Vision

To see lives transformed through following Jesus.



# Chattanooga Valley Presbyterian Church

Order of Worship October 31, 2021

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

# Meditation: Hebrews 11:8-26 | Reader: Josh Henry

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore. These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

# Call to Worship: Nahum 2:4, Psalm 97:10-12

L: Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him,

ALL: but the righteous shall live by his faith.

L: Therefore, O you who love the Lord, hate evil! He preserves the lives of his saints;

ALL: He delivers them from the hand of the wicked.

L: Light is sown for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart.

ALL: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name!

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.

# Elder Reading and Prayer for the Global Church | Rob Chaplin

Leader: What do we believe about living by Scripture alone as our guide for life—Sola Scriptura?

ALL: That Scripture alone is the highest authority and is God's direct disclosure of himself giving us all that we need to know unto salvation.

L: What do we believe about living by faith alone as a precious and peerless gift from God—Sola Fide?

ALL: That faith is the only instrument by which we know God, receive forgiveness, and understand his Word. Faith is a gift given by the Holy Spirit.

L: Let us pray.

# Hymn of Confession: Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation | 343

- 1. Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone, chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one; holy Zion's help forever, and her confidence alone.
- 2. All that dedicated city, dearly loved of God on high, in exultant jubilation pours perpetual melody; God the One in Three adoring in glad hymns eternally.
- 3. To this temple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of hosts, today: with thy wonted loving-kindness hear thy people as they pray; and thy fullest benediction shed within its walls alway.
- 4. Here vouchsafe to all thy servants what they ask of thee to gain, what they gain from thee forever with the blessed to retain, and hereafter in thy glory evermore with thee to reign.
- 5. Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son, laud and honor to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One, One in might, and One in glory, while unending ages run. AMEN!

## **Elder Reading and Prayer for the Tennessee Valley Presbytery | Brad Voyles**

L: What do we believe about living by grace alone as the only foundation for all we are and do in this life and the next—Sola Gratia?

ALL: God saves his people through grace alone. It is God who redeems us and we are recipients of this grace through faith in Christ.

L: Let us pray.

# Song of Preparation: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God | 92

- A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
   our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
   For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
   his craft and pow'r are great; and armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.
- 2. Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing; were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he, Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same, and he must win the battle.

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- 3. And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us. The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him; his rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure; one little word shall fell him.
- 4. That Word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them, abideth; the Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth. Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also; the body they may kill: God's truth abideth still; his kingdom is forever.

Sermon: "Redeeming Marriage"

#### Word: 1 Peter 3:1-7

1 Likewise, wives, be subject to your own husbands, so that even if some do not obey the word, they may be won without a word by the conduct of their wives, 2 when they see your respectful and pure conduct. 3 Do not let your adorning be external—the braiding of hair and the putting on of gold jewelry, or the clothing you wear— 4 but let your adorning be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which in God's sight is very precious. 5 For this is how the holy women who hoped in God used to adorn themselves, by submitting to their own husbands, 6 as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord. And you are her children, if you do good and do not fear anything that is frightening. 7 Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered.

# **Elder Reading and Giving Thanks for the Historic Church | Scott Kennedy**

L: What do we believe about Christ as the only way, the only truth, and the only life--Sola Christus?

ALL: Christ Jesus is fully God and fully man. He is the Son of God and the second person of the Trinity. He is the only mediator between God and man. He lived a perfect life on our behalf willingly laid down his life at the cross taking our punishment and took it up again as the firstborn of the resurrection. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father until all enemies are made his footstool.

L: What do we believe about the glory of our Triune God--Soli Deo Gloria?

ALL: Blessed be Father, Son and Holy Spirit. All glory from every age, tribe and tongue belongs to our God forever and ever. Amen.

L: Let us pray and give thanks.

## **Doxological Hymn: Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above ye heavenly hosts; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. AMEN!

# Offertory Prayer, Offering, & Opportunities to Serve

# The Sending Hymn: For All The Saints | 358

- 1. For all the saints who from their labors rest, who thee by faith before the world confessed, thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 2. Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might; thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight; thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 3. O may thy soldiers faithful, true, and bold, fight as the saints who nobly fought of old, and win with them the victor's crown of gold. Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 4. The golden evening brightens in the west; soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest; sweet is the calm of paradise the blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 5. But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day; the saints triumphant rise in bright array; the King of glory passes on his way. Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 6. From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through gates of pearl streams in the countless host, singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia! Alleluia!

#### **Benediction: Hebrews 13:20**

Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever... so that all the peoples will say...

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

## **Questions for Reflection: 1 Peter 3:1-7**

Note: Please read Ephesians 5:22-33 as well. The context of 1 Peter 3:1-7 is that of a believing spouse's call to represent Jesus well to their unbelieving spouse. There is definite application to believing spouses.

- 1. The word translated "be subject" in 1 Peter 3:1 (wives be subject to your husbands) is the same word Peter uses exhorting Christians to be subject to governmental authorities and slaves to masters. Peter presents submission as a voluntary act of the will in which the Christian is called for the sake of the gospel and ultimately submission to Jesus Christ, to subordinate their desires to the desire of another. How does this biblical view of submission differ from how submission is perceived in today's culture?
- 2. Compare and contrast the instructions given to wives and husbands. What stands out the most?
- 3. How does Peter encourage Christian women to evangelize their husband?
- 4. Peter gives one tangible way a wife can show respect to her husband: "by calling him Lord" (vs. 6). Paul in 1 Cor. 11:2-16 used head coverings as a sign of male headship. If both of those practices are culturally dated, then what is one tangible sign of male headship in the church today?
- 5. What does it mean for the husband to show honor to her as a "weaker vessel?" Give some examples of how Jesus treated the women around him.
- 6. Why would a man's prayers be hindered if he treats his wife poorly?
- 7. Talk through this text with your spouse, friend, or friend group and ask the question, "what bearing does this text have on today?"

# **Today at CVPC**

Youth Group: No Youth Group or Children's Choir practice.

The **Chaplin/Staven/Wallick Growth Group** is in Overflow this week.

# **Announcements**

Men's Gathering: Join us THIS Tuesday, November 2, at 6pm at the Collins Home. It will be an evening with food, fellowship and testimony. Contact Albert Leavengood with any questions.

Women's Christmas Party: Join us Saturday, November 6 from 7:00-9:00pm in the Gym for an evening of ornamentmaking, food, fellowship, and testimony. Contact Cassandra Jones with questions.

**Bonfire Bible Study**: The Men's Bonfire Bible Study has started back up. The next gathering will be Nov. 11 at the Staven home. Contact Joe Staven for details.

House to House Fellowship: Everyone is encouraged to attend a Thanksgiving House to House Fellowship on Sunday, Nov. 21 following the worship service. Contact Pam Kennedy with questions.

# **Happy Birthday**

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

Colby Finch | Nov. 2
Alice Sikkema | Nov. 3
Albert Leavengood | Nov. 5
Dan Davis | Nov. 10
Lynda Henry | Nov. 11
Katie Gregory | Nov. 14
Bishop Henry & Audrey Dueitt | Nov. 15
Lois Leavengood, Linda Burnette, &
Graeme Dueitt | Nov. 19
Edward Dueitt | Nov. 28

CVPC would like to wish a Happy Anniversary to Joe & Joli Moore, Paton & Jennie Williams, Josh & Kelly Henry, and David & Anne Marr.

# **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 November 1-7	Week of November 8-14
MONDAY	3PM: Monday Music 4:30PM: Manse Reserved 6:30PM: Leadership Training (Louis Home)	3PM: Monday Music 4:30PM: Manse Reserved 6:30PM: Leadership Training (CVPC)
TUESDAY	6PM: Men's Gathering (Collins)	7PM: WLT Meeting 8PM: Staff Meeting
WEDNESDAY	10AM: Women's Bible Study 5:30PM: Chaplin/Staven/Wallick GG 6PM: Voyles/Townes GG 6PM: Louis GG 6PM: Women's Bible Study (Schimpf Home)	10AM: Women's Bible Study 5:30PM: Chaplin/Staven/Wallick GG 6PM: Voyles/Townes GG 6PM: Louis GG 6PM: Women's Bible Study (Schimpf Home)
THURSDAY	6PM: Trail Life 6PM: Kennedy GG 6:30PM: Marr GG	6PM: Kennedy GG 8PM: Bonfire Bible Study (Staven Home)
FRIDAY		
SATURDAY	7 & 8:30AM: Men's Study & Discipleship 9AM: Leadership Training (CVPC) 6PM: Finch/Henry GG 7PM: Women's Christmas Party	7 & 8:30AM: Men's Study & Discipleship 8 AM Serving Saints Ministry 10AM Food Network
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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Youth	Youth at Church	Youth at Church
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