



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 | December 3, 2023

Liturgist: Scott Kennedy | 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, you who made the heavens and the earth by the power of your Word, we humbly bow in your presence and give you thanks for sending Jesus into this world. Thank you that he was willing to be born into a broken world and obeyed your will by becoming a human. Thank you for his sinless life and sacrificial death. We praise his name along with You and your Holy Spirit. Give us the motivation to worship you well in this hour. We pray in the faithful name of Jesus. Amen.

Welcome and Greeting

Meditation: First Advent Reading | The Shaver Family

Isaiah 7:10-17; Lighting of the Prophecy Candle; Matthew 1:18-25.

***Call to Worship: Psalm 146**

L: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul! I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

ALL: Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

When his breath departs, he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish.

L: Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry.

ALL: The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

** Please stand as you are able.*

L: The Lord watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

ALL: The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the Lord!

L: This is the Word of the Lord!

ALL: Thanks be to God!

***Song of Adoration: Angels, from the Realms of Glory | 218**

1. Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth; ye who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth; Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

2. Shepherds in the fields abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night, God with man is now residing, yonder shines the infant Light: Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

3. Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar; seek the great Desire of nations; ye have seen his natal star: Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

4. Saints before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear, suddenly the Lord, descending, in his temple shall appear: Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

5. All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son; evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One: Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

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 Pardon:

L: O Lord, this past week has provided ample evidence that we are a needy people with patterns that run outside of your pathways for us.

ALL: Our doubts, our anger, our worries and our discontentment are all proof of sin that entangles us.

L: We need forgiveness, mercy and grace. Please hold us by your powerful hand.

ALL: Cause us to repent daily and look to your throne in each moment. Fix our eyes on Christ so that we may walk in newness of life.

(Time of silent confession.)

L: The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

***Song of the Month: I Wonder as I Wander (See page 8.)**

Series Title: Four Christmas Carols

"Mary's Song" | Luke 1:46-55

***Song of Response: As With Gladness Men of Old | 226**

1. As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold; as with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright; so, most gracious God, may we evermore be led to thee.

2. As with joyful steps they sped to that lowly cradle bed, there to bend the knee before him whom heaven and earth adore; so may we with willing feet ever seek thy mercy seat.

3. As they offered gifts most rare at that cradle rude and bare; so may we with holy joy, pure, and free from sin's alloy, all our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to thee, our heavenly King.

4. Holy Jesus, every day keep us in the narrow way; and when earthly things are past, bring our ransomed souls at last where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glory hide.

(Song continued on the next page.)

5. In the heavenly country bright need they no created light; thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down; there forever may we sing alleluias to our King.

Sacrament of Communion

***Doxological Hymn: Arise, O God, and Shine | 442 (final stanza with Amen)**

4. To God, the only wise, the one immortal King, let hallelujahs rise from every living thing: let all that breathe, on every coast, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen!

Offertory Prayer, Offering, and Opportunities to Serve

***Sending Hymn: Joy to the World! | 195**

1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth receive her King; let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

2. Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns: let men their songs employ; while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

3. No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground; he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

***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: Luke 1:46-55

1. What reason did Mary give for her joy in Luke 1:48? Why did God choose to bless Mary? Why would God choose to bless you and me?

2. In verses 49-50, Mary rejoiced in God's attributes. What specific attributes of God does Mary draw attention to in these two verses? How does reflecting on God's attributes affect the way you worship?

3. What works of God does Mary mention in vs. 49-55? Discuss how God exerts strength in the power of His arm over the world. What contrasts or role reversals does Mary make in this passage? How do these reflect her feelings about God and about herself?

Today at CVPC

The **R. Collins/D. Leavengood Growth Group** is in Overflow
Kid's Corner tonight from 5:00-6:00 pm.
Youth Group tonight in the gym from 5:00-7:00 pm.

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

Caden Louis | December 3
Kate Bruce | December 4
Lynn Duble | December 5
Vicki Granberry | December 7

Advent Breakfasts: Join us at 9:00 am in the church gym.

- **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.

Parent's Day Out: Drop your kids for a fun afternoon at the church on Dec. 9 from 1:30-4:30 pm. Email Laura Dueitt with questions.

Exam Cram Bags: Please leave snack donations for our college students in the church foyer before next Sunday, Dec. 10. Contact Joli Moore with questions.

Children's Lessons and Carols: Join us on Dec. 10 at 5:00 pm in the church gym for a Lessons & Carols Service. Reception to follow. Bring a side dish.

Food Network Christmas: You are invited to hand out food boxes and celebrate with a small Christmas party on Dec. 16 at 10:00 am. Contact Marsha Davis for more information.

Caroling and Cocoa: Our annual caroling event is scheduled for Monday, Dec. 18. Meet at the church at 5:00 pm to divide-up and go sing to our elderly and shut-ins.

Christmas Cookies for Villa Way: Bring a batch of cookies to the church kitchen by noon on Dec. 20. Sign-up in the church foyer.

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: secretary@chattvalleypca.com.

Upcoming at CVPC

	December 3-9	December 10-16
SUNDAY:	9:00 am Advent Breakfast 10:30 am Worship 4:00 pm Missions Meeting 5:00 pm Youth Group Christmas Party 5:00 pm Kid's Corner	9:00 am Advent Breakfast 10:30 am Worship 5:00 pm Youth Group 5:00 pm Lessons and Carols
MONDAY:	4:30 pm Manse Reserved 5:30 pm Monday Night Music 8:00 pm Diaconate Meeting 8:30 pm Session Meeting	4:30 pm Manse Reserved 5:30 pm Monday Night Music
TUESDAY:	7:00 pm WLT Meeting	
WEDNESDAY		
THURSDAY		
FRIDAY	7:00 am Teacher's Breakfast	
SATURDAY:	7:00 am Men's Bible Study 8:30 am Serving Saints 1:30 pm Parent's Day Out	7:00 am Men's Bible Study 10:00 am Food Network Christmas
Elder On Call	scottkennedy@chattvalleypca.com	
Deacon On Call	joshhenry@chattvalleypca.com	
Overflow	R. Collins/D. Leavengood Growth Group	A. Leavengood/G. Collins Growth Group
Youth Group	Youth Group in the Gym	Youth Group in the Gym
Nursery: Sunday School	No Sunday School	No Sunday School
Nursery: Worship	Audrey Townes, Rob Chaplin, Vicki Granberry, Maddy Louis	David Marr, April Bruce, Lucie Chaplin, Andrew Chaplin

**Sunday School will resume on January 14th.*

BB65 I Wonder as I Wander

JJ. Niles/arr.Finch

♩ = 60 Gm⁷ F/G Gm⁷

1. I won-der as I wan-der out un-der the sky, How Je - sus the Sav - ior did
 2. When Ma - ry birthed Je - sus, 'twas in a cow's stall, With wisemen and far-mers and
 3. If Je - sus had__ want-ed for an - y wee thing, A star in the sky, or a
 4. I won-der as I wan-der out un-der the sky, How Je - sus the Sav - ior did

4 Gm⁷ F/G

come for to die; For poor on - 'ry peo-ple like you and like I... I___
 shep-herds and all. But high from God's heav-en a star's light did fall, And the
 bird on the wing, Or all of God's an-gels in heav'n for to sing, He___
 come for to die; For poor on - 'ry peo-ple like you and like I... I___

7 Gm⁷ F/G

won - der as I wan - der, out__ un - der the sky._____
 prom - ise of the a - ges it__ then did re - call._____
 sure - ly could have had it 'cause he was the King._____
 won - der as I wan - der, out__ un - der the sky._____