



## 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 | December 11, 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, Son and Holy Spirit, we give thanks for your works of providence that have led us to this place. We have ample cause to worship you and yet we find our hearts and minds distracted by the cares of this world. We ask for your grace to abound in this hour so that we may stand in awe of you. Do this work, we pray, for the honor and glory of your holy name. Amen.

#### **Welcome and Greeting**

#### **Advent III Meditation | Readers: George & Vicki Granberry**

**Numbers 6:13-20:** And this is the law for the Nazirite, when the time of his separation has been completed: he shall be brought to the entrance of the tent of meeting, and he shall bring his gift to the LORD, one male lamb a year old without blemish for a burnt offering, and one ewe lamb a year old without blemish as a sin offering, and one ram without blemish as a peace offering, and a basket of unleavened bread, loaves of fine flour mixed with oil, and unleavened wafers smeared with oil, and their grain offering and their drink offerings. And the priest shall bring them before the LORD and offer his sin offering and his burnt offering, and he shall offer the ram as a sacrifice of peace offering to the LORD, with the basket of unleavened bread. The priest shall offer also its grain offering and its drink offering. And the Nazirite shall shave his consecrated head at the entrance of the tent of meeting and shall take the hair from his consecrated head and put it on the fire that is under the sacrifice of the peace offering. And the priest shall take the shoulder of the ram, when it is boiled, and one unleavened loaf out of the basket and one unleavened wafer, and shall put them on the hands of the Nazirite, after he has

shaved the hair of his consecration, and the priest shall wave them for a wave offering before the LORD. They are a holy portion for the priest, together with the breast that is waved and the thigh that is contributed. And after that the Nazirite may drink wine.

**Colossians 2:6-15:** Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

### **Call to Worship: Psalm 85**

L: Lord, you were favorable to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob. You forgave the iniquity of your people; you covered all their sin. You withdrew all your wrath; you turned from your hot anger.

**ALL: Restore us again, O God of our salvation, and put away your indignation toward us! Will you be angry with us forever? Will you prolong your anger to all generations? Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you?**

L: Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation. Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let them not turn back to folly.

**ALL: Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him, that glory may dwell in our land. Steadfast love and faithfulness meet; righteousness and peace kiss each other.**

L: Faithfulness springs up from the ground, and righteousness looks down from the sky. Yes, the Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.

**ALL: Righteousness will go before him and make his footsteps a way.**

L: This is the Word of the Lord!

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

## **Song of Adoration: Good Christian Men, Rejoice | 207**

1. Good Christian men, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice; give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today; earth and heav'n before him bow, and he is in the manger now. Christ is born today! Christ is born today!
2. Good Christian men, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice; now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this! He hath opened heaven's door, and man is blessed evermore. Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
3. Good Christian men, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice; now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save! Calls you one and calls you all to gain his everlasting hall. Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

## **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.

## **Public Reception of New Members: Jocelyn Finch, Katherine Pool, and Peter & Diana Townes**

## **Song of the Month: Infant Holy, Infant Lowly (See page 8.)**

## **Sermon: "Providential Peace"**

## **Word: Esther 8:1-17**

### **Song of Response: Thou Who Wast Rich Beyond All Splendor | 230**

1. Thou who wast rich beyond all splendor, All for love's sake becamest poor; Thrones for a manger didst surrender, Sapphire-paved courts for stable floor. Thou who wast rich beyond all splendor, All for love's sake becomes poor.
2. Thou who art God beyond all praising, All for love's sake becamest man; Stooping so low, but sinners raising Heavenwards by thine eternal plan. Thou who art God beyond all praising, All for love's sake becamest man.
3. Thou who art love beyond all telling, Saviour, and King, we worship thee. Emmanuel, within us dwelling, Make us what thou wouldst have us be. Thou who art love beyond all telling, Saviour, and King, we worship thee."

### **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: Lovely Child, Holy Child | 231**

1. Lovely child, holy child, gentle, mild, undefiled; infant King, fairest King, gifts we'll bring and anthems sings: 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: Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia!
3. Rest your head, sweetest head; gifts we'll spread at your bed. Jesus lord, be adored, may this word now be outpoured: Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia!
4. To this boy, our great joy, we employ hymns of joy; child so fair: see him there; now declare him ev'rywhere: Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia!

**Benediction: Psalm 127:7-8**

The Lord shall preserve you from all evil: he shall preserve your soul. The Lord shall preserve your going out and your coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore... *so that all the people will say...*

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

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**Questions for Reflection: Esther 8:1-17**

1. The Jewish understanding of peace comes from the Hebrew Word "shalom" which in essence means "all is well." Based on this definition, can we truly have shalom in this world?

2. Even though Haman died, why didn't the Jews in Susa experience peace? How does Mordecai's counter degree bring peace to the Jews?

3. Would you describe your life as being a life of shalom? Is all truly well, or do you feel a sense that all is not well?

## Today at CVPC

The **Voyles/Townes Growth Group** is in Overflow this week.  
A **Prayer Meeting** will be held in the Morse Classroom following worship.  
The **Lessons and Carols Service** will be today at 5:00pm.

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

Doug Leavengood & Rodney Buchanan | December 11

Krista Murphy | December 12

Jack Townes | December 16

Asa Williams | December 17

**Final Advent Breakfast:** Join us next Sunday, December 18 at 9:00am for our final Advent Breakfast of the year. Please bring a breakfast casserole or dish to share. See Karen Leavengood with any questions.

**Caroling, Cocoa, & Cookies:** Ready to spread some Christmas cheer? Join us Sunday, December 18 at 5:00pm for Cocoa and Caroling. We will meet at the church and divide into groups to head out and carol and spread some Christmas cheer. We will then meet back at the church for cocoa and cookies. Have a favorite cookie or treat to share? Feel free to bring it, or just yourself, as we will have some treats on hand. See Karen Leavengood with any questions.

**Christmas Eve Service:** On Christmas Eve at 5:30 pm, we will have our traditional Lessons and Carol service. Historically, this is an evangelistic service designed to teach those unfamiliar with Christianity the true message of Christmas through song and scripture reading. We ask that you please invite friends, members of your family, and neighbors to join us for this wonderful service as we are reminded of the fall of man and the promise and the birth of the Messiah.



**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

	<b>December 11-17</b>	<b>December 18-24</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	9AM: Advent Breakfast (men) 10:30AM: Worship 12:00PM: Prayer Meeting 5PM: Lessons & Carols Service	9AM: Advent Breakfast (potluck) 10:30AM: Worship 5PM: Caroling, Cocoa, & Cookies
<b>Monday</b>	3PM: Monday Music 4PM: Manse Reserved 7PM: Middle School Boys Bible Study	4PM: Manse Reserved
<b>Tuesday</b>		6PM: Session Meeting
<b>Wednesday</b>	6PM: Young Adult Fellowship Time	6PM: Young Adult Fellowship Time
<b>Thursday</b>	10AM: Women's Bible Study	
<b>Friday</b>		Church Office Closed
<b>Saturday</b>	7AM: Men's Bible Study 10AM: Food Network	7AM: Men's Bible Study 5:30PM: Christmas Eve Service
<b>Elder on Call</b>	bradvoyles@chattvalleypca.com	
<b>Deacon On Call</b>	joshhenry@chattvalleypca.com	
<b>Overflow</b>	Finch & Marr GG	Chaplin/Staven/Wallick GG
<b>Greeters</b>	Fennema Family	Grady Family
<b>Youth</b>	No Youth Group	No Youth Group
<b>Nursery: SS</b>	No Sunday School	No Sunday School
<b>Nursery: Worship</b>	Lou Schimpf, Charlotte Thomas, & Allie Finch	Rachel Staven, Anna Staven, & Lucie Chaplin

# 216 Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

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Stanzas 3 & 4 by Finch

♩ = 96

G(sus4) G D(sus4) D Bm D G(sus4) G



1. In - fant ho - ly, in - fant low - ly for his bed a cat - tle stall; ox - en  
2. Flocks were sleep - ing: shep - herds keep - ing vig - il till the morn - ing new; saw the  
3. Christ of glo - ry, we im - plo - re thee; make us live as un - to thee. By your  
4. Praise the Fa - ther who has known us e'vn be - fore the world was made; Praise the

6 G(sus4) G D(sus4) D Bm D G(sus4) G C(add2) C



low - ing, lit - tle know - ing Christ the babe, is Lord of all. Swift are wing - ing an - gels  
glo - ry, heard the sto - ry, tid - ings of a gos - pel true. Thus re - joic - ing, free from  
Spir - it, pure and ho - ly, give us true hu - mil - i - ty. Grant us faith filled with com  
Son He free - ly sent us as an act of sov - reign grace; Praise the Spir - it who was

11 D(add2) D Em(add2) Em D(sus4) D



sing - ing, no - els ring - ing, tid - ings bring - ing: Christ the  
sor - row, prais - es voic - ing, greet the mor - row: Christ the  
pas - sion. Lend us hope to show the na - tions; "Christ, in  
giv - en as the seal of our re - demp - tion; Praise the

14 Bm D Em(add2) Em Bm D G(sus4) G(add2) G



babe is Lord of all. Christ the babe is Lord of all. \_\_\_\_\_  
babe was born for you, Christ the babe was born for you. \_\_\_\_\_  
love, has come for you." Christ, in love, has come for you." \_\_\_\_\_  
Tri - une LORD of all. Praise the Tri - une LORD of all. \_\_\_\_\_