



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 24, 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**

King of the universe, we bow humbly before your throne in heaven. Rather than using your power against us as your enemies because of our sin, you have instead chosen to exert your strength on our behalf in Christ Jesus' life, death and resurrection. We give you thanks for your Holy Spirit who has promised to work in and through us in this hour. Bring glory to your name and restore us as we worship your holy name. Amen.

Welcome and Greeting

Meditation: Forth Advent Reading | The Hill Family

Isaiah 61:1-3; Lighting of the Angel's Candle; Luke 4:14-22.

***Call to Worship: Psalm 96:7-13**

L: Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength! Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts!

ALL: Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth! Say among the nations, "The Lord reigns! Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity."

L: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the field exult, and everything in it! Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy before the Lord, for he comes, for he comes to judge the earth.

ALL: He will judge the world in righteousness, and the peoples in his faithfulness.

L: This is the Word of the Lord!

ALL: Thanks be to God!

** Please stand as you are able.*

***Song of Adoration: On Christmas Night All Christians Sing | 227**

1. On Christmas night all Christians sing, to hear the news the angels bring; on Christmas night all Christians sing, to hear the news the angels bring: news of great joy, news of great mirth, news of our merciful King's birth.
2. Then why should we on earth be sad, since our Redeemer made us glad: then why should we on earth be sad, since our Redeemer made us glad: when from our sin he set us free, all for to gain our liberty.
3. When sin departs before Your grace, then life and health come in its place; when sin departs before Your grace, then life and health come in its place; angels and men with joy may sing, all for to see the new-born King.
4. All out of darkness we have light which made the angels sing this night; all out of darkness we have light which made the angels sing this night: "Glory to God and peace to men, now and forevermore. Amen."

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.

Sacrament of Baptism: Melody & Theo Ibach, and Zion Kennedy

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

Series Title: Four Christmas Carols

"Simeon's Song" | Luke 2:25-35

***Song of Response: You Shall Go Out with Joy | (See page 8.)**

***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.

Offertory Prayer, Offering, and Opportunities to Serve

***Sending Hymn: Good Christian Men, Rejoice | 207**

1. Good Christian men, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice; give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today; earth and heaven before him bow, and he is in the manger now. Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

2. Good Christian men, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice; now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this! He hath opened heaven's door, and man is blessed evermore. Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

3. Good Christian men, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice; now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save! Calls you one and calls you all to gain his everlasting hall. Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

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

Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Savior, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.... *so that all the people will say...*

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

Questions for Reflection:

1. What was the “consolation of Israel” that Simeon was waiting for?
2. Why was Simeon ready to "depart in peace?"
3. In what ways is peace both an objective reality and a subjective reality?
4. What would you need (material goods and situation) to be at peace in your life? How does the gospel bring peace to our lives?

Today at CVPC

The **Finch and Marr Growth Groups** are in Overflow.
No Youth Group tonight.

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

Cate Voyles | December 27

Candlelight Service: Join us tonight for our Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols Service at 5:30 pm. Nursery will be provided.

Church Town Hall: Please join us at 9:00 am, Sunday, January 14th for our church's annual meeting to approve the 2023 budget.

Sunday School: On January 21st at 9:00 am we will resume Sunday school with classes offered for all.

Day of Prayer: Mark your calendars for February 2 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 24-30	December 31 - January 6
SUNDAY:	10:30 am Worship 5:30 pm Candlelight Service	10:30 am Worship 5:00 pm Youth Group
MONDAY:		4:30 pm Manse Reserved 5:30 pm Monday Night Music
TUESDAY:		
WEDNESDAY		
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 Finch & Marr Growth Groups	The Chaplin Growth Group
Youth Group	No Youth Group	Youth Group in the Gym
Nursery: Sunday School	No Sunday School	No Sunday School
Nursery: Worship	Charlie Brown, Barb Michal, Halee Cowan, Roger Collins	Pam Kennedy, Ethan Kennedy, Lou Schimpf, Maggie Gregory

**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._____

BB 011 You Shall Go Out with Joy

Isaiah 55:12

S.Dauermann/arr. Staven/Finch

Em Em Em Em G

You shall go out with joy— and be led forth with peace.— The moun-tains and the

7 C Cmaj7 D B7 Em Em Em

hills will break forth be-fore you There'll be shouts of joy— and all the trees of the

13 Em G Am7 Em/B B7 Em Am/E Em G C G

fields will clap, will clap their hands!— And all the trees of the fields will

20 D D G/D D Em D G

clap their hands,— the trees of the fields will clap their hands,— the

26 G C G D D

trees of the fields will clap their hands,— while

30 G Am7 Em/B B7 Em Am/E

you go out with joy!—