



CHATTANOOGA VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Vision: To see lives transformed through following Jesus

Mission: Making disciples through worship, fellowship & service

Values: Worship, word, compassion & community

Order of Worship | November 20, 2022

Liturgist: Rob Chaplin | Sermon: Rev. Dennis Louis

Worship Leader: Scott Finch

Praise Gathering

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be; a world without end. Amen! Amen!

Invocation

L: Our Great Father of glory, you are worthy of our praise because of your great faithfulness to us in Christ Jesus. We give you thanks for drawing us here despite our frailty and stubbornness. You have promised to be with us where two or three are gathered in your name. We need your Holy Spirit to work through your Word in this hour so that we may be changed. We thank you for your attentiveness to our needs in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Welcome and Greeting

Meditation: Exodus 34:5-8 | Reader: Russ Lynch

The Lord descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, "The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation." And Moses quickly bowed his head toward the earth and worshiped.

Call to Worship: Psalm 33:1-9

L: Shout for joy in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright. Give thanks to the Lord with the lyre; make melody to him with the harp of ten strings!

ALL: Sing to him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts. For the word of the Lord is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness.

L: He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord. By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, and by the breath of his mouth all their host.

ALL: He gathers the waters of the sea as a heap; he puts the deeps in storehouses. Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!

L: For he spoke, and it came to be;

ALL: he commanded, and it stood firm.

L: This is the Word of the Lord!

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Song of Adoration: Exalt the Lord, His Praise Proclaim | 12

1. Exalt the Lord, his praise proclaim; all ye his servants, praise his name, who in the Lord's house ever stand and humbly serve at his command. The Lord is good, his praise proclaim; since it is pleasant, praise his name; his people for his own he takes and his peculiar treasure makes.

2. I know the Lord is high in state, above all gods our Lord is great; the Lord performs what he decrees, in heav'n and earth, in depths and seas. He makes the vapors to ascend in clouds from earth's remotest end; the lightnings flash at his command; he holds the tempest in his hand.

3. Exalt the Lord, his praise proclaim; all ye his servants, praise his name, who in the Lord's house ever stand and humbly serve at his command. Forever praise and bless his name, and in the church his praise proclaim; in Zion is his dwelling place; praise ye the Lord, show forth his grace.

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 and Assurance of Pardon

ALL: O God, we confess that we are prone to wander like scattered sheep without a shepherd and yet we know that you are the Good Shepherd. Forgive us for not heeding your voice and valuing the things that you value. Help us to hate sin and to love righteousness. Help us to withstand the temptations that often come our way and to call out to you rather than leaning on our own understanding.

(A time of silent confession.)

L: The wages of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Sinner, you are forgiven and you belong as a child of the Father.

Song of the Month: Speak, O Lord (See page 7.)

Sermon: “Counterintuitive Providence”

Word: Esther 5:1-8

Song of Response: Romans Doxology (See page 8.)

Sacrament of Communion

Doxological Hymn: Come Thou, Almighty King | 101 (final stanza with Amen)

4. To the great One in Three eternal praises be, hence evermore. His sovereign majesty may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore. Amen.

Offertory Prayer, Offering, & Opportunities to Serve

Sending Hymn: 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]

Benediction: Romans 15:13

Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Spirit... so that all the peoples will say...

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

Questions for Reflection: Esther 5:1-8

1. Why did Esther ask for a nationwide time of prayer and fasting before she went before the king? How does this time of prayer and fasting help Esther?

2. What are some key differences between Esther's actions before chapter five with her actions in chapter five? What lessons can the church learn from her actions to help navigate living in a secular world?

3. How do we see God's providential hand behind the scenes upholding Esther during this very difficult moment in her life? How have you seen God's providential hand uphold you in your life?

Today at CVPC

The **Louis Growth Group** is in Overflow this week.
House to House Fellowship following worship.
The **Youth Group** will meet at 5pm.

Please join CVPC in wishing a Happy Birthday to the following:

Cade Horton | November 22
Edward Dueitt | November 28

Advent Breakfasts: Join us each Sunday leading up to Christmas at 9:00am in the church gym for our annual Advent Breakfasts hosted by various groups.

*December 4 | Youth host

*December 11 | Men host

*December 18 | Potluck

Bring a breakfast casserole or dish to share on Dec. 18. See Karen Leavengood with any questions.

Lessons & Carols Service with

Reception: Join us Sunday, Dec. 10 at 5:00pm in the church gym for a Lessons & Carols Service led by the Children's Choir with a reception to follow. Please bring a salty and sweet item to share. See Liz Topping with any questions.

Youth Christmas Party: The Youth are invited to a Christmas Party on Sunday, Dec. 4 at the church from 4:30-7pm. There will be pizza, a cake decorating contest, and a white elephant gift exchange. Please bring a wrapped gift (\$5-\$10) and your favorite Christmas cookies to share.

Visitors, we invite you to connect with CVPC!

Scan this code with your phone's camera. You'll connect to CVPC's ChurchConnect site.



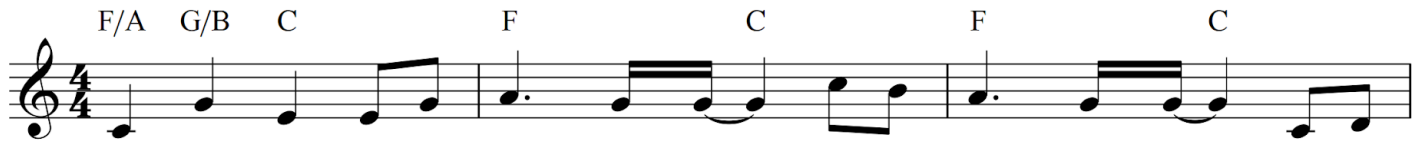
Upcoming at CVPC

| | November 21-27 | November 28 – December 4 |
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| Monday | 3PM: Monday Music 4PM: Manse Reserved 7PM: Middle School Boys Bible Study | 3PM: Monday Music 4PM: Manse Reserved 7PM: Middle School Boys Bible Study |
| Tuesday | 7PM: CE Meeting | |
| Wednesday | 6PM: Young Adult Fellowship Time | 6PM: Young Adult Fellowship Time |
| Thursday | Happy Thanksgiving! | 10AM: Women's Bible Study |
| Friday | | |
| Saturday | 7AM: Men's Bible Study 5PM: Finch/Henry GG 7PM: Women's Bible Study | 7AM: Men's Bible Study 10AM: Food Network |
| Sunday | 10:30AM: Worship 4PM: Missions Meeting 5PM: Youth Group | 9AM: Advent Breakfast 10:30AM: Worship 4:30PM: Youth Christmas party 5PM: Kid's Corner |
| Elder on Call | robchaplin@chattvalleypca.com | |
| Deacon On Call | joshhenry@chattvalleypca.com | |
| Overflow | Kennedy GG | Leavengood/Collins GG |
| Greeters | Duble Family | Dueitt Family |
| Youth | No Youth Group | Youth Christmas Party |
| Nursery: SS | No Sunday School | No Sunday School |
| Nursery: Worship | Joli Moore, Nikki Buchanan, & Jemima Ragland | Jem Davenport, Jessica Hansen, & Robin Hansen |

BB53 Speak, O Lord

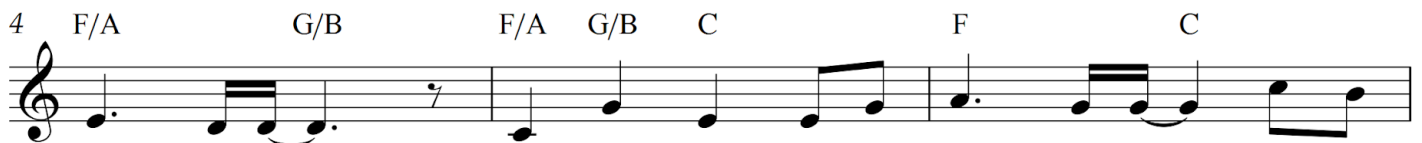
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F/A G/B C F C F C




1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to You_ to re - ceive the food of Your
2. Teach us Lord, full o - be - di - ence, Ho - ly rev - er - ence, true hu -
3. Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; Help us grasp the heights of Your

4 F/A G/B F/A G/B C F C




Ho - ly Word. Take Your Truth, plant it deep in us;_ shape and
mil - i - ty._ Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes in that
plans for us._ Truths un - changed from the dawn of time, that will

7 F C/E G(sus4) G C C/E G G/F C/E C




fash - ion us_ in Your like - ness; That the light of Christ might be
ra - di - ance_ of Your pur - i - ty. Cause our faith to rise, cause our
ech - o down through e - tern - i - ty. And by grace we'll stand on Your

10 F C C/E G G/F C/E C F G(sus4) G F/A G/B C



seen to day in our acts of love and our deeds of_ faith. Speak, O Lord and ful -
eyes to see_ Your ma - jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty. Words of pow'r that can
prom - is - es;_ And by faith we'll walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord, 'til Your

14 F C F C/E F G C(sus4) C(add2) C



fill in us_ all Your pur - pos - ses_ for Your glo - ry.
nev - er fail; Let their truth pre vail_ o - ver un - be - lief.
church is built, and the earth is filled with Your glo - ry.

Romans Doxology

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John G. Elliot

John G. Elliot; arr. Finch

♩ = 72

F C G C Dm⁷ F G(sus⁴) G C(sus⁴) C

1. Oh, the
2. Oh, the
3. Oh, the

5 C(add²) C/E F G Am Dm C G(sus⁴) G

depth of the rich es, the wis dom of God, how un search-a - ble are His ways. How pro
depth of the rich es, the wis dom of God, how mag - ni - fi - cent are His ways. Who has
depth of the rich es, the wis - dom of God, how im - meas - ra - ble is His grace. How un -

9 C C/E F G Am Dm C

found are His judge ments, so high a - bove our thoughts, and His path ways no man can
been His ad - vi - sor and who has coun - seled Him? All He gives us, who can re -
fail - ing His kind ness, so far re - moved His wrath, and His mer - cies are new each

12 G(sus⁴) G C/E F G C Am F G(sus⁴) G

trace. For_ from_ Him and through Him, and to Him are all things,
pay?
day.

17 Am F C/E G(sus⁴) G Am F G(sus⁴) G

To Him be glo - ry for - ev - er - more, To Him be glo - ry for - ev - er. A -

21 F C G C F G(sus⁴) G C(sus⁴) C

men! A - men! A - - - - men!