

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 29, 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

Gracious Father and eternal King, we humbly bow before your throne and ask for your blessing in this hour. We need your wisdom because this world competes with your rule in our lives. Tear down the idols of our hearts so that our understanding may be in line with your ways. By the power of your Holy Spirit, cause us to honor you as we ought. We pray this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Welcome and Greeting

Meditation: Proverbs 1:20-31 | Reader: Jocelyn Finch

Wisdom cries aloud in the street, in the markets she raises her voice; at the head of the noisy streets she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks: "How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple? How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools hate knowledge? If you turn at my reproof, behold, I will pour out my spirit to you; I will make my words known to you. Because I have called and you refused to listen, have stretched out my hand and no one has heeded, because you have ignored all my counsel and would have none of my reproof, I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when terror strikes you, when terror strikes you like a storm and your calamity comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you. Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently but will not find me. Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the Lord, would have none of my reproof, therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way, and have their fill of their own devices. For the simple are killed by their turning away, and the complacency of fools destroys them; but whoever listens to me will dwell secure and will be at ease, without dread of disaster."

Call to Worship: Psalm 4

L: Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness! You have given me relief when I was in distress. Be gracious to me and hear my prayer!

ALL: O men, how long shall my honor be turned into shame? How long will you love vain words and seek after lies? But know that the Lord has set apart the godly for himself; the Lord hears when I call to him.

L: Be angry, and do not sin; ponder in your own hearts on your beds, and be silent. Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the Lord. There are many who say, "Who will show us some good? Lift up the light of your face upon us, O Lord!"

ALL: You have put more joy in my heart than they have when their grain and wine abound. In peace I will both lie down and sleep; for you alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety.

L: This is the Word of the Lord! ALL: Thanks be to God.

Song of Adoration: I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord | 353

1. I love thy Kingdom, Lord, the house of thine abode, the church our blest Redeemer saved with his own precious blood.

2. I love thy church, O God: her walls before thee stand, dear as the apple of thine eye, and graven on thy hand.

3. For her my tears shall fall, for her my prayers ascend; to her my cares and toils be given, till toils and cares shall end.

4. Beyond my highest joy I prize her heav'nly ways, her sweet communion, solemn vows, her hymns of love and praise.

5. Jesus, thou Friend divine, Our Savior and our King, thy hand from every snare and foe shall great deliverance bring.

6. Sure as thy truth shall last, to Zion shall be given the brightest glories earth can yield, and brighter bliss of heaven.

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.

A Moment for Missions: Chris and Savanna Kitchen

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

Sermon: "Why Are We Unhappy"

Word: Ecclesiastes 2:1-11

Song of Response: We Will Feast in the House of Zion (See page 8.)

Prayers of the People

Doxological Hymn: The Ends of the Earth Shall Hear (Doxology with Amen) | 368

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above ye heav'nly hosts; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. All earth to Him her homage brings, the Lord of lords, and King of kings. Amen!

Offertory Prayer, Offering, & Opportunities to Serve

Sending Hymn: Be Still My Soul | 689

1. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side; bear patiently the cross of grief or pain; leave to your God to order and provide; in every change, he faithful will remain. Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heavenly Friend through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

2. Be still, my soul: thy God doth undertake to guide the future as he has the past. Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake; all now mysterious shall be bright at last. Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know his voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.

Song continued on the next page.

3. Be still, my soul: when dearest friends depart, and all is darkened in the vale of tears, then shall you better know his love, his heart, who comes to soothe your sorrow and your fears. Be still, my soul: your Jesus can repay from his own fullness all he takes away.

4. Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on when we shall be forever with the Lord, when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone, sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored. Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past, all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

Benediction: Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace... so that all the peoples will say...

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

Questions for Reflection: Ecclesiastes 2:1-11

1. Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of happiness is a well known phrase from the United States Declaration of Independence. What does it mean to pursue happiness as a Christian?

2. What are some of the things that Solomon sought after in his pursuit of joy and pleasure? What are some of the things Solomon sought after that we seek after today?

3. In Ecclesiastes 2:1–8, the Preacher describes his pursuit of pleasure. How did this quest end according to 2:9–11?

Today at CVPC The Finch/Marr Growth Group is in Overflow this week. The Youth Group will meet at the Church at 5:00 pm.		
Please join CVPC in wishing a Happy Birthday to the following: Benjamin Westcott February 2 Rob Chaplin February 3		
 Malia Buchanan's Graduation Celebration: Everyone is invited to join the Buchanan family on Saturday, <u>February 4, from 2-4:00 pm</u> in the Church Gym. House to House Fellowship: Join us on Sunday, <u>February 19</u>, for a House to House Fellowship Luncheon immediately following the worship service. You can sign-up online or in the Church Foyer. See Karen Leavengood with any 	Youth Fundraiser Night: Everyone is invited on Saturday, <u>February 11 at 5:00</u> <u>pm</u> to a Chili Contest, Silent Auction, and Talent or Not Show at the church. All proceeds support youth summer camp expenses. You can sign-up online to enter the chili contest, the Talent or Not Show, and to bring a side. Please see Laura Dueitt for more information about helping out or donating items for the silent auction.	

Upcoming at CVPC

	January 29 – February 4	February 5 - 11
Sunday	9:00 am Sunday School	9:00 am Sunday School
	10:30 am Worship	10:30 am Worship
	5:00 pm Youth Group	5:00 pm Youth Group
	5:00 pm Leavengood/Collins GG	5:00 pm Leavengood/Collins GG
Monday	3:30 pm Monday Music	3:00 pm Monday Music
	4:30 pm Manse Reserved	4:30 pm Manse Reserved
	6:30 pm Women's Bible Study	6:30 pm Women's Bible Study
		7:30 pm Diaconate Meeting
Tuesday		7:00 pm WLT Meeting
Wednesday	10:00 am Women's Bible Study	10:00 am Women's Bible Study
	5:00 pm Women's Bible Study	5:00 pm Women's Bible Study
	5:30 pm Chaplin/Wallick GG	5:30 pm Chaplin/Wallick GG
	6:00 pm Louis GG	6:00 pm Louis GG
	6:00 pm Voyles/Townes GG	6:00 pm Voyles/Townes GG
	6:00 pm Young Adult Fellowship	6:00 pm Young Adult Fellowship
Thursday	6:00 pm Kennedy GG	6:00 pm Kennedy GG
	6:00 pm Marr GG	6:00 pm Trail Life
Friday		
Saturday	7:00 am Men's Bible Study	7:00 am Men's Bible Study
	2-4:00 pm Malia's Graduation	5:00 pm Youth Fundraiser and
	Celebration	Talent Show
Elder on Call	davidmarr@chattvalleypca.com	scottkennedy@chattvalleypca.com
Deacon On Call	chrisgregory@chattvalleypca.com	bobbydueitt@chattvalleypca.com
Overflow	Finch & Marr	Chaplin/Wallick
Greeters	Scott Kennedy Family	Albert Leavengood Family
Youth	Youth at Church	Youth at Church
Nursery: SS	Lucie Chaplin & Gerald Collins	Jemima Ragland & Kelli Voyles
Nursery:	Lucie Chaplin, David Marr,	Paula Lynch, Audrey Townes,
Worship	& Halee Cowan	& Daniel Dukes
h		



BB 047 We Will Feast in the House of Zion

arr. Finch

