“Jesus Shall Reign”

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Doth his successive journeys run;
His Kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To him shall endless prayer be made,
And praises throng to crown his head,
His name, like sweet perfume, shall rise
With every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every tongue
Dwell on his love with sweetest song;
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns:
The prisoner leaps to lose his chains,
The weary find eternal rest,
And all the sons of want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring
Peculiar honors to our King;
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud Amen.

BENEDICTION

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

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WEEKLY BIBLE READING (September 12 - September 18)

Acts 2-3 • Acts 4-5 • Acts 6 • Acts 7 • Acts 8-9

Announcements

OUR MINISTRY OF THE WEEK is God's House Kindergarten, a ministry of Altadena Valley Presbyterian Church. GHK has been in operation for 49 years. They offer a 9-month preschool and a 12-month daycare. GHK exists to teach young minds Biblical principles so they can discover God's love and purpose in their lives.

- **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.
- **NEW SERMON SERIES - STARTING TODAY - ROMANS:** Paul's letter to the Romans has likely done more good for the world than any letter ever written. It contains the good news that the world needs, not just the world of Paul's day, but the world of ours as well. This book should come with a warning, because those who receive it and believe it will never be the same again.
- **COME SING WITH THE AVPC 15-MINUTE CHOIR (TODAY):** Come rehearse a classic hymn anthem ("To God Be The Glory") in the choir room today from 10:40–10:55 AM, then sing that anthem with the choir in the LATE SERVICE. *(Note: the choir will exit before the sermon so singers can sit with the congregation for the sermon. People attending the early service can stick around to sing, then go home.)* You don't have to sign up. JUST SHOW UP.
- **WOMEN'S FALL BIBLE STUDY:** This fall, we will again offer two study times. We meet on Monday afternoons from 3-4:30 at the home of Wendy Allison. And then we meet on Wednesday mornings from 9-11:00 AM in the church parlor. There is childcare for all ages offered Wednesday mornings, including a homeschool work area. Ecclesiastes study guides are now available for purchase for \$9.00 in the church parlor.
- **NEW TOPICS FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Fall Sunday School has begun. You can pick up an informational sheet from the Parlor or Welcome Center. Read what topics are offered for Adults, Youth and Children. To view electronically, visit the Worship & Media tab of the church webpage, drop down menu 'Resources'.
- **FALL MEN'S STUDIES:** This fall, we will be offering several different Bible study opportunities for the men of Altadena. On the first and third Sunday of every month from 5:00-6:30 PM, we will be meeting at the home of Barry Parker with Luis Ortez leading. Carpooling from the church is also available. Beginning September 12, we will meet on Monday mornings from 6:30-7:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Together we will share a light breakfast while studying the Parables of Jesus. If you have any questions, you can contact Blake Harris at Blake@avpc.org.
- **MEN'S RETREAT 2022:** Save the date for the next men's retreat on October 7-8 at Camp Chula Vista. Registration closes September 30. Come join in on a weekend of relaxation and growing in the Lord together. If you have any questions you can contact Blake Harris at Blake@avpc.org.

Calendar

SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 11)

8:30 AM Worship Service
 9:45 AM Sunday School
 10:40 AM 15-minute Choir Rehearsal
 11:00 AM Worship Service
 Brad | Romans 1:1-7
 5:00 PM Kid's Bridge Night
 Youth Group
 Chancel Choir
 Community Groups
 Missions Team
 6:30 PM Fellowship Dinner

MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 12)

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

TUESDAY (SEPTEMBER 13)

7:00 PM Diaconate Meeting

WEDNESDAY (SEPTEMBER 14)

9:00 AM WTW Bible Study
 6:15 PM Praise Team Rehearsal

THURSDAY (SEPTEMBER 15)

9:00 AM Men's Coffee

SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 18)

8:30 AM Worship Service
 9:45 AM Sunday School
 11:00 AM Worship Service
 Brad | Romans 1:8-15
 12:00 PM Women's Fall Luncheon
 5:00 PM Kid's Bridge Night
 Youth Ministry Night
 Chancel Choir
 Community Groups
 6:30 PM Fellowship Dinner - Bring Your Own

- **WOMEN'S FALL LUNCHEON:** Ladies! Come enjoy lunch on us, September 18, immediately following the late service. This event will be held in Fellowship Hall and no reservations are required. There is no childcare provided for this event. Come hungry! See you there!
- **SEPTEMBER 18 EVENING MEAL:** The Fellowship meal for this night will be a "bring your own" event. Pack a family picnic and join us in the park or Fellowship Hall if there is rain.

	09/04/22 Receipts	Year-To-Date Receipts	Year-To-Date Requirements	Over(Under) Budget
General Fund	\$14,087	\$777,797	\$885,049	(\$107,253)
Faith Promise	\$1,430	\$219,857	\$225,608	(\$5,751)

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.

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