Vision

To see lives transformed through following Jesus.



Chattanooga Valley Presbyterian Church October 10, 2021 Order of Worship

Liturgist: David Marr | Sermon: Rev. Dennis Louis | Worship Leader: Scott Finch

Meditation: Psalm 33:10-22 | Reader: Russ Lynch

The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; he frustrates the plans of the peoples. The counsel of the Lord stands forever, the plans of his heart to all generations. Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage! The Lord looks down from heaven; he sees all the children of man; from where he sits enthroned he looks out on all the inhabitants of the earth, he who fashions the hearts of them all and observes all their deeds. The king is not saved by his great army; a warrior is not delivered by his great strength. The war horse is a false hope for salvation, and by its great might it cannot rescue. Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love, that he may deliver their soul from death and keep them alive in famine. Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and our shield. For our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name. Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

Call To Worship: Psalm 33:1-9

L: Shout for joy in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright.

ALL: Give thanks to the Lord with the lyre; make melody to him with the harp of ten strings!

L: Sing to him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

ALL: For the word of the Lord is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness.

L: He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.

ALL: By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, and by the breath of his mouth all their host.

L: He gathers the waters of the sea as a heap; he puts the deeps in storehouses.

ALL: Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him! For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm.

L: This is the Word of the LORD.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Opening Hymn: Exalt the LORD His Praise Proclaim | 12

- 1. Exalt the Lord, his praise proclaim; all ye his servants, praise his name, who in the Lord's house ever stand and humbly serve at his command. The Lord is good, his praise proclaim; since it is pleasant, praise his name; his people for his own he takes and his peculiar treasure makes.
- 2. I know the Lord is high in state, above all gods our Lord is great; the Lord performs what he decrees, in heav'n and earth, in depths and seas. He makes the vapors to ascend in clouds from earth's remotest end; the lightnings flash at his command; he holds the tempest in his hand.
- 3. Exalt the Lord, his praise proclaim; all ye his servants, praise his name, who in the Lord's house ever stand and humbly serve at his command. Forever praise and bless his name, and in the church his praise proclaim; in Zion is his dwelling place; praise ye the Lord, show forth his grace.

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.

Testimonies of the People

Song of Preparation: Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken

- 1. Jesus, I my cross have taken. All to leave and follow thee.

 Naked, poor, despised, forsaken, thou from hence my all shalt be.

 Perish, every fond ambition, all I've sought, and hoped, and known.

 Yet how rich is my condition! God and Heav'n are still mine own!
- 2. Let the world despise and leave me, they have left my Savior, too. Human hearts and looks deceive me; thou art not, like them, untrue. And while thou dost smile upon me, God of wisdom, love and might, foes may hate and friends disown me, show thy face, and all is bright.
- 3. Man may trouble and distress me, 'twill but drive me to thy breast. Life with trials hard may press me; heav'n will bring me sweeter rest. Oh, 'tis not in grief to harm me while thy love is left to me. Oh, 'twere not in joy to charm me, were that joy unmixed with thee.
- 4. Soul, then know thy full salvation; rise o'er sin, and fear, and care. Joy to find in every station, something still to do or bear. Think what Spirit dwells within thee; think what a Father's smile is thine; think that Jesus died to win thee—Child of Heaven, canst thou repine.

Sermon: "For the Lord's Sake"

Word: 1 Peter 2:13-25

13 Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, 14 or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. 15 For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. 16 Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. 17 Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor. 18 Servants, be subject to your masters with all respect, not only to the good and gentle but also to the unjust. 19 For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. 20 For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. 21 For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. 22 He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. 23 When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not

threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. **24** He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. **25** For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Hymn of Response: Father, I Know that All My Life | 559

- 1. Father, I know that all my life is portioned out for me; the changes that are sure to come, I do not fear to see: I ask thee for a present mind, intent on pleasing thee.
- 2. I would not have the restless will that hurries to and fro, seeking for some great thing to do, or secret thing to know; I would be treated as a child, and guided where I go.
- 3. I ask thee for the daily strength, to none that ask denied, a mind to blend with outward life, while keeping at thy side, content to fill a little space, if thou be glorified.
- 4. In service which thy will appoints there are no bonds for me; my secret heart is taught the truth that makes thy children free; a life of self-renouncing love is one of liberty.

Prayers of the People

Doxological Hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy | 100

- 1. Holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!
- 2. Holy, holy! All the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.
- 3. Holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee, though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see, only thou art holy; there is none beside thee perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.
- 4. Holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea. Holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity! Amen.

Offertory Prayer, Offering, & Opportunities to Serve

The Sending Hymn: Praise Him, Praise Him | 173

1. Praise him! praise him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer! Sing, O earth, his wonderful love proclaim! Hail him! highest archangels in glory; strength and honor give to his holy name! Like a shepherd, Jesus will guard his children, in his arms he carries them all day long:

Refrain: Praise him! Praise him! Tell of his excellent greatness; praise him! Praise Him! Ever in joyful song!

2. Praise him! praise him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer! For our sins he suffered and bled and died; he our Rock, our hope of eternal salvation, hail him! hail him! Jesus the Crucified.

Sound his praises! Jesus who bore our sorrows, love unbounded, wonderful, deep, and strong: (Refrain)

3. Praise him! praise him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer! Heav'nly portals loud with hosannas ring! Jesus, Savior, reigneth forever and ever; crown him! crown him! Prophet and Priest and King! Christ is coming! over the world victorious, pow'r and glory unto the Lord belong: (*Refrain*)

Benediction: Romans 15:5-6

May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father 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 2:13-25

Read 1 Peter chapter 2 and answer the following questions

- 1. What is the connection between Peter's comments in chapter 2:1-12 and 13-25? In other words, why tell them who they are, give them a sense of their calling, and then give them practical applications?
- 2. Peter's exhortation to be subject to every human institution for the Lord's sake raises two important questions: What does "be subject" mean and why is it for the Lord's sake?
- 3. Is the call to subject in vs. 13 and vs. 18 a call to blind obedience? What is the responsibility of the Government according to Peter (1 Peter 2:14)?
- 4. How would the exhortations to do good and live as free people be a source of encouragement to the people in Peter's day?
- 5. Peter calls on his readers to endure unjust suffering under a harsh master. How would this exhortation translate to our current cultural moment?
- 6. Peter grounds our suffering at the hands of the Government and wicked bosses in Christ. How did Christ suffer and how are we to suffer like him?
- 7. In our current climate of divisiveness, mistrust of Government and institutions, mass exodus from the workforce, and secularism what principles do we find in 1 Peter 2:13-25 that would serve as a roadmap for Christians to navigate our current context?

Today at CVPC:

Youth Group: No Youth Group today due to Fall Break. The **Kennedy Growth Group** will be in the overflow room.

Announcements:

Children's Choir: Our CVPC Children's Chorus will begin rehearsing on Sunday, October 17 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall/Morse Room. This will continue each Sunday until December 12 when we have our Lessons & Carols. All children K-5th are invited to participate; younger children may participate with the aid of a parent. We will not rehearse on: Nov. 28. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns please contact Scott Finch.

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

Please join CVPC in wishing a Happy Birthday for the month of October:

Pam Kennedy | Oct. 6
Becky Chaplin & Hanna Dukes | Oct. 9
Andrew Leavengood | Oct. 10
Lou Schimpf & Aiden Kennedy | Oct. 13
Ethan Kennedy | Oct. 20
Joe Moore | Oct. 23
Daniel Sterkel | Oct. 26
Jim Richter | Oct. 27
Danida Dukes | Oct. 28
Anne Marr | Oct. 29

CVPC would like to wish a Happy Anniversary to Travis & Ashlee Wallick and also to Ken & Theresa Heet!

Coming Up at CVPC

If you have questions or for more information, please contact the secretary at 706-820-2833 or via email at secretary@chattvalleypca.com

	Week of: 10/11-10/17 (Fall Break)	Week of: 10/18-10/24
MONDAY	3PM: Monday Music 4:30PM: Manse Reserved 6PM: ACA Meeting (Gym) 7PM: Diaconate Meeting	3PM: Monday Music 4:30PM: Manse Reserved 6PM: ACA Meeting (Gym) 6:30PM Leadership Training (Louis Home)
TUESDAY	8PM: Staff Meeting	TVP Stated Meeting
WEDNESDAY	10AM: Women's Bible Study 5:30PM: Chaplin/S/W GG 6PM: Voyles/Townes GG 6PM: Women's Bible Study (Schimpf Home)	10AM: Women's Bible Study 5:30PM: Chaplin/S/W GG 6PM: Voyles/Townes GG 6PM: Louis GG 6PM: Women's Bible Study (Schimpf Home)
THURSDAY	6PM: Kennedy GG	6PM: Trail Life 6PM: Kennedy GG 6:30: Marr GG
FRIDAY		
SATURDAY	7 & 8:30 AM: Men's Study & Discipleship	7 & 8:30 AM: Men's Study & Discipleship 9AM: Leadership Training (CVPC) 10AM: Food Network 6PM: Finch/Henry Growth Group 5:30PM: Youth Oktoberfest (Lynches)
SUNDAY	9AM: Sunday School 10:30AM: Worship 5PM: Leavengood/Collins GG 5PM: Youth Group 5:30PM: Children's Choir	9AM: Sunday School 10:30AM: Worship 5PM: Leavengood/Collins GG 5PM: Youth Group 5:30PM: Children's Choir
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Overflow	Leavengood/Collins Voyles/Townes	Finch Chaplin/S/W
Greeters	Moore Family	Radmacher Family
Youth	Fall Break: No Youth	Youth at Church
Nursery: SS	L. Chaplin	J. Ragland
Nursery: Worship	A. Townes, B.Michal & L.Jones	V. Granberry, S. Kennedy & I Kennedy