



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 4, 2022

Liturgist: Brad Voyles | Sermon: Rev. 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; a world without end. Amen! Amen!

Invocation

L: O God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. We praise your name for your first advent that has shown to us the intensity of your love and devotion to your people in all times and places. Though we were dead in our trespasses and sins you came to rescue us. We give you thanks for the gift of your eternal Spirit who has drawn us by grace together today. Do your good work within us in this hour to the praise of your glorious name. Amen.

Welcome and Greeting

Advent II Meditation | Readers: Mario & Yvette Carrillo

Genesis 12:1-9: Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD,

who had appeared to him. From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD. And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

Galatians 3:10-14: For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, “Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them.” Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for “The righteous shall live by faith.” But the law is not of faith, rather “The one who does them shall live by them.” Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree”— so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.

Call to Worship: Psalm 24

L: The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein, for he has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.

ALL: Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place?

L: He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully.

ALL: He will receive blessing from the Lord and righteousness from the God of his salvation. Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

L: Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

ALL: Who is this King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle!

L: Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

ALL: Who is this King of glory?

L: The Lord of hosts,

ALL: he is the King of glory!

L: This is the Word of the Lord!

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Song of Adoration: 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 heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n 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.

Prayer of Adoration & The Lord's Prayer

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: O God, we are stunned by your patience with us as your children. There have been times this past week when we have lost sight of you. We have fallen short of your glory by not heeding your commands in thought, word and deed. We need your forgiveness and renewal. Restore to us the joy of our salvation so that we may praise you and give heartfelt thanks.

(Time for silent confession.)

L: Beloved children of God, Christ Jesus lived in your place and died in your place. The wages of sin have been paid and your debt is canceled. The Father sees you in Christ and you are free to cheerfully obey because you have been made new in Him. Praise God for His indescribable gift.

Song of the Month: Infant Holy, Infant Lowly (See page 8.)

Sermon: "Divine Justice"

Word: Esther 6:14–7:10

Song of Response: Lo, How a Rose is Ever Blooming | 221

1. Lo, how a rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung, of Jesse's lineage coming, as men of old have sung. It came, a flow'ret bright, amid the cold of winter, when half-spent was the night.
2. Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the rose I have in mind; with Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind. To show God's love aright, she bore to men a Savior, when half-spent was the night.
- 3 The shepherds heard the story, proclaimed by angels bright, how Christ, the Lord of glory, was born on earth this night. To Bethlehem, they sped and in the manger found him, as angel heralds said.
4. This flow'r, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air, dispels with glorious splendor the darkness ev'rywhere. True man, yet very God; from sin and death he saves us and lightens ev'ry load.
5. O Savior, child of Mary, who felt our human woe; O Savior, King of glory, who dost our weakness know, bring us at length, we pray, to the bright courts of heaven and to the endless day.

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. Amen.

Offertory Prayer, Offering, & Opportunities to Serve

Sending Hymn: Angels We Have Heard on High | 214

1. Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains, and the mountains in reply, echo back their joyous strains.

Refrain: 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 heav'nly song? (Refrain)

3. Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing; come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King. (Refrain)

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: Esther 6:14–7:10

1. What effect did the power of sin have on Haman's life? (Read Esther chapter 3-6 for context.)

2. How does the wrath of King Ahasuerus against Haman (Esther 7:7 and 10) reflect the wrath of God against sin?

3. How did the birth, death, burial, and resurrection of Christ address the wrath of God and our sin?

Today at CVPC

The **Leavengood/Collins Growth Group** is in Overflow this week.
The **Youth Christmas Party** will be today at 4:30pm.

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

Kate Bruce | December 4

Lynn Duble | December 5

Vicki Granberry | December 7

Doug Leavengood & Rodney Buchanan | December 11

Advent Breakfasts: Join us each Sunday leading up to Christmas at 9:00am in the church gym for our annual Advent Breakfasts hosted by various groups.

*December 11 | Men host

*December 18 | Potluck

Bring a breakfast casserole or dish to share on Dec. 18. See Karen Leavengood with any questions.

Lessons & Carols Service with

Reception: Join us Sunday, Dec. 11 at 5:00pm in the church gym for a Lessons & Carols Service led by the Children's Choir with a reception to follow. Please bring a salty and sweet item to share. See Liz Topping with any questions.

Visitors, we invite you to connect with CVPC!

Scan this code with your phone's camera. You'll connect to CVPC's ChurchConnect site.



Caroling, Cocoa, & Cookies: Ready to spread some Christmas cheer? Join us Sunday, December 18 at 5:00pm for Cocoa and Caroling. We will meet up at the church and divide into groups to head out and carol and spread some Christmas cheer. We will then meet back at the church for cocoa and cookies. Have a favorite cookie or treat to share? Feel free to bring it, or just yourself as we will have some treats on hand. See Karen Leavengood with any questions.

Christmas Eve Service: On Christmas Eve at 5:30pm, we will have our traditional Lessons and Carol service. Historically, this is an evangelistic service designed to teach those unfamiliar with Christianity the true message of Christmas through song and scripture reading. We ask that you please invite friends, members of your family, and neighbors to join us for this wonderful service as we are reminded of the fall of man and the promise and the birth of the Messiah.

Upcoming at CVPC

	December 5-11	December 12-18
Monday	3PM: Monday Music 4PM: Manse Reserved 7PM: Middle School Boys Bible Study 7:30PM: Diaconate Meeting	3PM: Monday Music 4PM: Manse Reserved 7PM: Middle School Boys Bible Study
Tuesday	7PM: WLT Meeting	8PM: Staff Meeting
Wednesday	6PM: Young Adult Fellowship Time	6PM: Young Adult Fellowship Time
Thursday	10AM: Women's Bible Study	10AM: Women's Bible Study
Friday		
Saturday	7AM: Men's Bible Study 10AM: Food Network	7AM: Men's Bible Study
Sunday	9AM: Advent Breakfast 10:30AM: Worship 5PM: Lessons & Carols Service with Reception	9AM: Advent Breakfast 10:30AM: Worship 5PM: Caroling, Cocoa, & Cookies
Elder on Call	bradvoyles@chattvalleypca.com	
Deacon On Call	garethjones@chattvalleypca.com	
Overflow	Voyles/Townes GG	Finch & Marr
Greeters	Duiett Family	Fennema Family
Youth	No Youth Group	No Youth Group
Nursery: SS	No Sunday School	No Sunday School
Nursery: Worship	Joe Moore, Micheal Fennema, & Maddy Louis	Lou Schimpf, Charlotte Thomas, & Allie Finch

216 Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

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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. _____