

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 | January 1, 2023 Liturgist: David Marr | Sermon: George Granberry Worship Accompanist: Anne Marr

#### **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

O Father, you have been rich in mercy from one generation to another. You have cared for your people in ways that have been a clear indication of your love. You willingly sent Christ to this broken world to rescue us from our sins. We give you praise that your promised Holy Spirit will never leave us nor forsake us. In this hour, we need you to strengthen us so that we may give you the praise you are due. Amen.

#### Welcome and Greeting

#### Meditation: Psalm 68:19-35 | Reader: Russ Lynch

Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears us up; God is our salvation. Our God is a God of salvation, and to God, the Lord, belong deliverances from death. But God will strike the heads of his enemies, the hairy crown of him who walks in his guilty ways. The Lord said, "I will bring them back from Bashan, I will bring them back from the depths of the sea, that you may strike your feet in their blood, that the tongues of your dogs may have their portion from the foe." Your procession is seen, O God, the procession of my God, my King, into the sanctuary—the singers in front, the musicians last, between them virgins playing tambourines: "Bless God in the great congregation, the Lord, O you who are of Israel's fountain!" There is Benjamin, the least of them, in the lead, the princes of Judah in their throng, the princes of Zebulun, the princes of Naphtali. Summon your power, O God, the power, O God, by which you have worked for us. Because of your temple at Jerusalem kings shall bear gifts to you. Rebuke the beasts that dwell among the reeds, the herd of bulls with the calves of the peoples. Trample underfoot those who lust after tribute; scatter the peoples who

delight in war. Nobles shall come from Egypt; Cush shall hasten to stretch out her hands to God. O kingdoms of the earth, sing to God; sing praises to the Lord, to him who rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; behold, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice. Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel and whose power is in the skies. Awesome is God from his sanctuary, the God of Israel—he is the one who gives power and strength to his people. Blessed be God!

#### Call to Worship: Psalm 68:4-10

L: Sing to God, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides through the deserts; his name is the Lord; exult before him!

# ALL: Father of the fatherless and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation. God settles the solitary in a home; he leads out the prisoners to prosperity, but the rebellious dwell in a parched land.

L: O God, when you went out before your people, when you marched through the wilderness, the earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain, before God, the One of Sinai, before God, the God of Israel.

ALL: Rain in abundance, O God, you shed abroad; you restored your inheritance as it languished; your flock found a dwelling in it; in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy.

L: This is the Word of the Lord!

ALL: Thanks be to God.

#### Song of Adoration: O Father, You Are Sovereign | 75

1. 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.

2. O Father, you are sovereign in all affairs of man; no pow'rs of death or darkness can thwart Your perfect plan. All chance and change transcending, supreme in time and space, you hold your trusting children secure in your embrace.

3. O Father, you are sovereign the Lord of human pain, transmuting earthly sorrows to gold of heav'nly gain. All evil over-ruling, as none but Conqueror could, your love pursues its purpose, our souls' eternal good.

4. O Father, you are sovereign! We see you dimly now, but soon before your triumph earth's every knee shall bow. With this glad hope before us, our faith springs up anew: our sovereign Lord and Savior, we trust and worship you!

#### 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, at 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.

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.

#### (A 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: Wonderful Merciful Savior (See page 7.)

#### Sermon: "Forget and Press On!"

Word: Philippians 3:4-14

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

#### Sacrament of Communion

#### Doxological Hymn: Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow | 731

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen!

#### **Offertory Prayer, Offering, & Opportunities to Serve**

#### Sending Hymn: It Is Well with My Soul | 691

1. When peace, like a river, attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll; whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, "It is well, it is well with my soul. It is well with my soul; it is well, it is well with my soul.

2. Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance control, that Christ has regarded my helpless estate and has shed his own blood for my soul. It is well with my soul; it is well, it is well with my soul.

3. My sin, O the bliss of this glorious thought! My sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more; praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! It is well with my soul; it is well, it is well with my soul.

4. O Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend; "Even so," it is well with my soul. It is well with my soul; it is well, it is well with my soul.

#### **Benediction: 1 Thessalonians 3:11-13**

Now God himself and our Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ, direct our way unto you. And the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men, even as we do toward you; to the end he may establish your heart unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints... *so that all the people will say*...

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

#### **Questions for Reflection**

1. What's one thing you could do this year to increase your enjoyment of God?

2. What's the most humanly impossible thing you will ask God to do this year?

3. What's the single most important thing you could do to improve the quality of your family life this year?

4. In which spiritual discipline do you most want to make progress this year, and what will you do about it?

5. What is the single biggest time-waster in your life, and what will you do about it this year?

6. What is the most helpful new way you could strengthen your church?

7. For whose salvation will you pray most fervently this year?

8. What's the most important way you will, by God's grace, try to make this year different from last year?

9. What one thing could you do to improve your prayer life this year?

10. What single thing that you plan to do this year will matter most in ten years? In eternity?

## Today at CVPC

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

**Please join CVPC in wishing a Happy Birthday to the following:** Ezekiel Dukes & Jordan Bruce | January 3 Kelli Voyles | January 10

**Town Hall Meeting:** Join us on Sunday, January 8, for the "Year in Review" Town Hall during Sunday School at 9:00am. Nursery will be provided.



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**

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	January 2-8	January 9-15	
Monday	4:30PM   Manse Reserved	3PM   Monday Music 4:30PM   Manse Reserved	
Tuesday	7PM   WLT Meeting	8PM   Virtual Staff Meeting	
Wednesday		10AM   Women's Bible Study 5PM   Women's Bible Study 5:30PM   Chaplin/Wallick GG 6PM   Louis GG 6PM   Voyles/Townes GG 6PM   Young Adult Fellowship	
Thursday	6PM   Marr GG	6PM   Kennedy GG	
Friday			
Saturday	7AM   Men's Bible Study	7AM   Men's Bible Study 8AM   Serving Saints Ministry 10AM   Food Network (CV Naz) 5PM   Finch GG	
Sunday	9AM   Town Hall Meeting 10:30AM   Worship 12:00PM   Y'all Come Luncheon	9AM   Sunday School 10:30AM   Worship	
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Deacon On Call	chrisgregory@chattvalleypca.com		
Overflow	Leavengood/Collins	Voyles/Townes	
Greeters	Hansen Family	Henry Family	
Youth	No Youth Group	Youth at Church	
Nursery: SS	Jemima Ragland & Kelli Voyles	Jen Finch & Lynda Henry	
Nursery: Worship	Barb Michal, Krista Murphy, & Lexi Jones	Marie Fennema, Tobin Smith, & Linda Schimpf	

### BB 002 Wonderful Merciful Savior



### **Romans Doxology**

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