



December 18, 2016

West Valley Presbyterian Church

This morning's theme: Jesus - The Savior of the World

Called to Worship

Micah 5:2, 4-5

O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days. And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth. And he shall be their peace.

O Come All Ye Faithful

*Oh, come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant
Oh, come ye, oh, come ye to Bethlehem
Come and behold him Born the king of angels
Oh, come, let us adore him
Oh, come, let us adore him
Christ, the Lord*

*Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above
Glory to God In the highest
Oh, come, let us adore him
Oh, come, let us adore him
Christ, the Lord*

*Yea, Lord, we greet thee
Born this happy morning
Jesus, to thee be glory given
Word of the Father, Now in flesh appearing
Oh, come, let us adore him
Oh, come, let us adore him
Christ, the Lord*

Scripture Reading: Matthew 1:18-25 (page 807)

Confessing our Sin

Prayer of Confession

God of salvation, in Christ you have done great things— our hearts are filled with joy. By your power you lifted us out of the wasteland of sin and brought us with joy and laughter into your kingdom. Salvation is your gift to us. But we confess that often we try to replace your gift with our own efforts. We try to complete what is already perfect; we try to add to what is already full; we try to earn what we already have. Forgive us for our foolishness. Help us to focus on your grace. Help us to live grateful lives in return. For Jesus' sake alone, Amen.

Declaration: Matthew 1:21

You shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.

Celebrating the Gospel

From the Squalor of a Borrowed Stable

*From the squalor of a borrowed stable
by the Spirit and a virgin's faith
To the anguish and the shame of scandal
came the Savior of the human race*

*But the skies were filled with the praise of heav'n
Shepherds listen as the angels tell of the
Gift of God come down to man
At the dawning of Immanuel*

*King of heaven now the Friend of sinners
humble servant in the Father's hands
Filled with power and the Holy Spirit
filled with mercy for the broken man*

*Yes, He walked my road and He felt my pain
Joys and sorrows that I know so well
Yet His righteous steps give me hope again
I will follow my Immanuel*

*Through the kisses of a friend's betrayal
He was lifted on a cruel cross
He was punished for a world's transgressions
He was suffering to save the lost*

*He fights for breath, He fights for me
Loosing sinners from the claims of hell
And with a shout our souls are free
Death defeated by Immanuel*

*Now He's standing in the place of honor
Crowned with glory on the highest throne,
Interceding for His own beloved
till His Father calls to bring them home*

*Then the skies will part as the trumpet
sounds, hope of heaven or the fear of hell
But the Bride will run to her Lover's arms
giving glory to Immanuel*

Scripture Reading: Matthew 2:1-12 (page: 807)

Once in Royal David's City

*Once in royal David's city
stood a lowly cattle shed
Where a mother lay her baby
in a manger for his bed*

*Mary was that mother mild
Jesus Christ her little child*

*He came down to earth from heaven
who is God and Lord of all
And his shelter was a stable
and his cradle was a stall*

*With the poor and mean and lowly
lived on earth our Savior holy*

*For he is our childhood's pattern
day by day like us he grew
He was little, weak and helpless
tears and smiles like us he knew*

*And he feels with us our sadness
And he shares with us our gladness*

*And our eyes at last shall see him
through his own redeeming love
For that Child so dear and gentle
is our Lord in heaven above*

*And he leads his children on
to the place where he is gone*

Joy Has Dawned

*Joy has dawned upon the world
Promised from creation
God's salvation now unfurled
Hope for every nation*

*Not with fanfares from above
Not with scenes of glory
But a humble gift of love
Jesus born of Mary*

*Sounds of wonder fill the sky
With the songs of angels
As the mighty Prince of Life
Shelters in a stable*

*Hands that set each star in place
Shaped the earth in darkness
Cling now to a mother's breast
Vulnerable and helpless*

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

*God rest ye merry, gentlemen
Let nothing you dismay
Remember Christ our Savior
Was born on Christmas day
To save us all from Satan's power
When we were gone astray*

CHORUS:

*O tidings of comfort and joy
Comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy*

*From God our Heavenly Father
A blessed Angel came
And unto certain Shepherds
Brought tidings of the same
How that in Bethlehem was born
The Son of God by Name
(Chorus)*

*Shepherds bow before the Lamb
Gazing at the glory
Gifts of men from distant lands
Prophecy the story*

*Gold a King is born today
Incense God is with us
Myrrh His death will make a way
And by His blood He'll win us*

*Son of Adam Son of heaven
Given as a ransom
Reconciling God and man
Christ our mighty Champion!*

*What a Savior what a Friend
What a glorious mystery
Once a babe in Bethlehem
Now the Lord of history*

*Fear not then, said the Angel
Let nothing you affright
This day is born a Savior
Of a pure Virgin bright
To free all those who trust in Him
From Satan's power and might
(Chorus)*

*Now to the Lord sing praises,
All you within this place
And with true love and brotherhood
Each other now embrace
This holy tide of Christmas
All others doth deface
(Chorus)*

Compelled to Go Out

Benediction: John 1:14

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. From his fullness may you receive grace upon grace. Amen.

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

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Community and Events

This week at West Valley:

Tuesday: Craft and Nativity - This Tuesday at 9:30am, please come join us at the church for a fun finger puppet version of the Nativity, and a craft to follow. We hope to share with children the Greatest Gift that has been given this Christmas season!

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

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.

Youth Group [grades 6-12] - Youth Group is off for Christmas, but will start up again in the New Year (1/8) when we will begin looking at the 10 Commandments.

Opportunities to Serve:

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

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-John 1:14

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