



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 17, 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 Lord, we pause to acknowledge your sovereign rule in the universe. In this advent season, we pray that you would help us to wait on your. The cares and frenetic patterns of this world have caused us to be distracted from the things that are important to you. In the name of Jesus, we humbly ask that your Holy Spirit would be pleased to work in and through us in these next moments so that we see Christ more clearly. Thank you for gathering us here today by your grace and because of your mercy. Amen.

Welcome and Greeting

Meditation: Third Advent Reading | The Ellis Family

Micah 5:1-5a; Lighting of the Shepherd's Candle; Matthew 2:1-6.

***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: O Come, All Ye Faithful | 208**

1. O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem; come and behold him born the King of angels; O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

2. God of God, Light of Light; lo, he abhors not the Virgin's womb; very God, begotten, not created; O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

3. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, sing, all ye citizens of heaven above; glory to God in the highest; O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning: Jesus, to thee be all glory given; Word of the Father, late in flesh appearing; O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

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

ALL: Forgive me, O Lord, for the times I have strayed from the warmth of Your light. I acknowledge the allure of fleeting pleasures that have led me astray, forsaking the enduring joy found only in communion with You. My tongue, at times a reckless force, has spoken words stained with anger and envy, neglecting its sacred purpose as a vessel for Your love. In my indifference, I have turned away from the suffering of my neighbors, failing to heed the call of compassion. I confess these shortcomings, seeking Your boundless mercy to cleanse and renew my spirit. May Your grace guide me from the shadows of sin and usher me towards the radiant embrace of Your eternal love. Amen.

(A time of silent confession.)

L: In the rich mercy of God, the shadows of sin yield to the brilliance of grace. Through Christ, our Redeemer, forgiveness flows like a gentle stream, cleansing the repentant heart. Fear not, for the Lord hears the contrite soul's confession, and in His love, grants forgiveness. Rejoice, O child of God, for in the confessions of the heart, redemption finds its home because of the light of God's unwavering love. Amen.

***Song of the Month: I Wonder as I Wander (See page 7.)**

Series Title: Four Christmas Carols

"The Angel's Song" | Luke 2:8-20

***Song of Response: Infant Holy, Infant Lowly | (See page 8.)**

The Sacrament of Communion

***Doxological Hymn: Angels from the Realms of Glory | 218 (final stanza with Amen)**

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.

Offertory Prayer, Offering, and Opportunities to Serve

***Sending Hymn: Angels We Have Heard on High | 214**

1. Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing over the plains, and the mountains in reply echo back their joyous strains. Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

2. Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong? Say what may the tidings be, which inspire your heavenly song? Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

3. Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing; come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King. Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

***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:

1. What good news did the angels bring to the shepherds? How was this good news for them and the world?

2. What does it mean to glorify God, not just with our lips, but with our lives?

3. What is significant about the sign they gave the shepherds (a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes lying in a manger)?

4. What were the different reactions to the birth of Christ? In what ways are they different and in what ways are they the same? How have you reacted to the good news of the gospel?

Today at CVPC

The **Voyles/Townes Growth Group** is in Overflow
No Youth Group tonight.

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

Asa Williams | December 17

Joseph Ibach | December 21

Andy Hansen | December 22

Caroling and Cocoa: Our annual caroling event is tomorrow night, 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.

Candlelight Service: Join us for our Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols Service on Sunday, December 24, at 5:30 pm.

Day of Prayer: Mark your calendars for February 2nd for a full day of prayer hosted here at the church. Details to come.

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 17-23	December 24-30
SUNDAY:	9:00 am Advent Breakfast 10:30 am Worship	10:30 am Worship 5:30 pm Candlelight Service
MONDAY:	4:30 pm Manse Reserved 5:00 pm Cocoa and Caroling	
TUESDAY:	10:00 am Staff Christmas Party 6:00 pm Session Meeting	
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	The Voyles/Townes Growth Group	The Finch & Marr Growth Groups
Youth Group	No Youth Group	No Youth Group
Nursery: Sunday School	No Sunday School	No Sunday School
Nursery: Worship	Charlotte Tuma'e, Ruth Grady, Joe Moore, Allie Finch	Charlie Brown, Barb Michal, Halee Cowan, Roger Collins

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

216 Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

arr. Finch
Stanzas 3 & 4 by Finch

♩ = 96

G(sus4) G D(sus4) D Bm D G(sus4) G



1. In - fant ho - ly, in - fant low - ly for his bed a cat - tle stall; ox - en
2. Flocks were sleep - ing: shep - herds keep - ing vig - il till the morn - ing new; saw the
3. Christ of glo - ry, we im - plo - re thee; make us live as un - to thee. By your
4. Praise the Fa - ther who has known us e'vn be - fore the world was made; Praise the

6 G(sus4) G D(sus4) D Bm D G(sus4) G C(add2) C



low - ing, lit - tle know - ing Christ the babe, is Lord of all. Swift are wing - ing an - gels
glo - ry, heard the sto - ry, tid - ings of a gos - pel true. Thus re - joic - ing, free from
Spir - it, pure and ho - ly, give us true hu - mil - i - ty. Grant us faith filled with com
Son He free - ly sent us as an act of sov - reign grace; Praise the Spir - it who was

11 D(add2) D Em(add2) Em D(sus4) D



sing - ing, no - els ring - ing, tid - ings bring - ing: Christ the
sor - row, prais - es voic - ing, greet the mor - row: Christ the
pas - sion. Lend us hope to show the na - tions; "Christ, in
giv - en as the seal of our re - demp - tion; Praise the

14 Bm D Em(add2) Em Bm D G(sus4) G(add2) G



babe is Lord of all. Christ the babe is Lord of all. _____
babe was born for you, Christ the babe was born for you. _____
love, has come for you." Christ, in love, has come for you." _____
Tri - une LORD of all. Praise the Tri - une LORD of all. _____