



December 11, 2016

# West Valley Presbyterian Church

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*This morning's theme: Jesus - the Light of the World*

## Called to Worship

### **Isaiah 60:1-3**

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

### **Arise, Shine, For Your Light Has Come**

*Arise Shine for your light has come  
and the glory of God is on you  
Arise, see when the earth grows dark  
that the Lord will arise upon you  
The Lord will arise upon you*

*The sun will not shine  
cause you'll be all  
the light that we need  
And violence will end  
all the wars that we wage will cease  
(repeat)*

### **CHORUS:**

*Nations will come to your light  
lift up your eyes and see  
We'll gather together and come to you  
and your love will be all that we know  
Your love will be all that we know*

*We will glorify Your name  
We will glorify Your name*

*Chorus (repeat)*

*Arise, come to the open gates  
for the Father is welcoming you  
Fear not for the Lord brings peace  
and redemption to all who believe  
Redemption to all who believe*

*Chorus*

## Confessing our Sin

### **1 John 1:5-8**

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

### **Prayer of Confession**

**Lord Jesus, light of the world, we confess that we have walked in darkness: we confess our willingness to be loved but our reluctance to love; We confess our readiness to accept your forgiving love but our refusal to forgive; We confess our eagerness to grasp your offer of redeeming love but our resistance to follow you without question. In this Advent time, forgive us our failure to respond as we should. Come to us anew, and by your grace, assist us to receive you with joy, as the shepherds; with gratitude, as Simeon; with obedience, as Mary; with love, as you have loved us. Even so: come, Lord Jesus. Amen.**

### **Declaration: 1 John 1:9**

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

## Celebrating the Gospel

### **Mary's Song (Our King of Peace)**

*My soul magnifies the Lord;  
My spirit rejoices in God!  
My Savior has seen his servant in need,  
And behold the great things He has done:*

*He scatters the proud and rich;  
He lifts up the humble and weak.  
The kings of the earth, He casts from their thrones  
And the hungry He welcomes to feast.*

*Oh, behold, my Savior has come!  
And my soul will tell of His praise  
For He Who is strong has come to the weak  
And, at last, He will reign as our King of Peace*

*From now to the end of time  
The nations will know me as blest  
For God has made new His promise of love  
And mercy through Abraham's seed*

**Scripture Reading:** Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 (page: 573)

**Hark The Herald Angels Sing**

*Hark! The herald angels sing  
Glory to the newborn King  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild  
God and sinners reconciled  
Joyful, all ye nations rise  
Join the triumph of the skies  
With th'angelic host proclaim  
Christ is born in Bethlehem  
Hark! the herald angels sing  
Glory to the newborn King!*

*Christ, by highest heav'n adored  
Christ the everlasting Lord  
Late in time, behold Him come  
Offspring of a virgin's womb  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see  
Hail th'incarnate Deity  
Pleased with us in flesh to dwell  
Jesus our Emmanuel  
Hark! the herald angels sing  
Glory to the newborn King*

*Hail the heavenly Prince of Peace  
Hail the Sun of Righteousness  
Light and life to all He brings  
Ris'n with healing in His wings  
Mild He lays His glory by  
Born that man no more may die  
Born to raise the sons of earth  
Born to give them second birth  
Hark! the herald angels sing  
Glory to the newborn King*

Greeting and Announcements

Welcome! Visitors, we're so happy you joined us this morning. If you desire, please fill out a welcome card and place it in the offering plate as it's being passed. We hope you enjoy your visit.

**Prayer for the congregation and the world**

Consecrated by the Word

**Pastor Mark Howard**

*Text: John 1:4-13 (page: 886)*

*Title: The Word who Enlightens the World*

Are you a private person? What about God?

*God makes himself clear...*

- 1. In the things he made (4-5, 10)*
- 2. In the messengers he sent (6-8)*
- 3. In the man he became (9-13)*

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## **O Come O Come Emmanuel**

*O come, O come Emmanuel  
And ransom captive Israel  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear*

**REFRAIN:**

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel*

*O come, thou Dayspring  
Come and cheer  
Our Spirits by Thine advent here  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night  
And death's dark shadow  
put to flight  
(Refrain)*

*O come, Thou Wisdom, from on high  
and order all things far and nigh  
to us the path of knowledge show  
and cause us in her ways to go  
(Refrain)*

*O come, o come, Thou Lord of might  
who to thy tribes on Sinai's height  
in ancient time did'st give the law  
in cloud, and majesty, and awe  
(Refrain) x2*

## **Joy to the World**

*Joy to the world, the Lord is come  
Let earth receive her King  
Let every heart prepare Him room  
And heaven and nature sing*

*And heaven and nature sing  
And heaven, and heaven, and nature sing*

*Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns  
Let men their songs employ  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy*

*Repeat the sounding joy  
Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy*

*No more let sins and sorrows grow  
Nor thorns infest the ground  
He comes to make His blessings flow  
Far as the curse is found*

*Far as the curse is found  
Far as, far as, the curse is found*

*He rules the world with truth and grace  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness  
And wonders of His love*

*And wonders of His love  
And wonders, wonders, of His love*

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## Compelled to Go Out

### **Benediction: Romans 15:12-13**

Isaiah says, “The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope.” 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.

*We welcome you to join us for coffee and refreshments following the service*

## Community and Events

### This week at West Valley:

Today: **Youth** [grades 6-12]: Christmas party tonight from 6-8PM at the church including games, food, and other festivities! Please bring a wrapped "present" (do not buy one) for a White Elephant game.

Thursday: **Men's Bible Study** - the men's study will meet at the church at 7:30 on Thursday. We will be looking at Luke 1:39-80.

Next Sunday: **Guest Service** - invite your family and friends to join us to celebrate the good news of Christmas.

### Upcoming Events:

**Advent Devotions** - To receive short devotions via email during advent, sign up at <http://eepurl.com/ceworz>. Emails will be sent each week day and include Scripture readings, a few questions and prayer suggestions.

**Christmas Eve Candle Light Service** - 4pm on Saturday, December 24th. Why not invite a friend!

### Opportunities to Serve:

#### Angel Network Donations:

We are collecting 160 boxes of hot chocolate to donate to Angel Network (A program to assist families at Emmaus High School who are in need). Today is the last day to drop off your donations on the back table in the main worship space.

**Help serve a meal at the Salvation Army:** Opportunity to serve 12/18. Please contact Alice Kim to sign up!

**Volunteer to serve families in need:** We will be setting tables and serving food from 11am-1pm at the Holiday Inn Fogelsville dinner on December 24. Let Alice Kim know if your family with children 3 and up would like to serve!

*More details regarding the events here at West Valley can be found on our website: [www.westvalleypres.org](http://www.westvalleypres.org)*

## Memory Verse

“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.”

-John 1:14

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