



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 27, 2022

Liturgist: Brad Voyles | 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: O Father, you are sovereign in all the worlds you made; your mighty word was spoken, and light and life obeyed. Your voice commands the seasons and bounds the ocean's shore, sets stars within their courses and stills the tempests' roar. O God, we cannot help but stagger in the presence of your holiness and power. If it were not for Christ Jesus we would be consumed in your glory. And yet, because of Christ Jesus, we are now like shining stars in the heavens because of your glory. Your Holy Spirit has given us life and has done so abundantly. This is why we are here to worship you and to fellowship with our sisters and brothers in the Lord. We have been ransomed, redeemed and adopted so that we belong to you body and soul. We call out to you to help us worship you with all of our being in this hour. In Jesus' matchless name. Amen!

Welcome and Greeting

Advent I Meditation | Readers: Thad & Ale Townes

Genesis 3:8-19: 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.” To the woman he said, “I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be contrary to your husband, but he shall rule over you.” And to Adam he said, “Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, ‘You shall not eat of it,’ cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

Galatians 4:1-7: I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

Call to Worship: Psalm 104:24-35

L: O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom have you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. Here is the sea, great and wide, which teems with creatures innumerable, living things both small and great.

ALL: There go the ships, and Leviathan, which you formed to play in it. These all look to you, to give them their food in due season. When you give it to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

L: When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust. When you send forth your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the ground.

ALL: May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in his works, who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke!

L: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being. May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the Lord.

**ALL: Let sinners be consumed from the earth, and let the wicked be no more!
Bless the Lord, O my soul!**

L: This is the Word of the Lord!

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Song of Adoration: Now Thank We All Our God | 98

1. Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices, who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices; who from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

2. O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us, with ever-joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us; and keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed, and free us from all ills in this world and the next.

3. All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given, the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven – the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore; for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

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 Faith: Adapted from the Belgic Confession - Article 13

ALL: We believe that our good God, after creating all things, did not abandon them to chance or fortune but leads and governs them according to his holy will, in such a way that nothing happens in this world without God's orderly arrangement. Yet God is not the author of, and cannot be charged with, the sin that occurs. For God's power and goodness are so great and incomprehensible that God arranges and does his works very well and justly even when the devils and the wicked act unjustly. We do not wish to inquire with undue curiosity into what God does that surpasses human understanding and is beyond our ability to comprehend. But in all humility and reverence we adore the just judgments of God, which are hidden from us, being content to be Christ's disciples, so as to learn only what God shows us in the Word, without going beyond those limits. This doctrine gives us unspeakable comfort since it

teaches us that nothing can happen to us by chance but only by the arrangement of our gracious heavenly Father, who watches over us with fatherly care, sustaining all creatures under his lordship, so that not one of the hairs on our heads (for they are all numbered) nor even a little bird can fall to the ground without the will of our Father. In this thought we rest, knowing that God holds in check the devils and all our enemies, who cannot hurt us without divine permission and will.

Song of the Month: Speak, O Lord (See page 8.)

Sermon: “Providential Reversal”

Word: Esther 6:1-13

Song of Response: 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]

Prayers of the People

Doxological Hymn: Of The Father's Love Begotten | 162 (final stanza with Amen)

5. Christ, to thee, with God the Father, and, O Holy Ghost, to thee, hymn, and chant, and high thanksgiving, and unwearied praises be, honor, glory, and dominion, and eternal victory, evermore and evermore! Amen.

Offertory Prayer, Offering, & Opportunities to Serve

Sending Hymn: God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen | 211

1. God rest you merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay, remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas day, to save us all from Satan's pow'r when we were gone astray;

Refrain: O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy.

2. From God our heav'nly Father, a blessed angel came; And unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same: how that in Bethlehem was born the son of God by name.

[Refrain]

3. "Fear not, then," said the angel, "let nothing you affright; this day is born a Savior of a pure virgin bright, to free all those who trust in him from Satan's pow'r and might."

[Refrain]

4. The shepherds at those tidings rejoiced much in mind, and left their flocks a-feeding, in tempest, storm, and wind: and went to Bethlehem straightway, the Son of God to find.

[Refrain]

Benediction: Jude 1:24-25

Now to him who is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Savior, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen... *so that all the people will say...*

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

Questions for Reflection: Esther 6:1-13

1. There are several reversal fortunes (lives of people changing from either rich to poor or poor to rich, from death to honor or from honor to death) in the book of Esther. How did the lives of the following people change: Esther, the Jews, Haman, and Mordecai?

2. We often see God working miraculously to save His people. How do we see God working in Chapter 6 to save the life of Mordecai?

3. How did the birth of Christ signal a reversal of fortunes for God's people?

Today at CVPC

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

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

Edward Dueitt | November 28

Joy Hansen | December 2

Caden Louis | December 3

Kate Bruce | December 4

Advent Breakfasts: Join us each Sunday leading up to Christmas at 9:00 am 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. 11 at 5:00 pm 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 28 – December 4 | December 4-11 |
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| Monday | 3PM: Monday Music 4PM: Manse Reserved 7PM: Middle School Girls Bible Study | 3PM: Monday Music 4PM: Manse Reserved 7PM: Middle School Boys Bible Study 7:30PM: Diaconate Meeting |
| Tuesday | | 7PM: WLT Meeting |
| Wednesday | 6PM: Young Adult Fellowship Time | 6PM: Young Adult Fellowship Time |
| Thursday | 10AM: Women’s Bible Study | 10AM: Women’s Bible Study |
| Friday | | |
| Saturday | 7AM: Men’s Bible Study | 7AM: Men’s Bible Study 10AM: Food Network |
| Sunday | 9AM: Advent Breakfast 10:30AM: Worship 4:30PM: Youth Christmas party 5PM: Kid’s Corner | 9AM: Advent Breakfast 10:30AM: Worship 5PM: Lessons & Carols Service with Reception |
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| Overflow | Leavengood/Collins GG | Voyles/Townes GG |
| Greeters | Dueitt Family | Dukes Family |
| Youth | Youth Christmas Party | No Youth Group |
| Nursery: SS | No Sunday School | No Sunday School |
| Nursery: Worship | Jem Davenport, Jessica Hansen, & Robin Hansen | Joe Moore, Vicki Granberry, & Maddy Louis |

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.