Vision

To see lives transformed through following Jesus.



# Chattanooga Valley Presbyterian Church

# Order of Worship November 7, 2021

Liturgist: Scott Kennedy | Sermon: Rev. Dennis Louis | Worship Leader: Scott Finch

#### Meditation: John 1:14-18 | Reader: Paula Lynch

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me." For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

#### Call to Worship: Psalm 86:8-13

L: There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours.

ALL: All the nations you have made shall come and worship before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name.

L: For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.

ALL: Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name.

L: I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever.

ALL: For great is your steadfast love toward me; you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.

L: This is the Word of the LORD.

ALL: Thanks be to God

#### Hymn of Adoration: Great is Thy Faithfulness | 32

1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father, there is no shadow of turning with thee; thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not; as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

*Refrain:* Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see: all I have needed thy hand hath provided—Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

- 2. Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above, join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. [Refrain]
- 3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide, strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! [Refrain]

#### Pastoral Prayer Followed by the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

#### **Responsive Reading of Psalm 45**

L: My heart overflows with a pleasing theme; I address my verses to the king; my tongue is like the pen of a ready scribe.

ALL: You are the most handsome of the sons of men; grace is poured upon your lips; therefore God has blessed you forever.

L: Gird your sword on your thigh, O mighty one, in your splendor and majesty!

ALL: In your majesty, ride out victoriously for the cause of truth and meekness and righteousness; let your right hand teach you awesome deeds!

L: Your arrows are sharp in the heart of the king's enemies; the peoples fall under you.

ALL: Your throne, O God, is forever and ever. The scepter of your kingdom is a scepter of uprightness; you have loved righteousness and hated wickedness.

L: Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions; your robes are all fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia. From ivory palaces stringed instruments make you glad;

ALL: Daughters of kings are among your ladies of honor; at your right hand stands the queen in gold of Ophir.

L: Hear, O daughter, and consider, and incline your ear: forget your people and your father's house, and the king will desire your beauty. Since he is your lord, bow to him.

ALL: The people of Tyre will seek your favor with gifts, the richest of the people. All glorious is the princess in her chamber, with robes interwoven with gold.

L: In many-colored robes she is led to the king, with her virgin companions following behind her. With joy and gladness they are led along as they enter the palace of the king.

ALL: In place of your fathers shall be your sons; you will make them princes in all the earth. I will cause your name to be remembered in all generations; therefore nations will praise you forever and ever.

Song of the Month: Days of Elijah (see back cover)

Sermon: "A Public Faith"

#### Word: 1 Peter 3:8-22

8 Finally. all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind, **9** Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless. for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing. 10 For "Whoever desires to love life and see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit; **11** let him turn away from evil and do good; let him seek peace and pursue it. **12** For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil." 13 Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? 14 But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, 15 but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you: yet do it with gentleness and respect. **16** having a good conscience. so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. 17 For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil. 18 For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, 19 in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, **20** because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water, **21** Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, 22 who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

#### Hymn of Response: Take My Life, and Let It Be | 585

- 1. Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee. Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise, let them flow in ceaseless praise.
- 2. Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love. Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee, swift and beautiful for thee.
- 3. Take my voice, and let me sing, always, only, for my King. Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee, filled with messages from thee.
- 4. Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold. Take my intellect, and use ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose, ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.
- 5. Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne, it shall be thy royal throne.
- 6. Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store. Take my self, and I will be ever, only, all for thee, ever, only, all for thee.

#### **Prayers of the People**

#### Doxological Hymn: Arise, O God, and Shine | 442

- 1. Arise, O God, and shine in all thy saving might, and prosper each design to spread thy glorious light: let healing streams of mercy flow, that all the earth thy truth may know, that all the earth thy truth may know.
- 2. Bring distant nations near to sing thy glorious praise; let ev'ry people hear and learn thy holy ways: reign, mighty God, assert thy cause, and govern by thy righteous laws, and govern by thy righteous laws.
- 3. Send forth thy glorious pow'r, that Gentiles all may see, and earth present her store in converts born to thee: God, our own God, thy church O bless, and fill the world with righteousness, and fill the world with righteousness.
- 4. To God, the only wise, the one immortal King, let hallelujahs rise from ev'ry living thing: let all that breathe, on ev'ry coast, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

#### Offertory Prayer, Offering, & Opportunities to Serve

#### The Sending Hymn: Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord | 465

1. Marvelous grace of our loving Lord, grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt, yonder on Calvary's mount out-poured, there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

*Refrain:* Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that will pardon and cleanse within; grace, grace, God's grace, grace that is greater than all our sin.

- 2. Sin and despair like the sea waves cold, threaten the soul with infinite loss; grace that is greater, yes, grace untold, points to the Refuge, the mighty cross. [Refrain]
- 3. Dark is the stain that we cannot hide, What can avail to wash it away? Look! there is flowing a crimson tide; whiter than snow you may be today. [Refrain]

#### **Benediction: 2 Peter 1:2-3**

May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence... so that all the peoples will say...

#### ALL: Amen. Our LORD is faithful. Praise the LORD!

#### **Questions for Reflection:** 1 Peter 3:8-22

- 1. How does Peter's quotation of Psalm 34:12-16 help us understand his exhortation in 1 Peter 3:8-9 and 13-17?
- 2. What is significant about the virtues Peter lists in 1 Peter 3:8-9?
- 3. 1 Peter 3:15 calls on all Christians to have a public faith. What are the three things Peter says in this verse that helps us see how we are to engage culture?
- 4. Peter again gives a wonderful three part Christological outline of Jesus. What are those aspects of Jesus' life (1 Peter 3:18-22)?
- 5. Peter sets forth Noah as the supreme example of someone who endured hostility in the public square (1 Peter 3:18-20). How did Noah accomplish this?
- 6. Some churches believe that 1 Peter 3:21 teaches Baptismal Regeneration (you are saved simply by getting baptized), but according to Peter, how does baptism save?
- 7. How have you taken your private faith public?

### **Today at CVPC**

**Youth Group**: Youth will meet at 5:00pm tonight. **Children's Choir:** Children's Choir will start back up tonight at 5:30pm.

The **Louis Growth Group** is in Overflow this week.

#### **Announcements**

**Bonfire Bible Study:** The Men's Bonfire Bible Study has started back up. The next gathering will be Nov. 11 at the Staven home. Contact Joe Staven for details.

House to House Fellowship: Everyone is encouraged to attend a Thanksgiving House to House Fellowship on Sunday, Nov. 21 following the worship service. Sign-up in the foyer. Contact Pam Kennedy with questions.

Advent Breakfasts: Our first Advent
Breakfast will be Sunday, December 5 at
9:00am, hosted by the Youth. Youth should
arrive by 8:00am to help cook. We will need
folks to assist with serving and cleaning up.
Griddles are also needed. Please see Laura
Dueitt to help.

Below is the full Advent Breakfast schedule:

Sunday, Dec. 5 | Hosted by CVPC Youth

Sunday, Dec. 12 | Hosted by CVPC Men

Sunday, Dec. 19 | Casserole Potluck

## **Happy Birthday**

Please join CVPC in wishing a Happy Birthday for the month of November:

Colby Finch | Nov. 2
Alice Sikkema | Nov. 3
Albert Leavengood | Nov. 5
Dan Davis | Nov. 10
Lynda Henry | Nov. 11
Katie Gregory | Nov. 14
Bishop Henry & Audrey Dueitt | Nov. 15
Alexis Jones (Gotcha Day) | Nov. 15
Lois Leavengood, Linda Burnette, &
Graeme Dueitt | Nov. 19
Edward Dueitt | Nov. 28

CVPC would like to wish a Happy Anniversary to Joe & Joli Moore, Paton & Jennie Williams, Josh & Kelly Henry, and David & Anne Marr.

# **Coming Up at CVPC**

If you have questions or for more information, please contact the secretary at 706-820-2833 or via email at secretary@chattvalleypca.com

	Week of November 8-14	Week of November 15-22
MONDAY	3PM: Monday Music 4:30PM: Manse Reserved 6:30PM: Leadership Training CVPC	3PM: Monday Music 4:30PM: Manse Reserved
TUESDAY	7PM: WLT Meeting 8PM: Staff Meeting	6PM: Session Meeting
WEDNESDAY	10AM: Women's Bible Study 5:30PM: Chaplin/Staven/Wallick GG 6PM: Voyles/Townes GG 6PM: Women's Bible Study (Schimpf Home)	10AM: Women's Bible Study 5:30PM: Chaplin/Staven/Wallick GG 6PM Voyles/Townes GG 6PM: Louis GG 6PM: Women's Bible Study (Schimpf Home)
THURSDAY	6PM: Kennedy Growth Group 8PM: Bonfire Bible Study (Staven Home)	6PM: Trail Life 6PM: Kennedy GG 6:30PM: Marr GG
FRIDAY		
SATURDAY	7 & 8:30 AM: Men's Study & Discipleship 8AM: Serving Saints 10AM Food Network 6PM: Finch/Henry GG	7 & 8:30 AM: Men's Study & Discipleship
SUNDAY	9AM: Sunday School 10:30AM: Worship 5PM: Leavengood/Collins GG 5PM: Youth Group 5:30PM: Children's Choir	9AM: Sunday School 10:30AM: Worship 1PM: House To House Fellowship 5PM: Leavengood/Collins GG 5PM: Youth Group 5:30PM: Children's Choir
Elder on Call	Scott Kennedy Email: Scottkennedy@chattvalleypca.com	
Deacon On Call	Sam Townes Email: Samtownes@chattvalleypca.com	
Overflow	Kennedy	Leavengood/Collins
Greeters	Schimpf Family	Sikkema Family
Youth	Youth at Church	Youth at Church
Nursery: SS	Theresa Louis	No Sunday School; House to House
Nursery: Worship	Michael Fennema, Nikki Buchanan, Jem Davenport	Jemima Ragland, Karen & Kathryn Leavengood

# BB 048 Days of Elijah

