

Welcome to Worship

God Gathers Us

Welcome & Announcements

God's Greeting

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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How Great Thou Art (#483:1,3,4 PH)

I Exalt Thee

I exalt Thee I exalt Thee
I exalt Thee oh Lord
I exalt Thee I exalt Thee
I exalt Thee oh Lord

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God Heals and Forgives

I Surrender All

All to Jesus I surrender
All to Him I freely give
I will ever love and trust Him
In His presence daily live

Chorus

I surrender all
I surrender all
All to Thee my blessed Savior
I surrender all

All to Jesus I surrender
Lord I give myself to Thee
Fill me with Thy love and power
Let Thy blessing fall on me

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Children in Worship Dismissed

God Hears Our Prayers

Giving Our Offering: Sierra Salem (Next Week: Mission India)

Musical Offertory: *He'll Find a Way* (Kenn Mann)

God Teaches Us

Text: Genesis 2:1-3 (p. 2)

Message: "The Sabbath: A Blessed and Holy Day"

Communion

God Sends Us

Parting Blessing

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

Evening Worship

Feb. 11, 2024

Leading in Worship: Pastor Mark VanDyke

Accompanist: Cliff Schoolland

Welcome & Opening Prayer

Opening Songs

Amazing Grace (PH #462:1,2,5)

Grace, Greater Than All Our Sin

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord
Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured
There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt

Chorus

Grace grace God's grace
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within
Grace grace God's grace
Grace that is greater than all our sin

Marvelous infinite matchless grace
Freely bestowed on all who believe
You that are longing to see His face
Will you this moment His grace receive

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When We Walk with the Lord (#548:1,3 PH)

Share & Prayer

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 2:11-22 (p. 1160)

Heidelberg Catechism - Lord's Day 1

Message

"The Cornerstone of Christian Comfort"

Song of Response

Jesus Paid it All

I hear the Savior say
Thy strength indeed is small

Child of weakness watch and pray

Find in Me thine all in all

Chorus

Jesus paid it all
All to Him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain
He washed it white as snow

Lord now indeed I find
Thy power and Thine alone
Can change the leper's spots
And melt the heart of stone

And when before the throne
I stand in Him complete
Jesus died my soul to save
My lips shall still repeat

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Parting Blessing

Closing Hymn

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

A paper tree made of folded paper, standing on an open book. The tree has a thick trunk and several branches with many small, pointed leaves. The book is open, showing some text on the pages.

The Orchard Weekly

February 11, 2024

SUNDAY

Morning Worship: Genesis 2:1-3, "The Sabbath: A Blessed and Holy Day"

Evening Worship: Heidelberg Catechism - Lord's Day 1, Ephesians 2:11-22, "The Cornerstone of Christian Comfort"

February Offering Schedule: 2/4 Ripon Chr. Tuition Assist. 2/11 Sierra Salem 2/18 Mission India 2/25 Resonate Global Missions: Gho

This Sunday we have an opportunity to joyfully receive the sacrament of Holy Communion. At Almond Valley the bread and juice are distributed to the congregation as you sit and contemplate the work of Jesus Christ in reconciling us to God. After the whole congregation has been served, we eat and drink together when led by Pastor Mark. Any person who honestly repents of their sin, looks to Jesus for their salvation, and who is a professing member in good standing at a Bible-believing church is welcome to receive the sacrament this morning. God bless you as you commune with him!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REMINDER: Baby shower for Jessica Orozco and Addison on February 27th at 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Any questions? Contact Karen Viss (209)329-7522 or Janeen Dykxhoorn (209)986-8007.

Welcome: We would like to welcome Kenn into our fellowship by extending a meal. On Thursdays, Kenn stays in his office for the whole day due to the time gap because of worship rehearsals on Thursday nights, This is a great time to invite Kenn to your home for an evening meal and get to know him. Please check out the sign up sheet at the Welcome Center and see if there are any dates that would interest you. Thank you!

CHURCH FAMILY

Contact Information to add to your Directory: Kenn Mann, 885 Cole Ave., Turlock, CA, 95382. Cell # 727-518-4978. Email: Kmann@almondvalley.org

Congratulations to Seth and Amber Kuiper in the birth of their new baby girl, Abrielle (pronounced Ah-brielle) Jean, on Feb. 1st. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Birthdays this week: 2/11 Kim McMurray 2/12 Ethan McMurray 2/13 Donna Stanford

CALENDAR

• This Sunday

9:30am Morning Worship—
Communion
10:45am Beth Haven B & C
10:45am K-12 Education Classes
6:00pm Evening Worship

• Monday

6:30pm Cadets

• Tuesday

7:00pm Council Meeting

• Wednesday

7:30pm HS Youth Group

• Thursday

6:00am Ladies Bible Study
7:00pm Worship Rehearsal

• Friday

• Saturday

8:30am Stockton Lunch Program

• Next Sunday

9:30am Morning Worship
10:45am Beth Haven B & C
10:45am K-8 Education Classes
11:00am Adult Education Class
6:00pm Evening Worship

PRAYER GUIDE

Monday- Pray that God's name and His character is kept holy. As God's Spirit dwells in us, may we keep our lives clean and pure.

Tuesday- As God is glorified in heaven, pray that He is also glorified in each of us. Pray that His will is carried out in each of our lives.

Wednesday- Pray that we have total trust in God. Many of us live with worry. We worry about the future, our finances, our health, and security. God loves you, and has promised to take care of your needs.

Thursday- Praise God that He has sent His Son to forgive and redeem us. Acknowledge your sin today, and reflect God's forgiveness to those around you who also seek forgiveness from you.

Friday- There is a spiritual battle being waged over your life, as well as the rest of God's creation. Pray for God's intervention, that we are not overcome by Satan and his hosts. Hold on to the hope and assurance that is found in Jesus our Lord.

Saturday- Are you tired and weary of your life? Do what Jesus did. He went to His Father and spent one-on-one time with Him. Tell God what you really feel: what makes you angry, what makes you sad, or lonely, or worried.

Sunday- What a privilege to worship together with God's people. It is a prelude of what Heaven will be like.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONT'D

Dear Supporting Churches, Priceless Treasures NEEDS your donations. Please consider dropping your treasures at donation boxes at Immanuel, First Church, Almond Valley, Ripon Christian schools or Escalon CRC. Your consideration to donate to Priceless directly impacts the covenant children of Sierra Salem and Ripon Christian, as all profits are designated for those ministries. We also do furniture pick up where possible. Please contact Priceless Treasures at 209-579-5513 with any questions.

The High School Youth Ministry of First Church of Ripon invites all widows and widowers to join them for dessert and bingo on Wednesday, February 14, 6:00 p.m. in our church social hall. Please call the church office (209-599-3225) to RSVP for this event. Transportation is available if needed. (305 Boesch Drive, Ripon)

Ripon Christian's Close Up Club will be hosting a **Tri Tip Sandwich** drive-thru fundraiser from **12:00 - 5:00pm** on **Saturday, February 24** at the **PAC parking lot**. A second location will be at the corner of Main and Maple from 12:00PM until the end of the parade. Tickets are now available for \$12 and can be purchased from sophomore and junior students who are a part of the Close Up Club, or from the high school office. Please make checks payable to "Ripon Christian" and write "Close Up" on the memo line. Your support for the Close Up Club helps give many students the opportunity they otherwise would not have to visit the federal capital for an intense week of studying their federal government "close up". Thank you so much for your support; it is very much appreciated!

**It's Almond Blossom time
and no better time than to use
almonds in your recipes!**

Enjoy the recipe below-submitted by Sharon Krediet. It would be fun to have a picture of you with the recipe below when you try it! Please submit your pictures or more recipes to share by email to almondvalley@almondvalley.org

Strawberry -Almond Shortbread Bars

1 cup butter, softened

3/4 cup sugar

2 cups flour

1/4 tsp salt

1/4 cup almond paste, crumbled

1/4 c. Sliced almonds

3/4 cup strawberry preserves

Line bottom & sides of 9 in square pan w heavy duty foil, leaving one inch of foil overhanging (to help pull bars out of pan while hot) and spray sides of foil w cooking spray.

Beat butter, sugar w mixer. Beat in flour, salt. Press mixture (saving 1/2 c) into pan. Bake 20 min until top starts to brown.

Mix remaining crumbs and almond paste w fork until small clumps form. Stir in almonds.

Spread preserves over hot base. Crumble almond paste mixture evenly over preserves. Press slightly.

Bake 25-30 minutes until top and edges are golden brown and preserves are bubbly. Using foil handles, lift bars from pan; remove foil from sides. Cool completely on rack before cutting. Cut into 4 x 4 rows. Cut each square in half diagonally.