

Today

A Warm Welcome to All! Please join us this morning after the service for coffee and fellowship. This morning Pastor Mark will be continuing his *Behold Jesus* series from Mark 2, *Hungering for God's Presence*. When Jesus teaches about fasting it is about being in the presence of God. How might this challenge us to seek God's presence today? This evening Pastor Mark will preach from Revelation 12, *A Theology of Mary and Satan*.

Our Children in Worship program is for 3yrs old – 2nd grade children that meets downstairs in the youth ministry center during the morning worship service for age appropriate worship. Today's story is *Calming the Storm*.

Announcements

You have a couple opportunities to give feedback and help people understand what it's like to be a part of AVCRC:

First, **review Almond Valley on Google** to help people find us as they search for a church home. To do this simply search on Google for Almond Valley CRC Ripon and then click on the link on the right side of your screen that says "Google reviews." Then click on the "Write a Review" link. This only takes a minute, but it could really help someone who is looking for a church. People will often choose a product, restaurant, or even a church with the most positive reviews, so it would be great to bump the number of reviews up significantly.

Second, we have an opportunity to give feedback about Almond Valley and the CRC through a survey that's being conducted by Calvin University. For that survey (which takes about 25 minutes to complete) go to <https://bit.ly/39RH9ja>.



IMPORTANT: Ladies, please check your mailboxes for information regarding a bridal shower for Bailey Kee, marrying Pastor Zac Dewey. All ladies are invited and encouraged to join in celebrating the happy couple. Any questions? Contact Karen Viss (209) 329-7522 or Janeen Dykxhoorn (209) 986-8007.

Classis Delegates for Tuesday, March 3, at Modesto CRC; Pastor Mark, Elder: Bob Hoekstra. Randy den Dulk- Alternate. Deacon: John Reyneveld. Jordan Goslinga - Alternate.

AVCRC Council is taking nominations to serve in place of the four retiring Council members: Randy den Dulk and Ron Vander Molen as

Elder; Dusty Hoekstra and Jon De Zwaan as Deacon. Please give your names to any current Council member or place them in the box on the Welcome Center.

Family Promise: We will once again be hosting Family Promise from March 1 – 8. Please prayerfully consider serving these families with setting up, providing dinner, evening & overnight hosts, and clean up. The signups are on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Contact Bill Butterman (985-4780) if you want to learn more about the program.

SAVE THE DATE: Deacon's Senior Dinner (65+) – March 28, 5:00pm

Church Family

Birthdays this week: 2/23 Paul McMurray 2/24 Lori Van Nieuwenhuyzen 2/25 Randy Eskes, Tyler Goslinga 2/27 Rocky Gonzales, Jordan Goslinga 2/28 Loretta Van Ginkel, Matt Yonker

Sunday 23	Morning Worship – 9:30am Beth Haven B & C – 10:45am Sunday School Classes (K-12) – 10:45am Adult Sunday School – 11am Evening Worship – 6pm
Monday 24	Cadets – 6:30pm CIC: Hawks Deacons Meeting – 7pm
Tuesday 25	
Wednesday 26	WWW - 9am HS Youth Group – 7:30pm
Thursday 27	Women's Bible Study – 6am (Sharon/Shirley) Worship Practice – 6:45pm Worship Committee – 7:30pm
Friday 28	
Saturday 29	
Sunday 1	Morning Worship – 9:30am Sunday School Classes (K-12) -10:45am Adult Sunday School - 11am Evening Worship – 6pm

ORDER OF WORSHIP

God Gathers Us

Come Praise and Glorify (Screen)

Come praise and glorify our God
The Father of our Lord
In Christ He has in heav'nly realms
His blessings on us poured
For pure and blameless in His sight
He destined us to be
And now we've been adopted through
His Son eternally

(Chorus)

To the praise of Your glory
To the praise of Your mercy and grace
To the praise of Your glory
You are the God who saves

Come praise and glorify our God
Who gives His grace in Christ
In Him our sins are washed away
Redeemed through sacrifice
In Him God has made known to us
The myst'ry of His will
That Christ should be the head of all
His purpose to fulfill

Come praise and glorify our God
For we've believed the Word
And through our faith we have a seal
The Spirit of the Lord
The Spirit guarantees our hope
Until redemption's done
Until we join in endless praise
To God the Three in One

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Apostle's Creed (in unison)

This I Believe (The Creed)

Our Father everlasting
The all creating One
God Almighty
Through Your Holy Spirit
Conceiving Christ the Son
Jesus our Savior

(Chorus)

I believe in God our Father
I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit
Our God is three in One
I believe in the resurrection
That we will rise again
For I believe in the Name of Jesus

Our judge and our defender
Suffered and crucified
Forgiveness is in You
Descended into darkness
You rose in glorious life
Forever seated high

I believe in You
I believe You rose again
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord

(Chorus)

I believe in life eternal
I believe in the virgin birth
I believe in the saints' communion
And in Your holy Church
I believe in the resurrection
When Jesus comes again
For I believe in the Name of Jesus

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Lord Our Lord Your Glorious Name (#8:1,3,4 PH)

God's Will for our Lives: Commandment #8

Prayer of Confession & Assurance

Speak O Lord (Screen)

Speak O Lord as we come to You
To receive the food of Your holy word
Take Your truth plant it deep in us
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith
Speak O Lord and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory

Teach us Lord full obedience
Holy reverence true humility
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity
Cause our faith to rise

Cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority
Words of power that can never fail
Let their truth prevail over unbelief

Speak O Lord and renew our minds
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us
Speak O Lord till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory

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Children, ages 3 – 2nd gr, come up front for their blessing

Come to The Savior Now (#535:1,2 &3 PH)

God Hears our Prayers

Offering: Relief Venezuela (Next Week: Ripon Christian Tuition Assistance)

God Teaches Us

Text: Mark 2:18-22 (p. 1554)

Message: Hungering for God's Presence

God Sends Us

Parting Blessing

Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow (#638 PH)

Almond Valley Mailbox Messages February 23, 2020

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Save the Date! Learn how to Maintain a Healthy Brain Without Really Trying!

Bethany Home has invited Dr. Robert Halliwell BSc, MSc, PhD, and professor in Schools of Pharmacy and Dentistry, UOP to present on this topic Thursday, March 26 at 2:00 p.m. at Almond Valley CRC. Bring your family and friends! You won't be disappointed!

The annual board meeting of Ripon Inter-faith Ministries will be held on Tuesday, March 3 at 7:30 pm at their facility on 516 W. Main Street. The public is invited to come and hear what the ministry is doing in our community. If you have any questions about this announcement, please call Geri Hekman at 599-3254 or email bghekman@aol.com.

Women's Retreat 2020: Modesto CRC is hosting a women's retreat April 24-26 in Oakhurst, CA. We are excited to have Ruth Vander Zee as our speaker. Please find more information at <http://www.modestocrc.org>.

Ripon Christian High School will present the non-musical play Meet Me in St. Louis Thursday, Feb 27 @ 7PM and Saturday, Feb. 29 @ 2PM at the Ripon Christian Performing Arts Center. Tickets are available at tickets.rcschools.com.