

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 21, 2024 Liturgist: Albert Leavengood | Sermon: Dennis Louis 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

O Father, it is because of your generous providence that we have been drawn together here in grace. The chaos of our culture weighs us down often, and we need renewed clarity. We know that Jesus Christ intercedes for us even now, and the gift of your Holy Spirit is a guarantee of our fellowship with you and with one another. Meet us here as you have promised so that our faith may be revived and refreshed. It is in the powerful name of Christ that we offer this morning prayer. Amen.

Welcome and Greeting

Meditation: Genesis 28:1-17 | Reader: Rebekah Hitchcock

Jacob left Beersheba and went toward Haran. And he came to a certain place and stayed there that night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place to sleep. And he dreamed, and behold, there was a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven. And behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it! And behold, the LORD stood above it and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father, and the God of Isaac. The land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring. Your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and in you and your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed. Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land. For I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know it." And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

*Call to Worship: Psalm 31:19-24

L: Oh, how abundant is your goodness, which you have stored up for those who fear you and worked for those who take refuge in you, in the sight of the children of mankind!

ALL: In the cover of your presence you hide them from the plots of men; you store them in your shelter from the strife of tongues.

L: Blessed be the Lord, for he has wondrously shown his steadfast love to me when I was in a besieged city. I had said in my alarm, "I am cut off from your sight."

ALL: But you heard the voice of my pleas for mercy when I cried to you for help. L: Love the Lord, all you his saints! The Lord preserves the faithful but abundantly repays the one who acts in pride.

ALL: Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the Lord! L: This is the Word of the Lord!

ALL: Thanks be to God!

*Song of Adoration: O Worship the King | 2

1. O worship the King all glorious above, O gratefully sing his power and his love; our shield and defender, the ancient of days, pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

2. O tell of his might, O sing of his grace, whose robe is the light, whose canopy space. His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form, and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

3. The earth with its store of wonders untold, Almighty your power has founded of old; has established it fast by a changeless decree, and round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

4. Your bountiful care what tongue can recite? It breathes in the air; it shines in the light; it streams from the hills; it descends to the plain; and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

5. Frail Children of dust, and feeble as frail, in you do we trust, nor find you to fail; your mercies how tender, how firm to the end, our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

6. O measureless might! Ineffable love! While angels delight to hymn you above, the humbler creation, though feeble their lays, with true adoration shall lisp to your praise.

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: Our Triune God, you have said in your word that we are not to be tossed to and fro like waves in the ocean. Yet, as we look over the course of this past week our hearts have ebbed and flowed depending upon the circumstances. We need your word and spirit to anchor our hearts, our minds and our souls. Forgive us for our unbelief. Forgive us for the way we have treated those you have intentionally placed in our life for our good and your glory. Forgive us for the desires that fall outside of your design for us and your commands. Above all, we pray that you would help us to gratefully submit ourselves to your loving will in our lives.

A time of silent confession.

L: My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments.

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

Sermon: "The Ministry of Generosity" | 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

*Song of Response: In Christ Alone (See page 8.)

Sacrament of Communion

*Doxological Hymn: For All the Saints | 358 (final stanza)

6. From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through gates of pearl streams in the countless host, singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Offertory Prayer, Offering, & Opportunities to Serve

*Sending Hymn: Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross | 264

1. Jesus, keep me near the cross; there a precious fountain, free to all a healing stream flows from Calvary's mountain. In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever; till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.

2. Near the cross, a trembling soul, love and mercy found me; there the bright and morning star shed its beams around me. In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever; till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.

Song continued on the next page.

3. Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes before me; help me walk from day to day with its shadow o'er me. In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever; till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.

4. Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hoping, trusting ever, till I reach the golden strand just beyond the river. In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever; till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.

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 9: 6-15

1. According to 2 Cor. 9:6-7, how does God want us to give?

2. What are some ways God empowers the believer to give generously (vs. 8-11)?

3. Paul outlines several ways God blesses the believers when they give generously; what are some of those reasons (vs. 11-14)?

4. Paul ends his discourse on giving by praising God for his inexpressible gift (vs. 15). What is the inexpressible gift Paul is referring to? What does Paul hope to accomplish by drawing our attention to God's inexpressible gift?

Today at CVPC The R. Collins/D. Leavengood Growth Group is in Overflow. The Youth Group will meet tonight at 5pm. Please join CVPC in wishing a Happy Birthday to the following: Roger Collins III January 22 Bobby Dueitt January 25 Jennie Akin January 26 Lauren Williamson, Theresa Louis January 27		
 Wednesday Women's Bible Studies: Come join a weekly Bible Study! We have a morning study from 10am-12pm and an evening study from 5-7pm. If you are interested in joining the morning study, please contact Pam <u>Kennedy.</u> If you are interested in joining the evening study, please contact Paula Lynch. 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, Silent Auction, and Talent or Not Show. 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. 	

Upcoming Events at CVPC

	January 21-27	January 28 – February 3
SUNDAY:	9:00am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 5:00pm Youth Group	9:00am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 12:00pm Y'all Come Potluck Lunch 5:00pm Youth Group
MONDAY:	10:00am Mom's Group 4:30pm Manse Reserved 5:30pm Monday Night Music	10:00am Mom's Group 4:30pm Manse Reserved 5:30pm 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		CVPC Day of Prayer
SATURDAY:	7:00am Men's Bible Study 10:00am Side by Side Women's Event (Covenant College)	7:00am Men's Bible Study
Elder On Call	albertleavengood@chattvalleypca.com	
Deacon On Call	bobbydueitt@chattvalleypca.com	
Overflow	R. Collins/D. Leavengood	A. Leavengood/G. Collins
Youth Group	Youth Group in the Gym	Youth Group in the Gym
Nursery: Sunday School	Jemima Ragland, Rob Chaplin	Jen Finch, Gerald Collins

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BB 003 In Christ Alone

Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

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