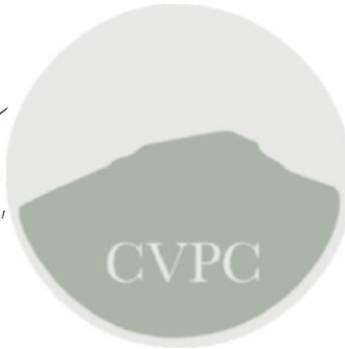


Vision

To see lives transformed
through following Jesus.

Mission

Making disciples
through worship,
fellowship &
service.



Values

Worship,
Word,
Compassion &
Community

Chattanooga Valley Presbyterian Church

Order of Worship

September 5, 2021

Liturgist: Brad Voyles | Sermon: Rev. Dennis Louis | Lead Musician: Scott Finch

Meditation: Daniel 4:34-37

Reader: Jennifer Finch

At the end of the days I, Nebuchadnezzar, lifted my eyes to heaven, and my reason returned to me, and I blessed the Most High, and praised and honored him who lives forever, for his dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom endures from generation to generation; all the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing, and he does according to his will among the host of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth; and none can stay his hand or say to him, "What have you done?" At the same time my reason returned to me, and for the glory of my kingdom, my majesty and splendor returned to me. My counselors and my lords sought me, and I was established in my kingdom, and still more greatness was added to me. Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and extol and honor the King of heaven, for all his works are right and his ways are just; and those who walk in pride he is able to humble.

Call To Worship: Psalm 102:12-22

L: You, O Lord, are enthroned forever; you are remembered throughout all generations.

ALL: You will arise and have pity on Zion; it is the time to favor her; the appointed time has come.

L: For your servants hold her stones dear and have pity on her dust. Nations will fear the name of the Lord, and all the kings of the earth will fear your glory.

ALL: For the Lord builds up Zion; he appears in his glory; he regards the prayer of the destitute and does not despise their prayer.

L: Let this be recorded for a generation to come, so that a people yet to be created may praise the Lord: that he looked down from his holy height; from heaven the Lord looked at the earth,

ALL: To hear the groans of the prisoners, to set free those who were doomed to die,

L: that they may declare in Zion the name of the Lord, and in Jerusalem his praise,

ALL: when peoples gather together, and kingdoms, to worship the Lord.

L: This is the Word of the LORD!

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Opening Hymn: Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise | 38

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes, most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

2. Unresting, unhasting and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might; thy justice like mountains high soaring above thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

3. Great Father of glory, pure Father of light, thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight; all praise we would render; O help us to see 'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

Pastoral Prayer Followed by 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.

Responsive Reading of Psalm 145

L: I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever. Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.

ALL: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable. One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.

L: On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate. They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds, and I will declare your greatness.

ALL: They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of your righteousness. The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

L: The Lord is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made. All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your saints shall bless you!

ALL: They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power, to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

L: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations. The Lord is faithful in all his words and kind in all his works.

ALL: The Lord upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down. The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season.

L: You open your hand; you satisfy the desire of every living thing. The Lord is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works. The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

ALL: He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; he also hears their cry and saves them. The Lord preserves all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy.

L: My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord,

ALL: And let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.

Song of the Month: We Will Feast in the House of Zion (See Back Page)

Sermon: "Our Living Hope"

Word: 1 Peter 1:1-12

1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who are elect exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, **2** according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood: May grace and peace be multiplied to you. **3** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, **4** to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, **5** who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. **6** In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, **7** so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. **8** Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, **9** obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls. **10** Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched and inquired carefully, **11** inquiring what person or time[a] the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories. **12** It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in the things that have now been announced to you through those who preached the good news to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, things into which angels long to look.

Hymn of Response: My Hope is in the Lord | 523

1. My hope is in the Lord who gave himself for me, and paid the price of all my sin at Calvary.

Refrain: For me he died, for me he lives, and everlasting life and light he freely gives.

2. No merit of my own his anger to suppress, my only hope is found in Jesus' righteousness. *(Refrain)*

3. And now for me he stands before the Father's throne. He shows his wounded hands, and names me as his own. *(Refrain)*

4. His grace has planned it all, 'tis mine but to believe, and recognize his work of love and Christ receive. *(Refrain)*

Prayers of the People

Doxological Hymn: Praise the Savior Now and Ever | 243

1. Praise the Savior now and ever; praise him, all beneath the skies;
prostrate lying, suff'ring, dying on the cross, a sacrifice.
Vict'ry gaining, life obtaining, now in glory he doth rise.
2. Man's work faileth, Christ's availeth; he is all our righteousness;
he, our Savior, has forever set us free from dire distress.
Through his merit we inherit light and peace and happiness.
3. Sin's bonds severed, we're delivered; Christ has bruised the serpent's head;
death no longer is the stronger; hell itself is captive led.
Christ has risen from death's prison; o'er the tomb he light has shed.
4. For his favor, praise for ever unto God the Father sing;
praise the Savior, praise him ever, Son of God, our Lord and King.
Praise the Spirit; through Christ's merit he doth us salvation bring.

Offertory Prayer, Offering, & Opportunities to Serve

The Sending Hymn: Loved With Everlasting Love | 703

1. Loved with everlasting love, drawn by grace that love to know, Spirit went from Christ
above, thou dost witness it is so. O this full and precious peace from his presence all
divine; in a love that cannot cease, I am his and he is mine; in a love that cannot cease,
I am his and he is mine.
2. Heav'n above is deeper blue, earth around is sweeter green, that which glows in every
hue Christ-less eyes have never seen. Birds in song his glories show, flow'rs with richer
beauties shine since I know, as now I know, I am his and he is mine; since I know, as now I
know, I am his and he is mine.
3. Taste the goodness of the Lord: welcomed home to his embrace, all his love as blood
out-poured seals the pardon of his grace. Can I doubt his love for me, when I trace that
love's design? By the cross of Calvary I am his and he is mine. By the cross of Calvary
I am his and he is mine.
4. His forever, only his - who the Lord and me shall part? Ah, with what a rest of bliss
Christ can fill the loving heart. Heav'n and earth may fade and flee, first-born light in
gloom decline, but while God and I shall be, I am his and he is mine; but while God and I
shall be, I am his and he is mine.

Benediction: 1 Thessalonians 5:23

And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ... *so that all the peoples will say...*

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

Questions for Reflection: 1 Peter 1:1-12

1. What bearing does John 21:15-17 have on how Peter executes his duties as an Apostle of Jesus Christ?
2. Peter is writing to the "elect exiles" (1 Peter 1:1a). Read 1 Peter 2:9-12 and 5:12-14 and write down what you think he means by "elect exiles."
3. In what ways are we elect exiles?
4. How does 1 Peter 1:2 bring added significance that we are elect exiles?
5. What does it mean to be "born again" (1 Peter 1:3)? Read John 3:3-21 for additional context.
6. The two blessings of being born again are that we have a living hope and an inheritance. How would you explain the blessing of our living hope and our inheritance?
7. How can we have hope in the midst of suffering (1 Peter 1:6-9)?

Please join CVPC in wishing a Happy Birthday to the following church family!

Abram Wallick | Sept. 2
Jocelyn Finch | Sept. 3
Doug Sikkema | Sept. 4
Paulette Davis & Oliver Kennedy | Sept. 8
Anna Marr | Sept. 16
Hattie Wallick | Sept. 17

Halee Cowan | Sept 18
Barbara Campbell | Sept. 24
Rheba Vetter | Sept. 24
Allie Finch | Sept. 25
Scott Kennedy | Sept. 26
Anna Staven | Sept. 27

CVPC would like to wish a Happy Anniversary to Chad and Danida Dukes!

Coming Up at CVPC

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	Week of 9/6-9/12	Week of 9/13-9/19
MONDAY	4:30PM: Manse Reserved 6PM: ACA Meeting (Gym)	3PM: Monday Music 4:30PM: Manse Reserved 6PM: ACA Meeting (Gym) 7:30PM: Diaconate Meeting (Manse)
TUESDAY	7PM: WLT Meeting (Manse)	8PM: Staff Meeting (Virtual)
WEDNESDAY	10AM: Women's Bible Study 5:30PM: Chaplin/Staven/Wallick GG 6PM: Voyles/Townes GG 6PM: Louis GG 6PM: Women's Bible Study	10AM: Women's Bible Study 5:30PM: Chaplin/Staven/Wallick GG 6PM: Voyles/Townes GG 6PM: Louis GG 6PM: Women's Bible Study
THURSDAY	6PM: Gym Reserved 6PM: Kennedy GG	6PM: Kennedy GG 6:30PM: Marr GG
FRIDAY		
SATURDAY	7 & 8:30AM: Men's Study & Discipleship 8AM: Serving Saints Ministry 10AM: Food Network 6PM: Finch/Henry GG	7 & 8:30AM: Men's Study & Discipleship 4PM: Young Adult Dinner (Gym)
SUNDAY	9AM: Sunday School 10:30AM: Worship 5PM: Leavengood/Collins GG 5PM: Youth	9AM: Sunday School 10:30AM: Worship 5PM: Leavengood/Collins GG 5PM: Youth
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Greeters	Leavengood (D) Family	Leavengood Family
Youth	Youth at Church	Youth at Church
Nursery: SS	J. Finch	L. Chaplin
Nursery:Worship	R. Chaplin, M. Fennema & Sy. Ibach	J. Moore, D. Marr & A. Finch

BB 047 We Will Feast in the House of Zion

arr. Finch

Refrain G G/E C G Em D C Am⁷ D(sus⁴) D

We will feast in the house of Zi - on. We will sing with our hearts re - stored He has

5 G G/E C G Em D C G/D D G G(sus⁴)

done great things we will say to - ge - ther. We will feast and weep no more.

10 G C Em C D

1. We will not be burned by the fire, He is the LORD our
 2. In the dark of night be - fore the dawn, my soul be not a -
 3. Ev - 'ry vow we've bro - ken and be trayed, You are the faith - ful

14 Em C Em

God. We are not con - sumed by the flood, up -
 fraid, for the pro - mised mor - ning, O how long! O
 One! and_ from the gar - den to the grave, bind

17 C D Em D/F# D

held, pro - tect - ed, ga - thered up.
 God of Ja - cob be _____ my strength.
 us to - ge - ther; bring _____ sha - lom. Final Refrain 2x