# CVPC

#### CHATTANOOGA VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Vision: To see lives transformed through following Jesus
Mission: Making disciples through worship, fellowship & service
Values: Worship, word, compassion & community

# Order of Worship | December 31, 2023 Liturgist: Scott Kennedy | Sermon: Brad Voyles Worship Accompanist: Anne Marr

#### \*Praise Gathering

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be; world without end. Amen! Amen!

#### \*Invocation

O Father, you are the giver of peace and the One who does not change like shifting shadows. As we anticipate the beginning of a new year, we pray that you would help us to rejoice in all circumstances. Give us the mind of Christ who was willing to trust and obey. By your Holy Spirit, we pray that you would stir up the good grace you have poured into our souls richly. Give us courage and passion in this hour to honor you as our God and King. Amen.

#### **Welcome and Greeting**

## Meditation: Philippians 4:4-9 | Reader: Kelli Voyles

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

<sup>\*</sup> Please stand as you are able.

#### \*Call to Worship: Psalm 4

L: Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness! You have given me relief when I was in distress. Be gracious to me and hear my prayer!

ALL: O men, how long shall my honor be turned into shame? How long will you love vain words and seek after lies? But know that the Lord has set apart the godly for himself; the Lord hears when I call to him.

L: Be angry, and do not sin; ponder in your own hearts on your beds, and be silent. Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the Lord. There are many who say, "Who will show us some good? Lift up the light of your face upon us, O Lord!"

ALL: You have put more joy in my heart than they have when their grain and wine abound. In peace I will both lie down and sleep; for you alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety.

L: This is the Word of the Lord!

**ALL: Thanks be to God!** 

#### \*Song of Adoration: I Love Thy Kingdom, O Lord | 353

- 1. I love thy Kingdom, Lord, the house of thine abode, the church our blest Redeemer saved with his own precious blood.
- 2. I love thy church, O God: her walls before thee stand, dear as the apple of thine eye, and graven on thy hand.
- 3. For her my tears shall fall, for her my prayers ascend; to her my cares and toils be given, till toils and cares shall end.
- 4. Beyond my highest joy I prize her heavenly ways, her sweet communion, solemn vows, her hymns of love and praise.
- 5. Jesus, thou Friend divine, Our Savior and our King, thy hand from every snare and foe shall great deliverance bring.
- 6. Sure as thy truth shall last, to Zion shall be given the brightest glories earth can yield, and brighter bliss of heaven.

#### Prayer of Adoration & The Lord's Prayer

All: 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.

\*Song of Preparation: There is a Redeemer (See page 7.)

Sermon: "Our Sure and Certain Refuge" | Psalm 16

\*Song of Response: Romans Doxology (See page 8.)

#### **Prayers of the People**

#### \*Doxological Hymn: Alleluia! | 283 (Final stanza with Amen)

3. Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory be to God on high; alleluia to the Savior, who has won the victory; alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity; Alleluia! Alleluia! To the Triune Majesty. Amen.

#### Offertory Prayer, Offering, and Opportunities to Serve

#### \*Sending Hymn: Lead On, O King Eternal | 580

- 1. Lead on, O King eternal, the day of march has come; henceforth in fields of conquest thy tents shall be our home: through days of preparation thy grace has made us strong, and now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.
- 2. Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease, and holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace; for not with swords loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums, but deeds of love and mercy, the heavenly kingdom comes.
- 3. Lead on, O King eternal, we follow, not with fears; for gladness breaks like morning wherever thy face appears; thy cross is lifted over us; we journey in its light: the crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might.

#### \*Benediction: Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace... so that all the people will say...

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

## **Question for Reflection: Psalm 16**

- 1. Where have you historically sought refuge and why?
- 2. What other gods have you trusted in and why?
- 3. What are tangible ways you can practice devotion in the new year?
- 4. What is our sure refuge? Why can we trust in it?

#### **Today at CVPC**

The **Finch and Marr Growth Groups** are in Overflow **No Youth Group** tonight.

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

Jordan Bruce, Ezekiel Dukes, and Jamie Ellis | January 3 Michael Fennema | January 5

Sunday School: Sunday School will resume on January 21 at 9:00 am. The adult class on Romans will pick up with Chapter 8. A second adult class on contemporary, moral issues will begin mid-February. We will offer a communicant's class beginning on January 21.

**Youth Group:** Youth Group will resume on <u>Sunday</u>, <u>January 7 at 5:00 pm</u> in the church gym.

**Serving Saints:** Join us on <u>Saturday</u>, <u>January 13 at 8:30 am</u> for a morning of service in our community.

**Town Hall:** Please join us at 9:00 am on Sunday, January 14 for our annual meeting to approve the 2023 budget.

**Day of Prayer:** Mark your calendars for <u>February 2</u> for a full day of prayer hosted here at the church. Details to come.

**Venmo:** You are welcome to tithe on Venmo **@CVPC\_1**.

Visitors, we welcome you to CVPC! Connect by texting Pastor Collins your name. His number is (601) 317-3041.



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To get on the church email list, contact the church secretary: <a href="mailto:secretary@chattvalleypca.com">secretary@chattvalleypca.com</a>.

**Upcoming at CVPC** 

	December 31 - January 6	January 7-13
SUNDAY:	10:30 am   Worship	10:30 am   Worship 4:00 pm   Missions Meeting 5:00 pm   Youth Group
MONDAY:	4:30 pm   Manse Reserved	4:30 pm   Manse Reserved 5:30 pm   Monday Night Music
TUESDAY:	7:00 pm   WLT Meeting	
WEDNESDAY		
THURSDAY		
FRIDAY		
SATURDAY:	7:00 am   Men's Bible Study	7:00 am   Men's Bible Study 8:30 am   Serving Saints
Elder On Call	scottkennedy@chattvalleypca.com	
Deacon On Call	joshhenry@chattvalleypca.com	
Overflow	The Chaplin Growth Group	The Louis Growth Group
Youth Group	No Youth Group	Youth Group in the Gym
Nursery: Sunday School	No Sunday School	No Sunday School
1	Pam Kennedy, Ethan Kennedy, Lou Schimpf, Maggie Gregory	Ashlee Wallick, Nikki Buchanan, Jemima Ragland, Lexi Jones

# 018 There is A Redeemer

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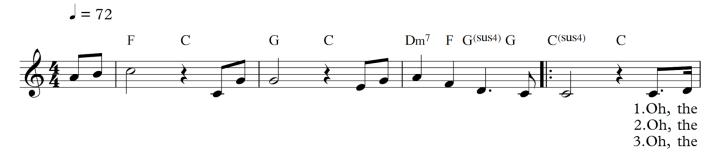






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and His path ways no man can All He gives us, who can reand His mer-cies are new each





