



December 11, 2016

West Valley Presbyterian Church

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*

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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And wonders, wonders, of His love*

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

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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