



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 15, 2023

Liturgist: David Marr | Sermon: 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; world without end. Amen! Amen!

Invocation

O Father, it is because of your generous providence that we have been drawn together here in grace. The chaos of our culture weighs us down often and we need renewed clarity. We know that Jesus Christ intercedes for us even now and the gift of your Holy Spirit is a guarantee of our fellowship with you and with one another. Meet us here as you have promised so that our faith may be revived and refreshed. It is in the powerful name of Christ that we offer this morning prayer. Amen.

Welcome and Greeting

Meditation: 1 John 2:7-14 | Reader: Joli Moore

Beloved, I am writing you no new commandment, but an old commandment that you had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word that you have heard. At the same time, it is a new commandment that I am writing to you, which is true in him and in you, because the darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining. Whoever says he is in the light and hates his brother is still in darkness. Whoever loves his brother abides in the light, and in him there is no cause for stumbling. But whoever hates his brother is in the darkness and walks in the darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes. I am writing to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven for his name's sake. I am writing to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I am writing to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one. I write to you, children, because you know the Father. I write to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young men, because you are strong,

and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the evil one.

Call to Worship: Psalm 31:19-24

L: Oh, how abundant is your goodness, which you have stored up for those who fear you and worked for those who take refuge in you, in the sight of the children of mankind!

ALL: In the cover of your presence you hide them from the plots of men; you store them in your shelter from the strife of tongues.

L: Blessed be the Lord, for he has wondrously shown his steadfast love to me when I was in a besieged city. I had said in my alarm, "I am cut off from your sight."

ALL: But you heard the voice of my pleas for mercy when I cried to you for help.

L: Love the Lord, all you his saints! The Lord preserves the faithful but abundantly repays the one who acts in pride.

ALL: Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the Lord!

L: This is the Word of the LORD!

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Song of Adoration: O Worship the King | 2

1. O worship the King all-glorious above, O gratefully sing his power and his love; our shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

2. O tell of his might, O sing of his grace, whose robe is the light, whose canopy space. His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form, and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

3. The earth with its store of wonders untold, Almighty, your power has founded of old; has established it fast by a changeless decree, and round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

4. Your bountiful care what tongue can recite? It breathes in the air; it shines in the light; it streams from the hills; it descends to the plain; and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

5. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, in you do we trust, nor find you to fail; your mercies how tender, how firm to the end, our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

Song continued on the next page.

6. O measureless Might! Ineffable Love! While angels delight to hymn you above, the humbler creation, though feeble their lays, with true adoration shall lisp to your praise.

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

Our Triune God, you have said in your word that we are not to be tossed to and fro like waves in the ocean. Yet, as we look over the course of this past week, our hearts have ebbed and flowed depending upon the circumstances. We need your word and spirit to anchor our hearts, our minds, and our souls. Forgive us for our unbelief. Forgive us for the way we have treated those you have intentionally placed in our life for our good and your glory. Forgive us for the desires that fall outside of your design for us and your commands. Above all, we pray that you would help us to gratefully submit ourselves to your loving will in our lives.

(Time for silent confession.)

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments.

Song of the Month: O Give Thanks to the Lord (See Page 7.)

Sermon: "Reality Check"

Word: Ecclesiastes 1:1-3

Song of Response: In Christ Alone (See page 8.)

Sacrament of Communion

Doxological Hymn: All Creatures of our God and King | 115 (final stanza)

5. Let all things their Creator bless, and worship him in humbleness, O praise him, alleluia! Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, three in one. O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Offertory Prayer, Offering, & Opportunities to Serve

Sending Hymn: A Child of the King | 525

1. My Father is rich in houses and lands, he holdeth the wealth of the world in his hands! Of rubies and diamonds, of silver and gold, his coffers are full, he has riches untold. I'm a child of the King, a child of the King! With Jesus my Savior, I'm a child of the King.

2. My Father's own Son, the Savior of men, once wandered on earth as the poorest of them; but now he is reigning forever on high, and will give me a home in heaven by and by. I'm a child of the King, a child of the King! With Jesus my Savior, I'm a child of the King.

3. I once was an outcast stranger on earth, a sinner by choice, an alien by birth! But I've been adopted, my name's written down, an heir to a mansion, a robe and a crown. I'm a child of the King, a child of the King! With Jesus my Savior, I'm a child of the King.

4. A tent or a cottage, why should I care? They're building a palace for me over there! Though exiled from home, yet still may I sing: all glory to God, I'm a child of the King. I'm a child of the King, a child of the King! With Jesus my Savior, I'm a child of the King.

Benediction: Romans 15:13

Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you 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: Ecclesiastes 1:1-3

1. Who is the preacher (Hebrew Qoheleth), and why is he significant?
2. In Ecclesiastes 1:2, the Preacher twice employs the phrase “vanity of vanities.” The Hebrew term translated here, *hebel*, can refer to vanity, breath, mist, or meaninglessness and is used more than 30 times in Ecclesiastes. How do you think it is being used here in vs. 2?
3. At the end of verse 2, the Preacher says, “All is vanity.” Looking at the rest of chapter 1, why would the Preacher make this statement?

Today at CVPC

The **Voyles/Townes Growth Group** is in Overflow this week.
Prayer Meeting in the Morse Classroom immediately following worship.
The **Youth Group** will meet at the Church at 5:00pm.

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

Gerald Collins & Karen Leavengood | January 18
Steve Ibach | January 19
Roger Collins | January 22

Visitors, we invite you to connect with CVPC!

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



Youth Fundraiser: Everyone is invited on Saturday, February 11 at 5:00pm to a Chili Contest, Silent Auction, and Talent Show at the church. All proceeds support youth summer camp expenses. Please see Laura Dueitt for more information about helping out or donating items for the auction.

Upcoming at CVPC

	January 15-21	January 22-28
Sunday	9:00am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 12:00pm Prayer Time 5:00am Youth Group	9:00am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 5:00pm Youth Group
Monday	3:30pm Monday Music 4:30pm Manse Reserved	3:30pm Monday Music 4:30pm Manse Meeting
Tuesday	6:00am Session Meeting	7:00pm CE Meeting
Wednesday	10:00am Women's Bible Study 5:00pm Women's Bible Study 5:30pm Chaplin/Wallick GG 6:00pm Louis GG 6:00pm Voyles/Townes GG 6:00pm Young Adult Fellowship	10:00am Women's Bible Study 5:00pm Women's Bible Study 5:30pm Chaplin/Wallick GG 6:00pm Louis GG 6:00pm Voyles/Townes GG 6:00pm Young Adult Fellowship
Thursday	6:00pm Kennedy GG 6:00pm Marr GG	6:00pm Kennedy GG
Friday		
Saturday	7:00am Men's Bible Study	7:00am Men's Bible Study 10:00am Food Network (CV Naz) 5:00pm Finch GG
Elder on Call	davidmarr@chattvalleypca.com	
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Overflow	Leavengood/Collins	Voyles/Townes
Greeters	Henry Family	Ibach Family
Youth	Youth at Church	Youth at Church
Nursery: SS	Jen Finch & Lynda Henry	Lucie Chaplin & Ashlee Wallick
Nursery: Worship	Marie Fennema, Tobin Smith, & Linda Schimpf	Ashley Townes, Scott Kennedy, & Oliver Kennedy

BB54 O Give Thanks (Psalm 107)

W.Kimbrough/arr. Finch

D D

1. We were wan - d'ring in the de - sert with our souls
 2. We were locked out of the gar - den and our backs
 3. We were far out on the o - cean ma - king wealth

4 G G Bm7

— so starved and weak; we were hun - gry for a home
 — bent down with pain in the sha - dow of death's dark-
 — and cha - sing dreams but the waves of great de - struc -

7 D A(sus4) A D

- land we did not know how to seek, but we lif - ted up our voi
 - ness we were slaves to sin and blame then we cried out in our la -
 - tion brought us trem - bling to our knees and we cried like drun - ken sai -

11 D/F# G G D/A

- ces to the on - ly one who hears and the God of mer - cy came
 - bor to the on - ly one who hears and the God of mer - cy wiped
 - lers to the on - ly one who hears and the God of com - fort took -

15 A Bm A/C# D F#

— and brought us near. Oh give thanks to the Lord for His love
 — a - way our tears.
 — a - way our fears. *Final Refrain 2x*

20 G D Bm D E7

— en-dures for - ev - er! We were wan - der - ing and lost and our Fa - ther brought us home

25 A D F# G

to a safe dwell - ing place, to a feast of joy and laugh -

29 D F# Bm D7 G Gm/Bb D Dmaj7 D Dmaj7

- ter. Oh give thanks to the Lord for he is good!

BB 003 In Christ Alone

Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

Keith Getty and Stuart Townend arr. Finch

Interlude Am⁷ G D G D G D G A D/F#

1. In Christ a-lone my hope is found, he is my
 2. In Christ a-lone who took on flesh, full-ness of
 3. There in the ground his bo-dy lay, light of the
 4. No guilt in life, no fear in death; this is the

7 G D/F# Em⁷ A⁷ D G D G A D/F# G D/F# Em⁷ A⁷

light, my strength, my song; This cor-ner-tone, this sol-id ground, firm through the fierc-est drought and
 God in help-less babe! This gift of love and right-eous ness, scorned by the ones he came to
 world by dark-ness slain. Then burst-ing forth in glo-rious day, up from the grave he rose a-
 pow'r of Christ in me. From life's first cry to fi-nal death, Je-sus com-mands my des-ti-

12 D D/F# G D A^(sus4) A D/F# G Bm⁷

storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are still'd when striv-ings
 save. Till on that cross as Je-sus died, the wrath of God was sa-tis-
 gain! And as he stands in vic-to-ry sin's curse has lost its grip on
 ny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can e-ver pluck me from his

16 A^(sus4) A G D G A D/F# Em⁷ Em⁷ A⁷ D To Interlude

cease! My com-for-ter, my all in all; here in the love of Christ I stand.
 fied. For ev-'ry sin on him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.
 me; for I am his and he is mine; bought with the pre-cious blood of Christ.
 hand; Till he re- turns or calls me home; here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

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