

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 | November 19, 2023 Liturgist: Brad Voyles | 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 God, when we ponder our natural estate we stand in awe that you would be pleased to hear us because of the person and work of Jesus Christ. Above all, we ask that your Holy Spirit would be pleased to cultivate in us a heart of thanksgiving and a posture of praise. Give us grace upon grace in these next moments to behold your goodness and leave more captivated with your work than when we arrived. We pray these things in the name of Jesus. Amen.

#### Welcome and Greeting

#### Meditation: 1 Kings 8:23-26 | Alliena Finch

Then Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the assembly of Israel and spread out his hands toward heaven, and said, "O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you, in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and showing steadfast love to your servants who walk before you with all their heart; you have kept with your servant David my father what you declared to him. You spoke with your mouth, and with your hand have fulfilled it this day. Now therefore, O Lord, God of Israel, keep for your servant David my father what you have promised him, saying, 'You shall not lack a man to sit before me on the throne of Israel, if only your sons pay close attention to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.' Now therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you have spoken to your servant David my father.

\* Please stand as you are able.

#### \*Call to Worship: Psalm 69:30-36

L: I will praise the name of God with a song; I will magnify him with thanksgiving. This will please the Lord more than an ox or a bull with horns and hoofs.

# ALL: When the humble see it they will be glad; you who seek God, let your hearts revive. For the Lord hears the needy and does not despise his own people who are prisoners.

L: Let heaven and earth praise him, the seas and everything that moves in them.

# ALL: For God will save Zion and build up the cities of Judah, and people shall dwell there and possess it; the offspring of his servants shall inherit it, and those who love his name shall dwell in it.

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

## \*Song of Adoration: We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator | 97

1. We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator, in grateful devotion our tribute we bring. We lay it before you, we kneel and adore you; we bless your holy name, glad praises we sing.

2. We worship you, God of our fathers, we bless you; through life's storm and tempest our Guide you have been. When perils overtake us, escape you will make us, and with your help, O Lord, our battles we win.

3. With voices united our praises we offer, to you, great Jehovah, glad anthems we raise. Your strong arm will guide us, our God is beside us, to you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise.

#### 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 Sin & Assurance of Grace:**

ALL: O my Savior, help me. I am slow to learn, prone to forget, and weak to climb; I am in the foothills when I should be on the heights; I am pained by my graceless heart, my prayerless days, my poverty of love, my sloth in the heavenly race, my sullied conscience, my wasted hours, my unspent opportunities. I am blind while the light shines around me: take the scales from my eyes, grind to dust my heart of unbelief. Make it my highest joy to study you, meditate on you, gaze on you, sit like Mary at your feet, lean like John on your breast, appeal like Peter to your love, count like Paul all worldly things but dung. I believe, help my unbelief. Amen.

#### (Time of silent confession)

L: Hear now, O Church, who stand as representatives of God in this world as testiments to the Gospel of Christ. We have been made clean. As the angel of the Lord touched the unclean lips of Isaiah and made the man whole in word and deed, readying him to do his will, he has done the same for us by the cleansing touch of his Son, Jesus Christ. In him, the disparity between our word and deed is made right. In him, our unkindness in action and in word has been forgiven. Go now in the purity of the King to speak the Gospel through actions of justice, mercy, grace, and love.

## \*Song of Preparation: In the Fields of the Lord (See page 7.)

#### **Series Title: The Believing Church in an Unbelieving World** "Unity in Christ Part II" | Ephesians 4:17-24

## \*Song of Response: Only a Holy God (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, and Opportunities to Serve

#### \*Sending Hymn: Now Thank We All Our God | 98

1. Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices, who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices; who from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

2. O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us, with ever-joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us; and keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed, and free us from all ills in this world and the next.

3. All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given, the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven– the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore; for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore. Amen!

#### \*Benediction: Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope... *so that all the people will say...* **ALL: Amen. Our Lord is faithful. Praise the Lord!** 

#### **Questions for Reflection:**

Please read Ephesians 4:7-16; Romans 12:6-8; 1 Corinthians 12:7-10, 28

1. Who gives spiritual gifts? When do we receive spiritual gifts? What is the purpose of spiritual gifts? What is the connection between spiritual gifts and the fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22-23)?

2. In what sense does Christ "fill all things (vs. 10)" when he gives gifts to the believer?

3. Since Christ does give spiritual gifts to every believer, do you think it is important to know what your spiritual gift is?

4. How does speaking the truth in love help us mature spiritually?

## <u>Today at CVPC</u>

The Louis Growth Group is in Overflow. Thanksgiving House-to-House immediately following the service. No Youth Group tonight.

**Please join CVPC in wishing a Happy Birthday to the following:** Linda Burnette, Graeme Dueitt, and Lois Leavengood | November 19

**Thanksgiving House to House:** Join us <u>TODAY</u>, following the worship service for a time of fellowship and gathering in homes.

Villa Way Thanksgiving: Help provide our friends at Villa Way with a Thanksgiving Dinner on <u>November 20</u> <u>from 1-3 pm</u>. Please sign-up in the foyer or downstairs. Contact Barb Michal or Alice Sikkema with any questions.

#### **Advent Breakfasts:**

Join us on Sunday mornings in December, in lieu of Sunday school for our annual Advent Breakfasts. December 3- Hosted by the youth, Contact: Laura Dueitt December 10- Hosted by the men in the church, Contact: Albert Leavengood December 17- Potluck, bring a casserole, fruit, etc, to share, Contact: Karen Leavengood.

**Children's Lessons and Carols:** Join us <u>Sunday, December 10 at 5:00 pm</u> in the church gym for a Lessons & Carols Service led by the Children's Choir with a reception to follow. Please bring a side to share. **Caroling and Cocoa:** Our annual caroling event to all our Senior Citizens will take place on <u>Monday, December</u> <u>18.</u> Meet at the church at 5:00 pm to divide up and go sing to our elderly and shut-ins.

Venmo: You are welcome to tithe on Venmo @CVPC\_1.

#### 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.

To get on the church email list, contact Emily: <u>secretary@chattvalleypca.com</u>.

## **Upcoming at CVPC**

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	November 19–25	November 26–December 2
SUNDAY:	9:00 am   No Sunday School	9:00 am   No Sunday School
	10:30 am   Worship	10:30 am   Worship
	12:00 pm   House to House	12:00 pm   Y'all Come Potluck
	Fellowship	
MONDAY:	4:30 pm   Manse Reserved	4:30 pm   Manse Reserved
	5:30 pm   Monday Night Music	5:30 pm   Monday Night Music
	1:00 pm   Villa Way Thanksgiving	
TUESDAY:	6:00 pm   Session Meeting	7:30 pm   CE Meeting
WEDNESDAY		10:30 am   Villa Way Coffee
THURSDAY		
FRIDAY		
SATURDAY:	7:00 am   Men's Bible Study	7:00 am   Men's Bible Study
Elder On Call	BradVoyles@chattvalleypca.com	
Deacon On Call	SamTownes@chattvalleypca.com	
Overflow	Louis Growth Group	Kennedy Growth Group
Youth Group	No Youth Group	No Youth Group
Nursery:	No Sunday School	No Sunday School
Sunday School		-
Nursery:	Joli Moore, Aidan Kennedy, Karen	Rachel Staven, Anna Staven, Jessica
Worship	Collins, Elizabeth Dukes	Hansen, Robin Hansen

## BB 050 In the Fields of the LORD

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## BB60 Only a Holy God

