



## 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 | January 7, 2024**

**Liturgist: Albert Leavengood | Sermon: John Grady**

**Worship Leader: Scott Finch**

#### **\*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**

Holy Father and loving Lord, we bow in silence because you have bid us to call out on your name. We are privileged to be here. It is because of your gracious hand that we woke up this morning and have breath. It is you that has drawn us here by your love and through the merit of Jesus Christ, your only begotten Son. We claim his name today because it is the power of God to hold and heal. By the power of your eternal Holy Spirit, please stir up the rich graces that have been made ours as your children. Thank you for hearing us. Amen.

#### **Welcome and Greeting**

#### **Meditation: 1 Corinthians 13:4-13 | Reader: Paula Lynch**

Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known. So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

*\* Please stand as you are able.*

**\*Call to Worship: Psalm 146**

L: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul! I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

**ALL: Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation. When his breath departs, he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish.**

L: Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry.

**ALL: The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.**

L: The Lord watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

**ALL: The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the Lord!**

L: This is the Word of the LORD!

**ALL: Thanks be to God**

**\*Song of Adoration: O God, Our Help in Ages Past | 30**

1. O 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 Thy throne, Thy saints have dwelt secure; sufficient is Thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.

3. Before the hills in order stood, or earth received its frame, from everlasting Thou art God, to endless years the same.

4. A thousand ages in Thy sight are like an evening gone, short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

5. Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all its sons away; they fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.

6. O God, our Help in ages past, our Hope for years to come, be Thou our Guard while life shall last, and our eternal Home!

## **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.**

## **Confession of Sin & Assurance of Pardon:**

L: O Lord, this past week has provided ample evidence that we are a needy people with patterns that run outside of your pathways for us.

**ALL: Our doubts, our anger, our worries, and our discontentment are all proof of the sin that entangles us.**

L: We need forgiveness, mercy, and grace. Please hold us by your powerful hand.

**ALL: Cause us to repent daily and look to your throne in each moment. Fix our eyes on Christ so that we may walk in newness of life.**

*A time of silent confession.*

L: The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

**\*Song of the Month: He Will Hold Me Fast (See page 7.)**

**Sermon: "Magnify Christ" | Colossians 1:15-29**

**\*Song of Response: O Give Thanks to the Lord—Psalm 107 (See page 8.)**

## **Sacrament of Communion**

**\*Doxological Hymn: Arise, O God, and Shine | 442 (final stanza)**

4. To God, the only wise, the one immortal King, let hallelujahs rise from every living thing: let all that breathe, on every coast, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

**Offertory Prayer, Offering, & Opportunities to Serve**

### **\*Sending Hymn: Whate'er My God Ordains is Right | 108**

1. Whate'er my God ordains is right: his holy will abideth; I will be still, whate'er he doth, and follow where he guideth. He is my God; though dark my road, he holds me that I shall not fall: wherefore to him I leave it all.

2. Whate'er my God ordains is right: he never will deceive me; he leads me by the proper path; I know he will not leave me. I take, content, what he hath sent; his hand can turn my griefs away, and patiently I wait his day.

3. Whate'er my God ordains is right: though now this cup, in drinking, may bitter seem to my faint heart, I take it, all unshrinking. My God is true; each morn anew sweet comfort yet shall fill my heart, and pain and sorrow shall depart.

4. Whate'er my God ordains is right: here shall my stand be taken; though sorrow, need, or death be mine, yet am I not forsaken. My Father's care is round me there; he holds me that I shall not fall: and so to him I leave it all.

### **Benediction: 1 Thessalonians 3:11-13**

Now God himself and our Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ, direct our way unto you. And the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men, even as we do toward you; to the end he may establish your heart unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints...so that all the peoples will say...

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

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### **Question for Reflection: Colossians 1:15-29**

1. How BIG is God? What characteristics of Jesus do you find in the passage? What do they mean?

2. How does what you believe about Jesus help you become mature in Him?

3. How dark is our world? Where do you want to trust Christ as He holds you in His most capable hands?

4. How does the Celebration of the Lord's Supper help you?

## **Today at CVPC**

The **Louis Growth Group** is in Overflow.  
The **Youth Group** will meet tonight at 5pm.

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

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

**Youth Group:** The Youth Group will resume tonight at 5:00pm in the church gym.

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

**Town Hall:** Please join us at 9:00am on Sunday, January 14, for our annual meeting to present the 2024 budget. We will provide coffee and doughnuts for everyone. Nursery will also be provided.

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

**Day of Prayer:** Mark your calendars for February 2 for a full day of prayer hosted here at the church—details to come.

**Youth Fundraising Night:** Join us on Saturday, February 10, at 5:30pm as we enjoy a night of fun and fellowship to raise money for camp this year. There will be a Chili Cook-off and a Silent Auction. Check your email for sign-up links.

**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:  
[secretary@chattvalleypca.com](mailto:secretary@chattvalleypca.com).

## Upcoming Events at CVPC

|                                   | January 7-13   | January 14-20  |
|-----------------------------------|--|--|
| <b>SUNDAY:</b>                    | 10:30am   Worship<br>4:00pm   Mission Committee Meeting<br>5:00pm   Youth Group      | 9:00am   Town Hall Meeting<br>10:30am   Worship<br>12:00pm   Y'all Come Potluck Luncheon<br>5:00pm   Youth Group |
| <b>MONDAY:</b>                    | 4:30pm   Manse Reserved<br>5:30pm   Monday Night Music<br>7:30pm   Diaconate Meeting | 4:30pm   Manse Reserved<br>5:30pm   Monday Night Music   |
| <b>TUESDAY:</b>                   |  | 6:00pm   Session Meeting   |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b>                  |  |  |
| <b>THURSDAY</b>                   |  |  |
| <b>FRIDAY</b>                     |  |  |
| <b>SATURDAY:</b>                  | 7:00am   Men's Bible Study<br>8:30am   Serving Saints                                | 7:00am   Men's Bible Study   |
| <b>Elder On Call</b>              | scottkennedy@chattvalleypca.com  |  |
| <b>Deacon On Call</b>             | joshhenry@chattvalleypca.com   |  |
| <b>Overflow</b>                   | The Louis Growth Group   | The Kennedy Growth Group   |
| <b>Youth Group</b>                | Youth Group in the Gym   | Youth Group in the Gym   |
| <b>Nursery:<br/>Sunday School</b> | No Sunday School   | Theresa Louis, Lynda Henry   |
| <b>Nursery:<br/>Worship</b>       | Ashlee Wallick, Nikki Buchanan,<br>Jemima Ragland, and Lexi Jones                    | Paula Lynch, Lauren Williamson, Scott<br>Kennedy, and Oliver Kennedy   |

# BB61 He Will Hold Me Fast

Merker/arr. Finch

♩ = 56

A A/C# D D E A

1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;  
 2. Those He saves are His de - light; Christ will hold me fast;  
 3. For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;

5 A A/C# D D E A

When the tempt - er would pre - vail, He will hold me fast.  
 Pre - cious in his ho - ly sight, He will hold me fast.  
 Just - ice has been sat - is - fied; He will hold me fast.

9 F#m E/G# A D D C# F#m

I could nev - er keep my hold \_\_\_\_\_ Through life's fear - ful path;  
 He'll not let my soul be lost; His Prom - is - es shall last;  
 Raised with Him to end - less life, \_\_\_\_\_ He will hold me fast

13 F#m E/G# A D D E A A D E Last Chorus 2x

For my love is oft - en cold; He must hold me fast. \_\_\_\_\_ *He will hold me*  
 Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast. \_\_\_\_\_  
 'Till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last! \_\_\_\_\_

19 F#m F#m E/G# A A Bm7 A/C#

*fast,* He will hold me fast; For my Sa - vior loves me

23 D D E A(add2) A

so, He will hold me fast. \_\_\_\_\_

# BB54 O Give Thanks (Psalm 107)

W.Kimbrough/arr. Finch

**1** D D

1. We were wan - d'ring in the de - sert\_ with our souls  
 2. We were locked\_ out\_ of the gar - den\_ and our backs  
 3. We were far\_ out\_ on the o - cean\_ ma-king wealth

**4** G G Bm<sup>7</sup>

— so starved and weak;\_ we were hun - gry\_ for a home  
 — bent down with pain\_ in the sha - dow\_ of death's dark-  
 — and cha - sing dreams\_ but the waves\_ of\_ great de- struc-

**7** D A(sus4) A D

- land we did not\_ know how to seek,\_ but we lif - ted\_ up our voi  
 - ness we were slaves\_ to sin and blame\_ then we cried\_ out\_ in our la -  
 - tion brought us trem - bling to our knees\_ and we cried\_ like drun- ken sai-

**11** D/F# G G D/A

- ces\_ to the on - ly\_ one\_ who\_ hears\_ and the God\_ of mer - cy\_ came\_  
 - bor\_ to the on - ly\_ one\_ who\_ hears\_ and the God\_ of mer - cy\_ wiped  
 - lors to the on - ly\_ one\_ who\_ hears\_ and the God\_ of com- fort\_ took\_

**15** A Bm A/C# D F#

— and brought us\_ near. Oh give\_ thanks to the\_ Lord\_ for His love  
 — a - way our fears.  
 — a - way our fears. *Final Refrain 2x*

**20** G D Bm D E<sup>7</sup>

— en-dures for-ev - er!\_ We were\_ wan - der-ing and lost\_ and our\_ Fa - ther brought us\_ home

**25** A D F# G

to a\_ safe\_ dwell- ing\_ place,\_ to a\_ feast\_ of joy and laugh

**29** D F# Bm D<sup>7</sup> G Gm/Bb D Dmaj<sup>7</sup> D Dmaj<sup>7</sup>

- ter.\_ Oh give\_ thanks to the\_ Lord\_ for he is\_ good!