Vision

To see lives transformed through following Jesus.

Making disciples through worship, fellowship & compassion & community

Chattanooga Valley Presbyterian Church

Order of Worship February 27, 2022

Liturgist: Brad Voyles | Sermon: Rev. Dennis Louis Worship Leader: Joe Staven

Meditation: Hebrews 2:14-18 | Reader: Lynn Duble

Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

Call to Worship: Psalm 61

L: Hear my cry, O God, listen to my prayer; from the end of the earth I call to you when my heart is faint. Lead me to the rock that is higher than I, for you have been my refuge, a strong tower against the enemy.

ALL: Let me dwell in your tent forever! Let me take refuge under the shelter of your wings! For you, O God, have heard my vows; you have given me the heritage of those who fear your name.

L: Prolong the life of the king; may his years endure to all generations! May he be enthroned forever before God; appoint steadfast love and faithfulness to watch over him!

ALL: So will I ever sing praises to your name, as I perform my vows day after day. L: This is the Word of the LORD!

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Hymn of Adoration: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty | 53

- 1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation! All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near, join me in glad adoration.
- 2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth, shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth! Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been granted in what he ordaineth?
- 3. Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee! Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee; ponder anew what the Almighty will do, if with his love he befriend thee.
- 4. Praise to the Lord, who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee, decked thee with health, and with loving hand guided and stayed thee. How oft in grief hath not he brought thee relief, spreading his wings to o'ershade thee!
- 5. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him! Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly fore'er we adore him.

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.

The Nicene Creed

ALL: We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and of the life of the world to come. Amen.

Song of Preparation: The Power of the Cross (see back page)

Sermon: "Christ In Us"

Word: Colossians 1:24-29

Song of the Month: Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah | 110

1. Hallelujah, praise Jehovah, from the heavens praise his name; praise Jehovah in the highest, all his angels, praise proclaim. All his hosts, together praise him, sun and moon and stars on high; praise him, O ye heavens of heavens, and you floods above the sky.

Refrain: Let them praises give Jehovah, for his name alone is high, and his glory is exalted, and his glory is exalted, and his glory is exalted, far above the earth and sky.

- 2. Let them praises give Jehovah, they were made at his command; them forever he established, his decree shall ever stand. From the earth, O praise Jehovah, all you seas, you monsters all, fire and hail and snow and vapors, stormy winds that hear his call. [Refrain]
- 3. All you fruitful trees and cedars, all you hills and mountains high; creeping things and beasts and cattle, birds that in the heavens fly, kings of earth, and all you people, princes great, earth's judges all; praise his name, young men and maidens, aged men, and children small. [Refrain]

Prayers of the People

Doxological Hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy (stanza 4 with Amen) | 100

4. Holy, holy, holy Lord, God Almighty; all thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea, holy, holy, holy merciful and mighty; God in three persons blessed Trinity. Amen.

Offertory Prayer, Offering, & Opportunities to Serve

The Sending Hymn: My Jesus, I Love Thee | 648

- 1. My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine; for thee all the follies of sin I resign. My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou; If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.
- 2. I love thee because thou hast first loved me, and purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree. I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow; if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

Song continued on the next page.

- 3. I'll love thee in life, I will love thee in death; and praise thee as long as thou lendest me breath; and say, when the death-dew lies cold on my brow: if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.
- 4. In mansions of glory and endless delight, I'll ever adore thee in heaven so bright; I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow: if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

Benediction: Hebrews 13:20-21

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen... so that all the peoples will say..

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

Questions for Reflection: Read all of Colossians

- 1. Paul says that he is "filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions (ESV)." On first glance, this appears to mean that Christ's afflictions were not sufficient. How should we interpret Paul's statement given what he says in Col.1:19-23?
- 2. The false teachers in Colossae taught that suffering through asceticism brought personal enrichment (cf. Col. 2:20-23). Paul's suffering, however, was on behalf of who? Compare and contrast the mindset of someone who suffers solely for personal gain and the one who suffers on behalf of others.
- 3. Paul says that his ministry was according to the plan of God and was given to him by God (Col. 1:25). How would God's calling sustain him in the midst of being in prison? How would God's calling instill confidence in the church at Colossae regarding Paul's message?
- 4. What is the mystery Paul proclaims among the gentiles (Col. 1:26-27)? Paul probably refers to this as a mystery because the false teachers gained legitimacy by saying they have the secret to a blessed life. Do you see this mindset in our society people claiming to have the secret to a successful life?

- 5. By communicating the mystery/secret to everyone, what is Paul trying to communicate about the individual priesthood of the believer?
- 6. How does the statement, "Christ in you (plural y'all) the hope of glory" provide comfort and hope amid difficult and anxious times?

Today at CVPC

The **Leavengood/Collins Growth Group** is in Overflow this week.

Potluck Dinner following the worship service.

Youth meet at 5pm.

Announcements

Women's Retreat: Registration is now open for the 2022 Spring Women's Retreat at Pigeon Mountain Crossing in LaFayette, GA for March 25-26. The total cost is \$75. There are scholarships available, so please don't let the cost keep you from attending. Please see a member of the Women's Leadership Team if you have questions or want additional information.

Serving Saints Ministry: The Serving Saints group has another workday scheduled for Saturday, March 12. Please let Lou Schimpf (610-295-7262) know if you would like to take part, or if you have someone who could benefit from the service this group provides.

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

Steve Topping | Feb 27 Isabel Kennedy | Feb 27 Katherine Pool | Feb 28

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Coming Up at CVPC

	Week of February 28 - March 6	Week of March 7-13
MONDAY	3:30PM: Monday Music 4PM: Manse Reserved	3:30PM: Monday Music 4PM: Manse Reserved 7:30PM: Diaconate Meeting
TUESDAY	7PM: WLT Meeting	8PM: Staff Meeting
WEDNESDAY	10AM: Women's Bible Study 5:30PM: Chaplin Growth Group 5PM: Women's Evening Bible Study 6PM: Louis Growth Group 6PM: Voyles/Townes Growth Group	10AM: Women's Bible Study 5:30PM: Chaplin Growth Group 5PM: Women's Evening Bible Study 6PM: Louis Growth Group 6PM: Voyles/Townes Growth Group
THURSDAY	6PM: Kennedy Growth Group	6PM: Kennedy Growth Group 6PM: Marr Growth Group 6PM: Trail Life
FRIDAY		
SATURDAY	7AM: Men's Bible Study 8AM: Growth Group Leaders Meeting 9AM: Joint Leaders Meeting	7 AM: Men's Bible Study 8AM: Serving Saints 10AM: Food Network 6PM: Finch Henry Growth Group
SUNDAY	9AM: Sunday School 10:30AM: Worship 5PM: Youth Group 5PM: Leavengood Growth Group	9AM: Sunday Schoo 10:30AM: Worship 5PM: Youth Group 5PM: Leavengood Growth Group
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Overflow	Voyles/Townes	Marr
Greeters	Dueitt Family	Dukes Family
Youth	Youth at Church	Youth at Church
Nursery: SS	Jen Finch	Theresa Louis
Nursery: Worship	Joli Moore, Marie Fennema, & Lucie Chaplin	Pam Kennedy, Ethan Kennedy, & Emily Radmacher

BB 004 The Power of the Cross

Keith Getty & Suart Townend

Getty/Townend arr. Finch

