



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 10, 2023

Liturgist: Scott Kennedy | Sermon: Dennis Louis

Worship Leader: Joe Staven

***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, how majestic is your name! From the rising of the sun to its setting your name is to be praised, merciful God and gracious Lord. For You have promised that where two or three of us are gathered in Your name, You would be with us and our prayer would be heard. Christ is the revelation of Your wisdom, the outpouring of Your glory, the incarnation of Your mercy toward us, and the only hope for every tribe and every tongue. By Your Holy Spirit cause us to rise in praise. To You be all the glory, all blessing, and all the honor; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, One God, now and evermore. Amen.

Welcome and Greeting

Meditation: Second Advent Reading | The Caprine Family

Isaiah 40:1-8; Lighting of the Bethlehem Candle; Luke 1:76-80.

***Call to Worship: Psalm 5:8-12**

L: Lead me, O Lord, in your righteousness because of my enemies; make your way straight before me.

ALL: For there is no truth in their mouth; their inmost self is destruction; their throat is an open grave; they flatter with their tongue.

L: Make them bear their guilt, O God; let them fall by their own counsels; because of the abundance of their transgressions cast them out, for they have rebelled against you.

ALL: But let all who take refuge in you rejoice; let them ever sing for joy, and spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may exult in you.

** Please stand as you are able.*

L: For you bless the righteous, O Lord;

ALL: You cover him with favor as with a shield.

L: This is the Word of the Lord!

ALL: Thanks be to God!

***Song of Adoration: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel | 194**

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

2. O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height, in ancient times didst give the law in cloud and majesty and awe. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

3. O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free thine own from Satan's tyranny; from depths of hell thy people save, and give them victory over the grave. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

4. O come, thou Dayspring from on high, and cheer us by thy drawing nigh; disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

5. O come, thou Key of David, come and open wide our heavenly home; make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

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.

Public Reception of Members: Ethan Fox, The Hill Family

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

Series Title: Four Christmas Carols

"Zechariah's Song" | Luke 1:67-80

***Song of Response: What Child Is This | 213**

1. What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping? Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping? This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing: haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

2. Why lies he in such mean estate, where ox and ass are feeding? Good Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading. Nails, spear, shall pierce him through; the cross be borne for me, for you: hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary.

3. So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, peasant, king, to own him; the King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him. Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby: joy, joy for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary.

Prayers of the People

***Doxological Hymn: Blessed Jesus at Your Word | 303 (final stanza with Amen)**

4. Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, praise to you and adoration! Grant that we your Word may trust and obtain true consolation, while we here below must wander, will we sing your praises yonder. Amen.

Offertory Prayer, Offering, and Opportunities to Serve

***Sending Hymn: God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen | 211**

1. God rest you merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay, remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas day, to save us all from Satan's power when we were gone astray; O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy.

2. From God our heavenly Father, a blessed angel came; and unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same: how that in Bethlehem was born the son of God by name. O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy.

3. "Fear not, then," said the angel, "let nothing you affright; this day is born a Savior of a pure virgin bright, to free all those who trust in him from Satan's power and might." O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy.

4. The shepherds at those tidings rejoiced much in mind, and left their flocks a-feeding, in tempest, storm, and wind: and went to Bethlehem straightway, the Son of God to find. O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy.

***Benediction: Psalm 121:7-8**

The Lord shall preserve you from all evil: he shall preserve your soul. The Lord shall preserve your going out and your coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore... *so that all the people will say...*

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

Questions for Reflection: Read Luke 1:67-80

1. Imagine what it was like to know what Zechariah knew and not be able to talk about it for nine months. If you had been in his place, and you suddenly regained your ability to talk, what would you most want to say?

2. Zachariah emphasizes the visitation of Jesus Christ to his people. What are some of the ways God's people benefit from his visitation, according to Zechariah?

3. What will be the main differences between Jesus' first visitation (being born) and his second visitation (triumphant return)?

Today at CVPC

The **A. Leavengood/G. Collins Growth Group** is in Overflow
No Youth Group tonight.
Service of Lessons and Carols tonight at 5:00 pm in the gym.

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

Naoki Gilchrist | December 10
Doug Leavengood & Mario Carrillo | December 11
Krista Murphy | December 12
Jack Townes | December 16

Children's Lessons and Carols: Join us tonight at 5:00 pm in the church gym for a Lessons & Carols Service led by the children from Kid's Corner. Reception to follow. Bring a sweet *and* a salty dish to share.

Potluck Advent Breakfasts: Bring a breakfast dish to share next Sunday, December 17 at 9:00 am. Contact: Karen Leavengood for more information.

Food Network Christmas: Join us on December 16 at 10:00 am to hand out food boxes and celebrate with a small Christmas party at the Nazarene Church. Contact Marsha Davis for more information.

Caroling and Cocoa: Our annual caroling event is scheduled for Monday, December 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 homemade cookies to the church kitchen by noon on December 20. There is a sign-up sheet in the church foyer.

Candle Light Service: Join us for our Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols Service on Sunday, December 24 at 5:30 pm. Nursery is provided.

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 10-16	December 17-23
SUNDAY:	9:00 am Advent Breakfast 10:30 am Worship 5:00 pm Children's Lessons & Carols Service	9:00 am Advent Breakfast 10:30 am Worship
MONDAY:	4:30 pm Manse Reserved 5:30 pm Monday Night Music Recital	4:30 pm Manse Reserved 5:00 pm Cocoa and Caroling
TUESDAY:		
WEDNESDAY		12:00 pm Cookies for Villa Way
THURSDAY		
FRIDAY		
SATURDAY:	7:00 am Men's Bible Study	7:00 am Men's Bible Study
Elder On Call	scottkennedy@chattvalleypca.com	
Deacon On Call	joshhenry@chattvalleypca.com	
Overflow	A. Leavengood/G. Collins Growth Group	Voyles/Townes Growth Group
Youth Group	No Youth Group	No Youth Group
Nursery: Sunday School	No Sunday School	No Sunday School
Nursery: Worship	David Marr, April Bruce, Lucie Chaplin, Andrew Chaplin	Charlotte Tuma'e, Ruth Grady, Joe Moore, Allie Finch

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

