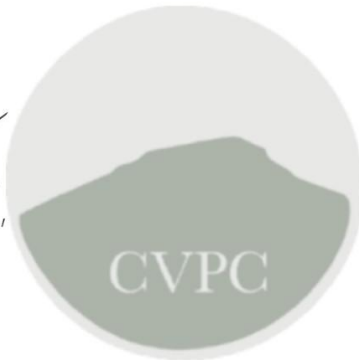


Vision

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 19, 2021

Liturgist: Albert Leavengood | Sermon: Rev. Dennis Louis

Worship Leader: Scott Finch

Advent Readings: Genesis 3:8-15 | Readers: Doug & Lois Leavengood

And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." The Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."

Luke 2:22-35

And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") and

to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.” Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, “Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.” And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.”

Call to Worship: Psalm 53

L: The fool says in his heart, “There is no God.” They are corrupt, doing abominable iniquity; there is none who does good.

ALL: God looks down from heaven on the children of man to see if there are any who understand, who seek after God.

L: They have all fallen away; together they have become corrupt; there is none who does good, not even one.

ALL: Have those who work evil no knowledge, who eat up my people as they eat bread, and do not call upon God?

L: There they are, in great terror, where there is no terror! For God scatters the bones of him who encamps against you; you put them to shame, for God has rejected them.

ALL: Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion! When God restores the fortunes of his people, let Jacob rejoice, let Israel be glad.

L: This is the Word of the LORD.

ALL: Thanks be to God

Hymn of Adoration: O Come, O Come Emmanuel | 194

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

2. O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height,
in ancient times didst give the law in cloud and majesty and awe. [Refrain]

3. O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free thine own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell thy people save, and give them vict'ry o'er the grave. [Refrain]

4. O come, thou Dayspring from on high, and cheer us by thy drawing nigh;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight. [Refrain]

5. O come, thou Key of David, come and open wide our heav'nly home;
make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery. [Refrain]

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

Confession of Sin & Assurance of Pardon

L: Dear Father, in this moment we confess our fatigue, our failures and our fears.

ALL: We have lived too long with doubt in our hearts which has resulted in worry and restless sleep.

L: At times we have found ourselves chaffing at your sovereign will and have become discontent with your provision.

ALL: We have become impatient with those you have graciously placed in our lives and often lacked the energy to even repent.

L: We are embarrassed by our secret thoughts and feel the weight of our sins with deep remorse.

ALL: We need mercy. We need grace. We need forgiveness. We are full of need, so propel our faith in this hour that we may be restored.

L: LORD of Heaven and Earth, God and Father of our Savior, Jesus Christ; pour out your Spirit in abounding measure.

ALL: Overwhelm us with the power of the cross. (*time for silent confession*)

L: Dear children of God, beloved by Father, Son and Holy Spirit. You have been made clean and you are heirs with your elder brother and shepherd, Jesus Christ.

Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Song of Preparation: Before the Throne of God Above (see back panel)

Sermon: "Redeemer at the Gates"

Word: Ruth 4

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]

Communion

Doxological Hymn: Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates | 198

1. Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates! Behold, the King of glory waits;
the King of kings is drawing near, the Savior of the world is here.

2. A helper just he comes to thee, his chariot is humility,
his kingly crown is holiness, his scepter, pity in distress.

3. O blest the land, the city blest, where Christ the Ruler is confessed!
O happy hearts and happy homes to whom this King in triumph comes!

4. Fling wide the portals of your heart; make it a temple, set apart
from earthly use for heav'n's employ, adorned with prayer and love and joy.

5. Redeemer, come! I open wide my heart to thee; here, Lord, abide!
Let me thy inner presence feel; thy grace and love in me reveal.

6. So come, my Sovereign, enter in! Let new and nobler life begin!
Thy Holy Spirit, guide us on, until the glorious crown be won. AMEN!

Offertory Prayer, Offering, & Opportunities to Serve

The Sending Hymn: Angels We Have Heard on High | 214

1. Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply echo back their joyous strains.

Refrain: Gloria in excelsis Deo. gloria in excelsis Deo.

2. Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
Say what may the tidings be, which inspire your heav'nly song? [Refrain]

3. Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King. [Refrain]

Benediction: Jude 1:24-25

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever... *so that all the peoples will say...*

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

Questions for Reflection: Read Ruth 4

1. Read Gen. 38 (the story of Judah and Tamar) and Ruth 3-4. What are the similarities and differences between the two stories?
2. Ruth 4 culminates with a scene of redemption at the gates. There are three redeemers in this story: the unnamed redeemer, Boaz, and Yahweh. What are the differences between the redeemers?
3. There are three people in need of redemption in this story: Ruth, Naomi, and the one who died without seed. How will Boaz's actions lead to their redemption?
4. What did the people call Ruth at the end? Why is that significant?
5. Why does the book end with a genealogy? (Consider the command given to Adam in Gen. 1:28 and the promise given to Abraham in Gen. 15:1-5).

6. The Christmas story - Christ's advent - is the inauguration of our collective redemption story. In what ways does our story parallel that of Ruth and Tamar?

7. In what areas of your life have you seen Christ redeeming you?

Today at CVPC

Caroling, Cocoa, & Cookies: Everyone is encouraged to come out for an evening of fun and caroling, as we look forward to bringing joy and song to some in our church body. Meet in the church parking lot at 5pm this evening. Please bring your favorite Christmas cookies to share.

The **Chaplin/Staven/Wallick Growth Group** is in Overflow this week.

Announcements

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

Year End Giving: If you want a contribution to be included in your 2021 Giving Statement, please note that December 26 is the final Sunday of the year. Checks can be dropped off in the office with Marsha, but need to be received by December 30. Mailed checks must be postmarked by December 31. Online donations through the PCA Foundation do not appear on your CVPC Giving Statement, but will come directly from the PCA Foundation. If you want to ensure a donation is counted this year, you are encouraged to make it before December 30 to allow for processing delays.

If you have any questions, please email steve@chattvalleypca.com.

Serving Saints Ministry: Our next scheduled workdate is Saturday, January 8. Please reach out to Lou Schimpf if you know of someone who could benefit from this service; however, if you know of an urgent need, please reach out ASAP. Lou and crew are happy to help anytime!

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

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. 20-26	Week of Dec. 27 - Jan.2
MONDAY	3PM: Monday Music 4:30PM: Manse Reserved	
TUESDAY		
WEDNESDAY		
THURSDAY		
FRIDAY	6PM: Christmas Eve Service	
SATURDAY		
SUNDAY	10:30AM: Worship	9:00AM: Sunday School 10:30AM: Worship
Elder on Call	Albert Leavengood Email: Albert@chattvalleypca.com	
Deacon On Call	Chad Dukes Email: Chaddukes@chattvalleypca.com	
Overflow	Louis	Kennedy
Greeters	Vines Family	Voyles Family
Youth	No Youth	No Youth
Nursery: SS	No Sunday School	Jen Finch
Nursery: Worship	Emily Radmacher, Pam & Ethan Kennedy	Rachel & Anna Staven, Paula Lynch

BB 013 Before The Throne of God Above

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1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove, I have a strong and per - fect plea: a great High
2. When Sa - tan tempts me to des - pair, and tells me of the guilt with - in, up - ward I
3. Be - hold him there the ri - sen Lamb! My per - fect spot - less right - eous ness, the great un



Priest whose name is Love, who ev - er lives and pleads for me. My name is grav - en on His
look and see him there, who made an end of all my sin. Be - cause the sin - less Sav - ior
change - a - ble I AM, the King of Glor - y and of Grace. One with Him - self, I can - not



hands. My name is writ - ten on His heart. I know that while in heav'n He
died my sin - ful soul is count - ed free. For God, the Just, is sat - is -
die; my soul is pur - chased by His blood. My life is hid with Christ on



stands, no tongue can bid me thence de - part; no tongue can bid me thence de - part.
fied to look on him and par - don me; to look on him and poar - don me.
high, with Christ, my Sav - ior and my God; with Christ, my Sav - ior and my God.