



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 14, 2024

Liturgist: Albert Leavengood | Sermon: Dennis Louis

Worship Leader: Joe Staven

***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**

We give thanks to You, O Lord, the omnipotent, everliving God of truth, eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Creator of heaven and earth, of men, and of all creatures, Sustainer of all things, Giver of all life, order, and wisdom, unfailing Source of help: And to Your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Word and eternal Image: And to Your Holy Spirit, with whom You endowed the apostles at Pentecost. We give thanks to You, O God of holiness, and truth, wisdom and goodness, justice and mercy, purity and loving-kindness, for with goodness and wisdom unmatched, You have revealed Yourself to us, sending Your Son into the world, destined to assume human nature and to become a sacrifice for us. In all these things, we remain grateful, attentive, and eager to hear from your Word. Give us strength to see you clearly for the sake of Jesus. Amen.

Welcome and Greeting

Meditation: Genesis 12:1-8 | Reader: Meka Hamner

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had

gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the Lord and called upon the name of the Lord. And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

***Call to Worship: Psalm 65:1-8**

L: Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion, and to you shall vows be performed. O you who hear prayer, to you shall all flesh come.

ALL: When iniquities prevail against me, you atone for our transgressions.

Blessed is the one you choose and bring near, to dwell in your courts! We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, the holiness of your temple!

L: By awesome deeds, you answer us with righteousness, O God of our salvation, the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas; the one who by his strength established the mountains, being girded with might;

ALL: Who stills the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples, so that those who dwell at the ends of the earth are in awe at your signs. You make the going out of the morning and the evening to shout for joy.

L: This is the Word of the Lord!

ALL: Thanks be to God!

***Song 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.

Song continued on the next page.

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'er shade 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 for e'er we adore him!

Public Reception of Members: Rebekah Hitchcock, Josh & Haley Brown, and David & Maddy Wilbourne

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

Sermon: "The Spirit of Generosity" | 2 Corinthians 8:1-15

***Song of Response: On Jordan's Stormy Banks (See page 8.)**

Prayers of the People

***Doxological Hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy! | 100 (final stanza)**

4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy works 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

***Sending Hymn: The Sands of Time are Sinking | 546**

1. The sands of time are sinking, the dawn of heaven breaks, the summer morn I've sighed for, the fair sweet morn awakes; dark, dark hath been the midnight, but day spring is at hand, and glory, glory dwelleth in Emmanuel's land.

2. The King there is his beauty without a veil is seen; it were a well-spent journey though sev'n deaths lay between: the Lamb with his fair army doth on Mount Zion stand, and glory, glory dwelleth in Emmanuel's land.

3. O Christ, he is the fountain, the deep sweet well of love! The streams on earth I've tasted more deep I'll drink above: there to an ocean fullness his mercy doth expand, and glory, glory dwelleth in Emmanuel's land.

Song continued on the next page.

4. The bride eyes not her garment, but her dear bridegroom's face; I will not gaze at glory, but on my King of grace; not at the crown he gifteth, but on his pierced hand: the Lamb is all the glory of Emmanuel's land.

Benediction: Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope... so that all the peoples will say...

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

Question for Reflection: 2 Corinthians 8:1-15

1. How does Paul describe the Spirit of Generosity? (2 Cor. 8:1-5)

2. Why do you think Paul uses the church of Macedonia as an example of a generous spirit? What was he trying to accomplish by using the Macedonians as an example?

3. Do you think you have a generous spirit? What prevents us from having a generous spirit?

4. How does Christ's example of generous grace serve as the driving force behind our generous spirit? (2 Cor. 8:9)

Today at CVPC

The **Kennedy Growth Group** is in Overflow.
Prayer Time in the Manse following worship.
Y'all Come Potluck Luncheon following worship.
The **Youth Group** will meet tonight at 5pm.

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

Meka Hamner | January 13

Samuel Ibach | January 14

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.

Side By Side Women's Event: We invite the women of CVPC to brunch with our female college students on Saturday, January 27 from 10am-12pm in the Kirk at Covenant College. Please bring a brunch item to share. See Pam Kennedy with questions.

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.



Visit the website at chattvalleypca.com.

To get on the church email list, contact the church secretary:
secretary@chattvalleypca.com.

Upcoming Events at CVPC

	January 14-20	January 21-27
SUNDAY:	9:00am Town Hall Meeting 10:30am Worship 12:00pm Y'all Come Potluck Lunch 5:00pm Youth Group	9:00 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 5:00 pm Youth Group
MONDAY:	10:00am Mom's Group 4:30pm Manse Reserved 5:30pm Monday Night Music	10:00am Mom's Group 4:30 pm Manse Reserved 5:30 pm Monday Night Music
TUESDAY:		
WEDNESDAY	10:00am Women's Bible Study 5:00pm Women's Bible Study	10:00am Women's Bible Study 5:00pm Women's Bible Study
THURSDAY		
FRIDAY		
SATURDAY:	7:00am Men's Bible Study	7:00 am Men's Bible Study 10:00am Side by Side Women's Event (Covenant College)
Elder On Call	albertleavengood@chattvalleypca.com	
Deacon On Call	bobbydueitt@chattvalleypca.com	
Overflow	Kennedy Growth Group	R. Collins/D. Leavengood
Youth Group	Youth Group in the Gym	Youth Group in the Gym
Nursery: Sunday School	Theresa Louis, Lynda Henry	Jemima Ragland, Rob Chaplin
Nursery: Worship	Paula Lynch, Lauren Williamson, Scott Kennedy, and Oliver Kennedy	Amy Brown, Karen Leavengood, Kathryn Leavengood, Maggie Gregory

BB61 He Will Hold Me Fast

Merker/arr. Finch

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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. _____

BB52 On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand

C. Miner/arr. Finch

E(add2) A(add2) E E

1. On Jor-dan's stor - my banks I stand, And cast a wish - ful -
 2. All o'er those wide ex - ten - ded plains, Shines one e - ter - nal -
 3. No chill ing winds nor pois onous breath, Can reach that health ful -
 4. When shall I reach that hap - py place, And be for ev - er -

5 B(sus4) B E(add2) A(add2) E E B(sus4) B

eye, To Can aan's fair and hap - py land. Where my po - sses sions
 day, There God, the Son for - ev - er reigns. And scat ters night a -
 shore. Nor sick ness, sor - row, pain and death, Are felt and feared no -
 blessed When shall I see my Fa ther's face, And in his bos - om -

9 1. E(add2) 2. E(add2) (Women) I am bound I am bound
 lie - - way. I am bound, I am bound, I am
 more. (Men)
 rest.

13 A B E (Women) I am bound
 bound for the pro mised land. I am bound, I am -
 (Men)

16 B I am bound A B E E(add2) E(add2) E
 bound, I am bound for the pro-mised land.