Vision

To see lives transformed through following Jesus.

Making disciples through worship, fellowship & compassion & community

Chattanooga Valley Presbyterian Church

Order of Worship March 6, 2022

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

Meditation: Psalm 1 | Reader: Andrew Chaplin

Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers. The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; for the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

Call to Worship: Psalm 150

L: Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens!

ALL: Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his excellent greatness!

L: Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!

ALL: Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!

L: Praise him with sounding cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

ALL: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

L: This is the Word of the LORD!

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Hymn of Adoration: O God, Our Help in Ages Past | 30

- 1. Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:
- 2. Under the shadow of your throne your saints have dwelt secure; sufficient is your arm alone, and our defense is sure.
- 3. Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame, from everlasting you are God, to endless years the same.
- 4. A thousand ages in your sight are like an evening gone; Short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.
- 5. The busy tribes of flesh and blood, with all their lives and cares, are carried downward by your flood, and lost in following years.
- 6. Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all its sons away; They fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.
- 7. Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come: O be our guard while troubles last, and our eternal home.

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 Lord, you have promised that all the nations of this world are passing away, and you have outlined in your word that only your kingdom will remain unshaken. As we reflect on the past year, we confess that we have looked to the rulers of this world for comfort, security, and hope rather than focusing our faith on the one Sovereign King of the universe whose Word is the law and whose Spirit is irresistible. Though your power holds the hearts of kings in the palm of your hand, you are still mindful of the fact that your children are frail and prone to stumble—remember our weakness and pour out your love in these broken vessels. We are empty without you. Our attempts to erect high places of stability and safety in our hearts which have nothing to do with you have crumbled over and over again. We need a foundation that will stand firm even to the end of the age. We claim Christ Jesus as the cornerstone and capstone of our faith and his Holy Spirit as the one who will build us up into the temple not made with hands to be your eternal dwelling place. Give us true liberty—being free from our sin having been given a deep contentment with your rule in our lives. Declare us righteous because of your justice and compassion because of your only begotten Son who was given for us.

A time for silent confession.

L: Believer, you are forgiven in Christ. God is your helper so call out to him for grace upon grace as we sing.

Song of Preparation: From Depths of Woe I Raise to Thee (See page 7.)

Sermon: "The Wisdom of Christ"

Word: Colossians 2:1-5

Song of the Month: We Will Feast in the House of Zion (See page 8.)

Sacrament of Communion

Doxological Hymn: Doxology with Amen | 731

Praise God from whom all blessings; 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: Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It | 701

1. Redeemed, how I love to proclaim it! Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb; redeemed thro' his infinite mercy, His child and forever I am.

Refrain: Redeemed, redeemed by the blood of the Lamb; redeemed thro' his infinite mercy his child and forever I am.

- 2. Redeemed, and so happy in Jesus, no language my rapture can tell; I know that the light of his presence with me doth continually dwell. [Refrain]
- 3. I think of my blessed Redeemer, I think of him all the day long; I sing, for I cannot be silent; his love is the theme of my song. [Refrain]

Benediction: Philippians 4:19-20

And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory forever and ever... so that all the peoples will say...

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

Questions for Reflection: Questions based on Col. 2:1-5.

- 1. List ways is Paul struggling on behalf of the Churches in Colossae and Laodicea (and those who haven't seen him face to face), given that he is in prison? (cf. Col. 1:3 and 2:5)
- 2. What are the goals of Paul's struggling (vs. 2-3)? How do these goals work together so that believers are mature in Christ?
- 3. Paul said that "all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge" are found in Christ. What does this tell us about the false teachers in Colossae? In our world, the ability

to acquire information holds value above everything else. What is the difference between obtaining information and obtaining wisdom?

- 4. What is Paul's stated purpose for telling them to seek wisdom in Christ (vs. 4)? Based on your reading of Colossians, list some ways the people of Colossae are going astray?
- 5. Give some examples of the wisdom of this world and how they are opposite of the wisdom found in God's word (cf. 1 Cor. 1:18-25).

Today at CVPC

The **Voyles/Townes Growth Group** is in Overflow this week.

The **Youth Group** meets at 5 pm.

Announcements

Women's Retreat: Don't forget to register 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. See a member of the WLT if you have questions or want additional information.

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

Joli Moore | March 3 Will Voyles | March 4 Laura Dueitt & Ashley Townes | March 7 Coby Voyles, Robin Hansen, & Mercy Sterkel | March 9

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Coming Up at CVPC

	Week of March 7-13	Week of March 14- 20
MONDAY	3:30PM: Monday Music 4PM: Manse Reserved 7:30PM: Diaconate Meeting	3:30PM: Monday Music 4PM: Manse Reserved
TUESDAY	8PM: Staff Meeting	6PM: Session Meeting
WEDNESDAY	10AM: Women's Bible Study 5:30PM: Chaplin Growth Group 6PM: Women's Evening Bible Study 6PM: Louis Growth Group 6PM: Voyles/Townes Growth Group	10AM: Women's Bible Study 5:30PM: Chaplin Growth Group 6PM: Women's Evening Bible Study 6PM: Louis Growth Group 6PM: Voyles/Townes Growth Group
THURSDAY	6PM: Kennedy Growth Group 6PM: Marr Growth Group 6PM: Trail Life	6PM: Kennedy Growth Group
FRIDAY		
SATURDAY	7AM: Men's Bible Study 8AM: Serving Saints 10AM: Food Network 6PM: Finch Henry Growth Group	7AM: Men's Bible Study
SUNDAY	9AM: Sunday School 10:30AM: Worship 5PM: Youth Group 5PM: Leavengood Growth Group	9AM: Sunday School 10:30AM: Worship 5PM: Youth Group 5PM: Leavengood Growth Group
Elder on Call	David Marr davidmarr@chattvalleypca.com	
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Overflow	Marr	Finch
Greeters	Dukes Family	Feigl Family; Fennema Family
Youth	Youth at Church	Youth at Church
Nursery: SS	Theresa Louis	Lucie Chaplin
Nursery: Worship	Pam Kennedy, Ethan Kennedy, & Emily Radmacher	Lou Schimpf, Amy Sterkel, & Allie Finch



- 2. To wash away the crimson stain, grace, grace alone availeth; Our works, alas! are all in vain; in much the best life faileth; No man can glory in thy sight, all must alike confess thy might, And live alone by mercy (echo and repeat)
- 3. Therefore my trust is in the LORD, and not it mine own merit; On Him my soul shall rest, His word upholds my fainting spirit; His promised mercy is my fort, my comfort and my sweet support. I wait for it with patience (echo and repeat)
- 4. Though great our sins and sore our woes His grace much more aboundeth; His helping love no limit knowns, our upmost need it soundeth.

 Our Shepherd good and true is He, who will at last His Israel free

 From all their sin and sorrow (echo and repeat)

BB 047 We Will Feast in the House of Zion

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