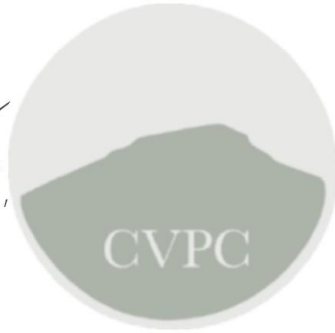


Vision

To see lives transformed
through following Jesus.

Mission

Making disciples
through worship,
fellowship &
service.



Values

Worship,
Word,
Compassion &
Community

Chattanooga Valley Presbyterian Church

Order of Worship

December 5, 2021

Liturgist: Albert Leavengood | Sermon: Rev. Dennis Louis

Worship Leader: Scott Finch

Advent Readings: Micah 5:1-5 | Readers: David & Krista Murphy

Now muster your troops, O daughter of troops; siege is laid against us; with a rod they strike the judge of Israel on the cheek. But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has given birth; then the rest of his brothers shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth. And he shall be their peace.

Luke 2:8-21

And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths

and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!” When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.” And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

Call to Worship: Psalm 145:1-13

L: I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever. Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.

ALL: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable. One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts. On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

L: They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds, and I will declare your greatness. They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

ALL: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The Lord is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.

L: All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your saints shall bless you! They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power, to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

ALL: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

L: This is the Word of the LORD.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Hymn of Adoration: Hark, the Herald Angels Sing | 203

1. Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;
peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

2. Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold him come, offspring of the Virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate Deity,
pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

3. Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that man no more may die,
born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

Prayer of Adoration & 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.

Sacrament of Baptism: Boaz Murphy

Isaiah 41:10: So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Song of Preparation: What the Lord has Done in Me (*see back cover*)

Sermon: "Favor Isn't Fair"

Word: Ruth 2

Now Naomi had a relative of her husband's, a worthy man of the clan of Elimelech, whose name was Boaz. **2** And Ruth the Moabite said to Naomi, "Let me go to the field and glean among the ears of grain after him in whose sight I shall find favor." And she said to her, "Go, my daughter." **3** So she set out and went and gleaned in the field after the reapers, and she happened to come to the part of the field belonging to Boaz, who was of the clan of Elimelech. **4** And behold, Boaz came from Bethlehem. And he said to the reapers, "The Lord be with you!" And they answered, "The Lord bless you." **5** Then

Boaz said to his young man who was in charge of the reapers, “Whose young woman is this?” **6** And the servant who was in charge of the reapers answered, “She is the young Moabite woman, who came back with Naomi from the country of Moab. **7** She said, ‘Please let me glean and gather among the sheaves after the reapers.’ So she came, and she has continued from early morning until now, except for a short rest”...

Song of the Month: Lovely Child, Holy Child | 231

1. Lovely child, holy child, gentle, mild, undefiled;
infant King, fairest King, gifts we'll bring and anthems sings:

Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia!

2. Child of light, born tonight, our delight, promise bright;
child so fair: see him there; now declare him ev'rywhere: [Refrain]

3. Rest your head, sweetest head; gifts we'll spread at your bed.
Jesus lord, be adored, may this word now be outpoured. [Refrain]

4. To this boy, our great joy, we employ hymns of joy;
child so fair: see him there; now declare him ev'rywhere: [Refrain]

Sacrament of Communion

Doxological Hymn: Angels from the Realms of Glory | 218

1. Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
ye who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth;

Refrain: Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ,
the newborn King.

2. Shepherds in the fields abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with man is now residing, yonder shines the infant Light: [Refrain]

3. Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great Desire of nations; ye have seen his natal star: [Refrain]

4. Saints before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear,
suddenly the Lord, descending, in his temple shall appear: [Refrain]

5. All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son;
evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One: [Refrain]

Offertory Prayer, Offering, & Opportunities to Serve

The Sending Hymn: Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus | 196

1. Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free; from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in Thee. Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art; dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.
2. Joy to those who long to see thee, Dayspring from on high, appear; come, thou promised Rod of Jesse, of thy birth we long to hear! O'er the hills the angels singing news, glad tidings of a birth; "Go to him, your praises bringing; Christ the Lord has come to earth."
3. Come to earth to taste our sadness, he whose glories knew no end; by his life he brings us gladness, our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend. Leaving riches without number, born within a cattle stall; this the everlasting wonder, Christ was born the Lord of all.
4. Born Thy people to deliver, born a child, and yet a King, born to reign in us forever, now Thy gracious kingdom bring. By Thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone; by Thine own sufficient merit, raise us to Thy glorious throne.

Benediction: Philippians 4:19-20

And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory forever and ever... *so that all the peoples will say...*

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

Questions for Reflection: Read Ruth 1-2. Questions are based on Ruth 2.

1. Who are the main characters in chapter two of Ruth? How does the author describe each character? What is the relationship between each character?
2. The concept of grace or favor dominates the second scene in the book of Ruth. Point out the various ways grace was given and received by the characters in the story.
3. God's sovereign grace is also a dominant theme in the book of Ruth. List the various ways the author of Ruth let's us know God's sovereign hand is orchestrating these events and not chance.

4. It is often said that grace changes everything. How have Ruth and Naomi's lives been changed by Boaz's acts of grace?

5. What handfuls of grace have you seen in your life this week? How has God used you to be a vessel of grace in the lives of others?

Today at CVPC

Youth meet for their Christmas Party at 4:30pm.
Children's Choir practice at 5:30pm.
The **Marr Growth Group** is in Overflow this week.

Announcements

Advent Breakfasts: Our next Advent Breakfast will be provided by the men of CVPC on Sunday, Dec. 12. See Albert Leavengood to help. The final one will be a casserole potluck on Sunday, Dec. 19.

Leadership Elections: Please join us next Sunday, Dec. 12, following the worship service to elect our nominated leaders.

Lessons & Carols: Join us Sunday, Dec. 12 at 5:00pm in the church gym for a Lessons & Carols Service led by the Children's Choir. Singers should arrive by 4:30pm. Please bring a salty and sweet item to share.

Exam Cram Bags: Please bring in snacks and drinks to the church foyer anytime between now and 9:00am on Sunday, December 12.

Christmas Eve Service: Join us with your family, friends, and neighbors at 6:00pm for a traditional Advent Service. The light shines in the darkness!

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

Joy Hansen | Dec. 2
Caden Louis | Dec. 3
Lynn Duble | Dec. 5
Vicki Granberry | Dec. 7
Doug Leavengood | Dec. 11
Krista Murphy | Dec. 12
Jessica Davenport | Dec. 16
Asa Williams | Dec. 17
Joseph Ibach | Dec. 21
Andy Hansen | Dec. 22
Cate Voyles | Dec. 27

CVPC would like to wish a Happy Anniversary to:

Avery & Emily Radmacher, Joe & Rachel Staven, Jim & Linda Richter, Scott & Pam Kennedy, Albert & Karen Leavengood, and Andy & Linda Burnette

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 Dec. 6-12	Week of Dec. 13-19
MONDAY	3PM: Monday Music 4:30PM: Manse Reserved	3PM: Monday Music 4:30PM: Manse Reserved 7PM: Diaconate Meeting
TUESDAY		6PM: Session Meeting
WEDNESDAY	10AM: Womens Bible Study 5:30PM: Chaplin/S/W GG 6PM: Women's Bible Study	10AM: Women's Bible Study 5:30PM: Chaplin/S/W GG 6PM: Women's Bible Study
THURSDAY	6PM: Kennedy GG	6PM: Kennedy GG
FRIDAY		
SATURDAY		
SUNDAY	9AM: Advent Breakfast 10:30AM: Worship 12PM: Leadership Elections 5PM: Lessons & Carols	9AM: Advent Breakfast 10:30AM: Worship
Elder on Call	Albert Leavengood Email: Albert@chattvalleypca.com	
Deacon On Call	Chad Dukes Email: Chaddukes@chattvalleypca.com	
Overflow	Finch	Chaplin/S/W
Greeters	Topping Family	Townes Family
Youth	No Youth	No Youth
Nursery: SS	No Sunday School	No Sunday School
Nursery: Worship	Joli Moore, David Marr, & Lucie Chaplin	Lou Schimpf, Amy Sterkel, & Allie Finch

BB 027 What The Lord Has Done In Me

R.Morgan/arr. Finch

(1st & 2nd stanzas then refrain)

C(add2) **Gsus4-G** Am C/E F G C C G C

Selah...

1. Let the weak say, "I am strong." Let the
 2. In-to the ri-ver I will wade. There my
 3. I will rise from wa-ters deep caught up

7 F G(add2) Am G/B C G Am⁷ F(add2) Dm⁷ G(sus4) G

poor say, "I am rich." Let the blind say, "I can see, it's what the Lord has done in
 sins are washed a-way. From the heav-ens mer-cy streams of the Sa-vior's love for
 in the arms of God. I will sing sal-va-tion's song: "Je-sus Christ has set me

(Refrain 2x, final refrain 3x)

12 C(sus4) C F G Am C/E F C/E C Dm⁷ G

me." Ho - san-na, Ho - san na to the Lamb that was slain. Ho - san-na, Ho -
 me.
 free!"

19 Am G/B C G(sus4) G C (After final chorus) C G C

-san-na, Je-sus died and rose a- gain! Let the weak say, "I am strong." Let the

26 F G(add2) Am G/B C G

poor say, "I am rich." Let the blind say, "I can

29 Am⁷ F Dm⁷ G(sus4) G

see, it's what the LORD has done in me."