



Valley Presbyterian Church

Liturgy for
Oct 10, 2021



Valley Presbyterian Church exists to make disciples of Jesus by gathering for the public worship of God; by growing in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ through christian education; and sending God's people to go out into the world and love their neighbors and cities for the glory of God

Service Time:
11:00 am

Location:
9200 Haskell Ave. North Hills CA 91343



Welcome to Valley Presbyterian Church!

We trust that you will experience the presence of Christ and the welcome of his people as you gather with us this morning. Below are a series of answers to questions that are often asked about our worship service. We hope that you will find them informative. If you have any other questions please feel free to contact our pastors directly at valleypresbyterian@gmail.com

Does your church have a statement of faith?

Yes! Valley Presbyterian Church is part of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA), and as a part of the PCA we subscribe to a document called the Westminster Standards. This document consists of the Westminster Confession of Faith, and two Catechisms (the Larger and Shorter Catechisms) which are meant to be helpful teaching tools for the people of God. The Westminster Standards can be found online, but the basics of what we believe can be found in your bulletin. We confess these basics every week when we recite the Nicene Creed, which has been a summary of the Christian faith for over 1,500 years!

Why is your worship so... liturgical?

Believe it or not, every church is liturgical. Some liturgies consist of three songs, announcements, a 50 minute sermon, etc. Those liturgies tend to reflect many Christian churches in North America. Our worship service is ordered the way that it is because it is a reflection of how God has met with his people throughout the history of the world. Here's a breakdown of why we do what we do:

•**God gathers His People** → At the appointed time, the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ gathers for worship, recognizing that God Himself has brought together His people.

•**We come to God by Faith** → In continued response to God's call to worship, we offer our first

prayer to God. This prayer also reflects our adoration and affection for God, acknowledging Him as our Creator and Redeemer.

•**God Reshapes the Hearts and lives of His People** → God once again addresses us directly through His holy Word. As we are faced with God's perfect holiness, there is only one appropriate response—the confession of our sin. Having heard God's Law and having confessed our sins, what we need most is to have the gospel of Jesus Christ proclaimed to us! It is here that God assures us of His forgiveness and Fatherly love toward us!

•**God uses His People in His Service** → We now enter into a time of intercessory prayer, both for Christ's church and the world. The Kingdom of God is built through the prayers of the church, so we pray because we are given this privilege as His servant-people. In grateful response to all of God's gifts to us, we offer a token of appreciation to Him. Our financial gifts to God are the confession of our stewardship.

•**God speaks to us through His Word** → The preaching of the Word is the primary way God addresses sinners to receive salvation and to grow in it. Thus in preaching, God continues to speak to us with the love of Jesus.

•**God renews His Covenant with us** → The reading and the preaching of the Word is when God audibly speaks His gospel to us, then the administration of the sacraments is when God visibly shows His gospel to us. The Lord's Supper is God visibly communing with us at His table.

•God sends His People out with His

blessing → Just as God initiated worship, so now God concludes worship with His benediction, His “good word.” In the benediction, God, through the Pastor, blesses His beloved people. We can all objectively say after worship that we were blessed. As it is not a prayer, but a pronouncement, we lift up our faces to the Lord as He blesses us, for His face shines upon us and His grace and peace are ours forevermore.

Why is there so much Scripture reading in your worship service?

The Bible is central in our worship service because we believe the Bible is God’s word, and we need to hear from God when we gather together. One of Jesus’ apostles, Paul, wrote, “Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, and to teaching.” (1 Tim. 4:13) It is through God’s word that faith is created in our hearts (Rom. 10:17), and we are made holy (John 17:17).

Why do you take communion most Sundays?

Communion is a Holy Sacrament of the Church (along with Baptism). The word Sacrament is a translation of a Greek word which means “mystery.” Baptism and Communion are the “mysteries” of the church, because through them God works powerfully through his Word and Spirit nourishing our faith with Christ and all his benefits. Holy Communion is not an empty ritual, or a mere “remembrance” of Jesus’ death, it is fellowship with the risen Christ. In Holy Communion, Jesus and all of his gifts are offered to the faithful.

Communion Information: We are serving both juice and wine as we partake of the Lord’s Supper together. Both juice and wine serve as appropriate elements of communion as both fit the biblical requirement of being fruit of the vine. If you have never been baptized, or if you are not a Christian, please abstain from taking Communion. If you’d like to take Communion, or to be baptized, speak to either of the Pastors, or to one of the Elders. We would be happy to assist you in taking steps toward Baptism, or

your first Communion.

Communion is for baptized, repentant, and believing Christians and they should pick up the cups of bread and the vine as they enter for worship. Let us come to Christ’s table together rejoicing in our salvation!

Why do you baptize babies?

We baptize the children of believing parents because it is in line with the teaching of Scripture. We don’t baptize babies because it’s a nice tradition, or because it’s what the universal church practiced up until the time of the Reformation. In the Bible, the children of believers are always treated as holy members of God’s church by virtue of God’s promises (1 Cor. 7:14). In the Old Testament, God commanded that the sign of membership in God’s visible church be given to infants who didn’t yet have faith (Gen.17:12). This principle still stands with the New Testament sign of Baptism (Acts 2:39; 16:15.)

Why is worship led by Pastors and Elders?

Pastors and Elders are those whom Christ has gifted and have been set apart by ordination by the Presbytery or congregation to be God’s representatives and undershepherds of the Lord Jesus Christ. We don’t submit to God’s Word because it comes from charismatic teachers, or funny communicators; we submit to it because it comes from those who have been set apart for the office of elder to speak the truth in love that we may grow more and more into the image of Christ.



Prelude
Welcome

Call to
Worship †

Hymn of
Praise † #660

LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

Ben Mason
Pastor Ron Svendsen

GOD GATHERS HIS PEOPLE

Pastor Ron Svendsen

Pastor: How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord Almighty!

People: My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the Lord.

Pastor: Blessed are those who dwell in your house;

People: They are ever praising you.

Pastor: Hear my prayer, Lord God Almighty;

People: Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere;

Pastor: For the Lord God is a sun and shield;

People: Lord Almighty, blessed is the one who trusts in you.

○ GOD BEYOND ALL PRAISING

O God beyond all praising we worship you today
And sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay
For we can only wonder at every gift you send
At blessings without number and mercies without end
We lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word
We honor and adore you our great and mighty Lord

Then hear O gracious Savior accept the love we bring
That we who know your favor may serve you as our King
And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill
We'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still
To marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways
And make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise

• Standing if Able

***Bold:** The congregation
responds together

WE COME TO GOD BY FAITH

Pastor Ron Svendsen

Prayer of
Adoration

Salutation

Confession of
Faith †

WESTMINSTER CONFESSION OF FAITH 21: 1, 2 & 7

The light of nature showeth that there is a God, who hath lordship and sovereignty over all, is good, and doth good unto all, and is therefore to be feared, loved, praised, called upon, trusted in, and served, with all the heart, and with all the soul, and with all the might. But the acceptable way of worshiping the true God is instituted by himself, and so limited by his own revealed will, that he may not be worshiped according to the imaginations and devices of men, or the suggestions of Satan, under any visible representation, or any other way not prescribed in the Holy Scripture.

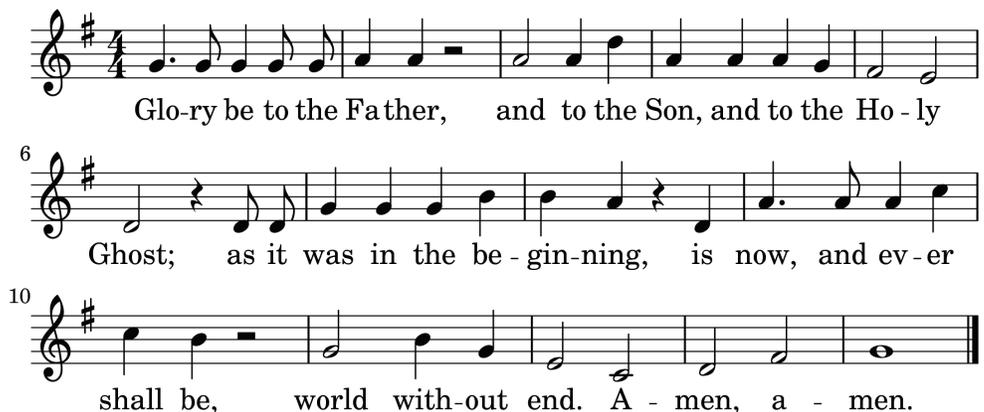
Religious worship is to be given to God, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost and to him alone; not to angels, saints, or any other creature: and, since the fall, not without a Mediator; nor in the mediation of any other but of Christ alone.

As it is the law of nature, that, in general, a due proportion of time be set apart for the worship of God; so, in his Word, by a positive, moral, and perpetual commandment binding all men in all ages, he hath particularly appointed one day in seven, for a Sabbath, to be kept holy unto him: which, from the beginning of the world to the resurrection of Christ, was the last day of the week; and, from the resurrection of Christ, was changed into the first day of the week, which, in Scripture, is called the Lord's Day, and is to be continued to the end of the world, as the Christian Sabbath.

Gloria Patri †
#734

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Gloria Patri



The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men, a-men." The first staff contains the first five measures, the second staff contains measures 6-10, and the third staff contains the final three measures.

GOD RESHAPES THE HEARTS AND LIVES OF HIS PEOPLE

Through
Confessing
Our Sins

Elder Jaime Garcia

Leader: Let us confess our sins together.

All: O most holy and merciful Father, we come to You to acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed; we have not loved You with all our heart and soul, with all our mind and strength; we have not even loved our neighbor as ourselves. Restore to us the joy of Your salvation; bind up that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills and rest to our souls, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Through
Assurance of
Pardon

Elder Jaime Garcia

To Declare His
Praise †

MY FAITH HAS FOUND A RESTING PLACE (pg 8)

HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US

How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure.
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss,
The Father turns His face away.
As wounds which mar the chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross,
My sin upon His shoulders.
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished.
His dying breath has brought me life,
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything,
No gifts, no power, no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection

• **Standing if Able**
* **Bold:** The congregation
responds together

*Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart,
His wounds have paid my ransom

(repeat from “Why should I gain from His reward?”)

GOD USES HIS PEOPLE IN HIS SERVICE

As We Pray
For Our World

Pastor Ron Svendsen

The Lord’s
Prayer

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in 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.

As We Give To
God’s Work
Throughout
The World

OFFERTORY

Pastor Ron Svendsen

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

Scripture
Reading

Acts 20:1-12

Pastor Ron Svendsen

Message

A Worship Service To Remember

GOD RENEWS HIS COVENANT WITH US

Communion

Pastor Ron Svendsen

GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT WITH HIS BLESSING

Song of
Response †

ON JORDAN’S STORMY BANKS I STAND

On Jordan’s stormy banks I stand
And cast a wishful eye
To Canaan’s fair and happy land
Where my possessions lie

All o’er those wide extended plains

Shines one eternal day
There God, the Son forever reigns
And scatters night away.

I am bound, I am bound, I am bound for the Promised Land
I am bound, I am bound, I am bound for the Promised Land

No chilling wind nor poisonous breath
Can reach that healthful shore
Where sickness, sorrow, pain and death
Are felt and feared no more

I am bound, I am bound, I am bound for the Promised Land
I am bound, I am bound, I am bound for the Promised Land

When shall I see that happy place
And be forever blessed
When shall I see my Father's face
And in His bosom rest

I am bound, I am bound, I am bound for the Promised Land
I am bound, I am bound, I am bound for the Promised Land

God's
Benediction †

HIS GOOD WORD TO HIS PEOPLE

Postlude

Ben Mason

My Faith Has Found a Resting Place

G C G C Am G D G

1. My faith has found a rest-ing place, from guilt my soul is freed;
 2. E-nough for me that Je-sus saves, this ends my fear and doubt;
 3. My heart is lean-ing on the Word, the writ-ten Word of God:
 4. My great Phy-si-cian heals the sick, the lost he came to save;

C G C Am G D G

I trust the ev-er-liv-ing One, his wounds for me shall plead.
 a sin-ful soul I come to him, he'll nev-er cast me out.
 sal-va-tion by my Sav-ior's name, sal-va-tion thro' his blood.
 for me his pre-cious blood he shed, for me his life he gave.

REFRAIN

G D G C Am G D

I need no oth-er ar-gu-ment, I need no oth-er plea,

D⁷ G C G C Am G D G

it is e-nough that Je-sus died, and that he died for me.

Trinity Hymnal 468
 TEXT: Lidie H. Edmunds, 1891; Alt. 1990
 TUNE (LANDAS, C.M.ref.): André Grétry, 1741-1831; Arr. by William J. Kirkpatrick, 1891

Community Groups

We grow together in our faith, not just on Sunday mornings but by gathering to share meals, talk about the Bible, and pray with each other. Check out one of our community groups nearest to you! (VPC Community Groups meet 1st & 3rd Sundays Sept—May)

Encino

Sunday at 7pm/monthly

Host/Leader: Elder Jeff Oxman

Contact: 818-616-2373

Topic: The Gospel of Mark

Northridge

Sunday at 7pm/monthly

Host/Leader: Elder Bruce Mateko & Larry Shaw

Contact: 818-886-1233

Topic: The Lives and Teachings of The Apostles

North Hills

2nd & 4th Sundays at 4pm

Host/Leader: Elder Jaime Garcia

Contact: 818-631-0408

Topic: Westminster Confession of Faith

West Hills

Sundays at 6pm

Host/Leader: Elder Alex Bryer

Contact: (818) 521-6475

Topic: James

Valencia/Santa Clarita

Sunday at 2pm

Leader: Pastor Jason

Topic: Westminster Shorter Catechism

Santa Clarita

2nd & 4th Sundays at 5:30pm

Leader: Pastor Ron

Contact: 818-894-9200

Topic: "Knowing God" by J. I. Packer (we start again September 26th)

Burbank

6:00pm

Leader: Pastor Ron

Contact: 818-894-9200

Topic: "Knowing God" by J. I. Packer (we start again tonight, September 19th)

Sunday Morning Sunday School & Worship

Adult & Children's Sunday School

Prayer at 9:30am.

Sunday School is held for both our children and adults from 10:00-10:45am each week. The adult class is held in the Fellowship Room. Children's classes are available for ages 3 and above. For more information see below:

Adult:

- Downstairs Fellowship Room – Going Through the Old Testament: Micah 2-6 {next week – Micah 7; Habakkuk 1-3 & Daniel 1 & 2}

Children's Sunday School:

- [Ages 8 & up] Westminster Shorter Catechism - Upper Room North - Elder John
- [Ages 3-7] Beginners Kids' Quest Catechism Club - Upstairs in the South Room - VPC Members Carly Mischke and Theresa Martinez

Basic Beliefs: {a new class began October 3rd!}

We meet at 10 a.m. in the Pastor's Office. For those interested in a personal relationship with God, exploring the distinctives of the Reformed faith, or membership in this particular body of believers - Church Office- Pastor Ron - This does not obligate you to join the church but you do need to attend if you desire to become a member of VPC. Let Pastor Ron know, or the church office if you are interested.

Post-Worship Fellowship & Snack

Refreshments and fellowship on the North Patio.

Children are Welcome in Worship

As part of the covenant family of God, we encourage you to keep your children with you in worship regardless of their age, so that they may follow your example in worshipping God. Don't worry if your children are a bit restless or noisy. However, if your child is too restless or noisy during a worship service, please use the Fellowship Room right off the Narthex.

Prayer & Praise

Please continue to pray for Eli Rodriguez as she recovers from Covid.

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Announcements & Needs

Women In The Word –

Women's Community Group has begun meeting again on Tuesdays at 10:00am in the VPC Fellowship Room. New Format! Teaching God's Word! Make New Friends! Fun Discussions! Praying For One Another! Coffee and Treats! We look forward to meeting you! {No Childcare Provided}

Although we will no longer have the offering boxes in the narthex, you will continue to have the option to give online at <https://www.valleypresbyterian.org/giving>

If you would like to send a thank you for the donation of our exterior sanctuary cross the person to thank is Marilyn at Lindblade Metalworks, 14355 Macaw St., La Mirada, CA 90638. Cards from children are especially meaningful.

Donations for roofing project as of 10/3/21 = 75704.25

Connecting at VPC

If you are new, or a recent visitor to Valley Presbyterian Church, please email the church so we can add you to the VPC email list to keep you in the loop with the latest church news.

valleypresbyterian@gmail.com

Following Worship - Pastors and Elders are available for prayer or counsel

Our Elders and Pastors have been set apart by God for the spiritual care of those the Lord brings to VPC. Life has many ups and downs and our undershepherds make themselves available each week after the worship service to care for those in need. The Bible calls us to rejoice with those who rejoice and weep with those who weep (and everything in between). Wherever you find yourself this morning please don't be shy about seeking out a pastor or elder for prayer or counsel. Feel free to speak to one of them at the Narthex doors as you exit if you would like meet with them for counsel or prayer.

-If you need assistance, be sure to ask an usher-

**Sunday School Takes Place
Every Sunday!**

Sundays | 10am

Mid-Week Bible Study!

Wednesdays | 7pm

Pastor Ron will be teaching on The Gospel of John.

Location: VPC Fellowship Room



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