



## 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 | October 22, 2023**

**Liturgist: Rob Chaplin | 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, as we reflect on the expanse of your kingdom we are stunned by the fact that you would include us in your diverse family. Even now the Saints who have gone on before us are now in your presence and praising your name without fear, pain or peril. In Christ you have fulfilled your promises and by your Holy Spirit our eyes have been opened to your unfolding plan of redemption. We stand before you in awe and wonder. Thank you for inviting us in and giving us the ability to praise you. Please provide us with thankful hearts in this hour so that we may serve you faithfully this week according to the power at work within us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

#### **Welcome and Greeting**

#### **Meditation: 1 Peter 3:8-17 | Reader: Maddy Louis**

Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind. Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing. For "Whoever desires to love life and see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit; let him turn away from evil and do good; let him seek peace and pursue it. For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil." Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect,

*\* Please stand as you are able.*

having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.

**\*Call to Worship: Psalm 133 & 134**

L: Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity! It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down on the collar of his robes!

**ALL: It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion! For there the Lord has commanded the blessing, life forevermore.**

L: Come, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord, who stand by night in the house of the Lord! Lift up your hands to the holy place and bless the Lord!

**ALL: May the Lord bless you from Zion, he who made heaven and earth!**

L: This is the Word of the Lord!

**ALL: Thanks be to God!**

**\*Song of Adoration: O Lord of Hosts, How Lovely | 371**

1. O Lord of hosts, how lovely the place where thou dost dwell! Thy tabernacles holy in pleasantness excel. My soul is longing, fainting, Jehovah's courts to see; my heart and flesh are crying, O living God, for thee.

2. Blest who thy house inhabit, they ever give thee praise; blest all whom thou dost strengthen, who love the sacred ways. So they from strength unwearied go forward unto strength, till they appear in Zion before the Lord at length.

3. O hear, Lord God of Jacob, to me an answer yield; the face of thine anointed, behold, O God, our shield. One day excels a thousand if spent thy courts within; I'll choose thy threshold, rather than dwell in tents of sin.

4. Our sun and shield, Jehovah, will grace and glory give; no good will he deny them that uprightly do live. O God of hosts, Jehovah, how blest is everyone who confidence reposes on thee, O Lord, alone.

**Prayer of Adoration & The Lord's Prayer**

**All: 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: Nicene Creed**

**ALL: We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son;\* who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and of the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**\*Song of the Month: The Perfect Wisdom of Our God (See page 7.)**

**Series Title: The Believing Church in an Unbelieving World**

"Encouragement for the Discouraged " | Ephesians 3:1-13

**\*Song of Response: King of Kings–Three In One (See page 8.)**

## **Prayers of the People**

**\*Doxological Hymn: The Ends of the Earth | 368 (Doxology with Amen)**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above ye heavenly 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, and Opportunities to Serve**

### **\*Sending Hymn: Hallelujah, Thine the Glory! | 179**

1. We praise thee, O God, for the Son of thy love, for Jesus who died, and is now gone above. Hallelujah! thine the glory, hallelujah! we sing; hallelujah! thine the glory, our praise now we bring.
2. We praise thee, O God, for thy Spirit of light who has shown us our Savior and scattered our night. Hallelujah! thine the glory, hallelujah! we sing; hallelujah! thine the glory, our praise now we bring.
3. We praise thee, O God, for the joy thou hast given to thy saints in communion, these foretastes of heaven. Hallelujah! thine the glory, hallelujah! we sing; hallelujah! thine the glory, our praise now we bring.
4. Revive us again, fill each heart with thy love. May each soul be rekindled with fire from above. Hallelujah! Thine the glory, hallelujah! Amen! Hallelujah! Thine the glory, revive us again.

### **\*Benediction: Jude 1:24-25**

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever... so that all the people will say...

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

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### **Questions for Reflection: Ephesians 3:1-13**

1. If you were imprisoned for your faith like Paul, do you think it would make you stronger or discourage you? What set of circumstances cause you to become discouraged now (c.f vs. 13)?
2. Paul says that he is a prisoner of Christ not Caesar. How does this perspective shape Paul's view (and by extension our views) of suffering and the discouragement that it brings?
3. Paul views himself as so much more than a prisoner of Christ. How else does Paul describe himself and his ministry in this passage (vs. 1-13)?

## **Today at CVPC**

The **A. Leavengood/G. Collins Growth Group** is in Overflow this week.

**Y'all Come Potluck** immediately following the service.

The **Youth Group** meets tonight from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

**Kid's Corner** tonight from 5:00-6:00 pm.

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

Joe Moore | October 23

Danida Dukes | October 27

**Kid's Corner:** Kids K-5th are welcome to join in preparing for "Children's Lessons & Carols." Meeting Sundays from 5-6pm. For more information, email Scott Finch.

**Crates for Ukraine:** Our church is partnering with other churches in Ukraine to provide necessary supplies. See Alice Sikkema for more information.

**Mom's Group:** Beginning October 23, gather with moms on Mondays at 10am in the Morse classroom to study the book *Rock Solid Families*. Childcare is provided. Please contact Kelli Voyles or Theresa Louis with questions.

**Trunk or Treat:** Our church partners with the elementary school each year for their annual Trunk or Treat event. Join us on Thursday, October 26 at 5:30pm!  
*Sign up in the church foyer.*

**Outdoor Service:** Come gather all in one place on Sunday, October 29 at 10:20am for an outdoor morning service, weather permitting.

**Reformation Service:** Celebrate our heritage with a short afternoon service on Sunday, October 29 at 4:00pm.

**Community Need:** Donate diapers and wipes to a community family. There is a box in the foyer for donations. You can also put marked monetary donations in the offering plate.

**Baby Shower:** Ladies, come celebrate the Radmacher's coming baby on November 11, 10:00am in the church gym. They are registered on [Amazon](#).

**Venmo:** You are welcome to tithes on Venmo [@CVPC\\_1](#).

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**Visitors, we welcome you to CVPC!** Connect by texting Pastor Collins your name. His number is (601) 317-3041.



Visit the website at [chattvalleypca.com](http://chattvalleypca.com). Email Emily Radmacher to be added to the church email list:  
[secretary@chattvalleypca.com](mailto:secretary@chattvalleypca.com)

## Upcoming at CVPC

	<b>October 22-28</b>	<b>October 29 - November 4</b>
<b>SUNDAY:</b>	9:00 am   Sunday School 10:30 am   Worship 12:00 pm   Y'all Come Potluck 5:00 pm   Youth Group 5:00 pm   Kid's Corner	9:00 am   Sunday School 10:30 am   Outdoor Worship 4:00 pm   Reformation Day Worship 5:00 pm   Youth Group 5:00 pm   Kid's Corner
<b>MONDAY:</b>	10:00 am   Mom's Group Starting 4:30 pm   Manse Reserved 5:30 pm   Monday Night Music	10:00 am   Mom's Group 4:30 pm   Manse Reserved 5:30 pm   Monday Night Music
<b>TUESDAY:</b>	7:30 pm   CE Meeting	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>		10:30 am   Coffee at Villa Way
<b>THURSDAY</b>	5:30 pm   Trunk or Treat	
<b>FRIDAY</b>		
<b>SATURDAY:</b>	7:00 am   Men's Bible Study 9:00 am   Growth Group Meeting 10:00 am   Joint Leaders Meeting 10:00 am   Food Network	7:00 am   Men's Bible Study
<b>Elder On Call</b>	robchaplin@chattvalleypca.com	
<b>Deacon On Call</b>	jonabbot@chattvalleypca.com	
<b>Overflow</b>	A. Leavengood/G. Collins Growth Group	Voyles/Townes Growth Group
<b>Youth Group</b>	Youth Group in the Gym	Youth Group in the Gym
<b>Nursery: Sunday School</b>	Jemima Ragland, Lynda Henry	Lucie Chaplin, Emily Radmacher
<b>Nursery: Worship</b>	Ashley Townes, Scott Kennedy, & Lexi Jones	David Marr, Halee Cowan, & Maggie Gregory

# BB67 The Perfect Wisdom of Our God

Getty & Townend/arr. Finch/Staven

♩ = 76

B♭/D E♭ F Gm F/A B♭ E♭maj7 F(sus4)

1.The per - fect wis - dom of our God, re - vealed in all the u - ni - verse. All  
 2.The match - less wis - dom of His ways, that mark the path of right - eousness. His  
 3.Oh grant me wis - dom from a - bove to pray for peace and cling to love and  
 4.We praise the Fa - ther and the Son; We praise the Spi - rit; Ho - ly One! We

5 B♭/D E♭ F Gm E♭ B♭/D B♭/E♭ F(sus4) F B♭ Tag 2x

things cre - a - ted by his hand and held to - geth - er at His com mand. He  
 Word, a lamp un - to my feet; His Spi - rit teach - ing and guid - ing me. And  
 teach me hum - bly to re - ceive the sun and rain of Your sove - reign - ty. Each  
 give God hon - or and be - lieve that He has loved us e - tern - al - ly. Our

9 Gm F/A B♭ E♭ Gm F/A B♭ E♭maj7 F(sus4) F

knows the mys - t'ries of the seas; the sec - rets of the stars are His He  
 O the mys - t'ry of the cross, that God should suf - fer for the lost so  
 strand of sor - row has a place with - in this tap - est - ry of grace. So  
 God is worth - y of all praise, for He has giv - en us a name. That

13 Gm B♭/D E♭ Cm7 B♭/D B♭/E♭ F(sus4) F B♭

guides the pla - nets on their way and turns the earth through an - oth - er day.  
 that the fool might shame the wise, and all the glo - ry might go to Christ.  
 through the trials I choose to say: "Your per - fect will in Your per - fect way."  
 name for - ev - er shall endure; Our life in Christ is in - deed se - cure!

# BB58 King of Kings--Three in One

No refrain between stanzas 1 & 2; 3 & 4

Ligertwood & Ingram/arr.Finch

♩ = 68

D G

1. In the dark - ness\_ we were wait - ing with - out hope  
 2. To re - veal\_ the king - dom com - ing and to rec -  
 3. And the morn - ing that\_ you rose, all of heav -  
 4. And the church\_ of Christ; She soared\_ when the Spir

2 A D D G

\_ and with - out light. 'Till from heav - en you\_ came run - ning there was mer -  
 - on cile\_ the lost, to re deem\_ the whole cre - a - tion you did not\_  
 en held its breath 'Till that stone\_ was moved for good\_ for the Lamb  
 - it lit\_ the flame. Now this Gos - pel truth of old\_ shall not kneel

4 A D D G

- cy in\_ your eyes. To ful - fill\_ the law\_ and\_ pro - phets to a vir -  
 \_ de spise the cross. For\_ ev - en in\_ your suf - f'ring, you saw to\_  
 \_ had con - quered death. And the dead\_ rose from there tombs\_ and the an -  
 \_ and shall not faint. By his blood\_ and in\_ his Name\_ in his free

6 A D D G

- gin came the Word. From a throne\_ of end - less glo - ry to a cra  
 \_ the oth - er side, know - ing this\_ was our\_ sal - va - tion Je - sus for  
 gels stood in awe, for the souls\_ of all\_ who'd come\_ to the Fa -  
 - dom I\_ am free\_ for the love\_ of Je - sus Christ\_ who has res

8 A D D G(add2) Bm7

Final Refrain 2x

- dle in\_ the dirt. Praise the Fa - ther; Praise the Son; Praise the Spir - it;  
 \_ our sake you died.  
 - ther are\_ re stored.  
 - ur rect - ed me.

14 D/A A D G(add2) Bm7 G(add2) A D (bm)

Tag 3x

Three in One! God of Glo - ry; Maj - es - ty; Praise for - ev - er to The King of Kings!\_