



Valley Presbyterian Church

Liturgy for
Oct 3, 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

LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

Ben Mason
Pastor Ron Svendsen

GOD GATHERS HIS PEOPLE

Call to
Worship †

Pastor Ron Svendsen

Hymn of
Praise † #53

PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY

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

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

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

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

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

WE COME TO GOD BY FAITH

Pastor Jason Petterson

Prayer of
Adoration
Salutation

Confession of
Faith †

SUMMARY OF THE WESTMINSTER CONFSSION OF FAITH

**We believe that the Triune God is the Creator of heaven and earth,
and that all things were made by Him and for Him; that He is the
great King above all kings; that from Him and through Him and to**

• Standing if Able
* The congregation
responds together

Him are all things; and that all glory, honor, and praise is His both now and forevermore.

We believe that the Son of God became a man, was tabernacled among us; that He lived a sinless life, took upon Himself our guilt, died to pay the penalty for our transgressions, and rose again triumphant over sin, death and the grave.

We believe that we are saved by grace through faith in Jesus as our Savior and Lord and that the Holy Spirit turns our hearts of stone into hearts alive unto God, empowering and enabling us to do those good works which God prepared in advance for us to do.

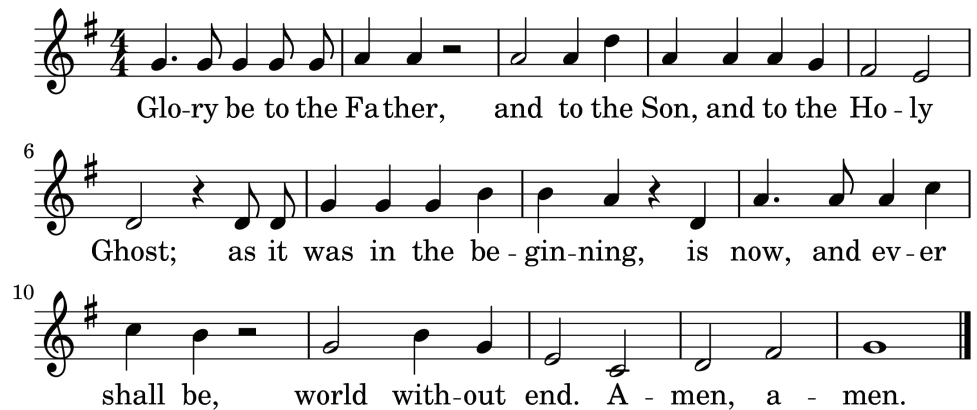
We believe that all authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Christ; and that He commands us to go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey Christ; and that He promises to be with us always, even to the very end of the age.

We believe that when He comes again to judge the living and the dead, He will receive us as His own, and we will go to be with Him, and will glorify and enjoy Him throughout all eternity, world without end. Amen.

Gloria Patri †
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Gloria Patri



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.

GOD RESHAPES THE HEARTS AND LIVES OF HIS PEOPLE

Through
Confessing
Our Sins

PRAYER OF CONFESSION – PSALM 51

Pastor Ron Svendsen

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Against you, and you only, have I sinned. Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

Through
Assurance of
Pardon
To Declare His
Praise †

Pastor Ron Svendsen

ONLY A HOLY GOD

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven
Who else could make every king bow down
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles
Only a Holy God

What other beauty demands such praises
What other splendor outshines the sun
What other majesty rules with justice
Only a Holy God

Come and behold Him
The One and the Only
Cry out, sing holy
Forever a Holy God
Come and worship the Holy God

What other glory consumes like fire
What other power can raise the dead
What other name remains undefeated
Only a Holy God

Come and behold Him
The One and the Only
Cry out, sing holy
Forever a Holy God
Come and worship the Holy God

Who else could rescue me from my failing
Who else would offer His only Son
Who else invites me to call Him Father
Only a Holy God
Only my Holy God

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Forever a Holy God
Come and worship the Holy God

BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD ABOVE

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong, a perfect plea:
a great high priest whose name is Love,

who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is written on his hands,
my name is hidden in his heart;
I know that while in heaven he stands
no power can force me to depart,
no power can force me to depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair
and tells me of the guilt within,
upward I look, and see him there
who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Saviour died,
my sinful soul is counted free;
for God, the just, is satisfied
to look on him and pardon me,
to look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there! The risen Lamb,
my perfect, sinless Righteousness,
the great unchangeable I AM,
the King of glory and of grace!
One with my Lord I cannot die:
my soul is purchased by his blood,
my life is safe with Christ on high,
with Christ, my Saviour and my God,
with Christ, my Saviour and my God.

GOD USES HIS PEOPLE IN HIS SERVICE

As We Pray
For Our World

Pastor Ron Svendsen

As We Give To
God's Work
Throughout
The World

OFFERTORY

Pastor Jason Petterson

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

Scripture
Reading

ACTS 19:21-41

Pastor Ron Svendsen

Message

When Christianity Collides With Culture

GOD RENEWS HIS COVENANT WITH US

Communion

Pastor Ron Svendsen

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

1. The King of love my shep - herd is, whose
2. Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my
3. Per - verse and fool - ish, oft I strayed, but
4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with
5. Thou spreadst a ta - ble in my sight; thy
6. And so through all the length of days, thy

good - ness fail - eth nev - er. I noth - ing lack if
ran - somed soul he lead - eth; and where the ver - dant
yet in love he sought me; and on his shoul - der
thee, dear Lord, be - side me; thy rod and staff my
unc - tion grace be - stow - eth; and oh, what trans - port
good - ness fail - eth nev - er; Good Shep - herd, may I

I am his, and he is mine for - ev - er.
pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
com - fort still, thy cross be - fore to guide me.
of de - light from thy pure chal - ice flow - eth!
sing thy praise with - in thy house for - ev - er.

WORDS: Henry W. Baker, 1868 (Ps. 23)
MUSIC: Irish Melody; harm. from *The English Hymnal*, 1906

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GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT WITH HIS BLESSING

God's
Benediction †

HIS GOOD WORD TO HIS PEOPLE

Postlude

Ben Mason

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: “Knowing God” by J. I. Packer

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 –

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 the Egerdahl and Vos families as they cope with the loss of their loved ones.

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Announcements & Needs

Women In The Word –

Women's Community Group will begin meeting again on October 5th! Join us for our "Fall Meet & Greet" on Tuesday Oct. 5th 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 9/26/21 = 69970.00

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 Jason will be teaching on The Gospel of John.

Location: VPC Fellowship Room



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The LORD's Day