



December 25, 2016

West Valley Presbyterian Church

This morning's theme: The Word for the World

Called to Worship

John 1:1-13

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

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: John 1:14-18 (page 886)

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 bore witness about him, and cried out, “This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.’”) For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father’s side, he has made him known.

Confessing our Sin

Prayer of Confession

O promised Christ: We are a world at war. Our peace depends on your coming. We are a sinful people. Our pardon depends on your coming. We are full of good intentions but weak at keeping promises; our only hope of doing God’s will is that you should come and help us do it. Lord Christ, Word made flesh, our world waits for your peace, for your pardon, and for your grace. Even so: come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

Declaration: 1 Timothy 1:15

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

Angels We Have Heard on High

*Angels we have on heard high
Sweetly singing ore the plains
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains
Gloria in excelsis Deo*

*See Him in a manger laid,
Whom the choirs of angels praise
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,
While our hearts in love we raise
Gloria in excelsis Deo*

*Come to Bethlehem and see
Christ whose birth the angels sing
Come adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord the newborn King
Gloria in excelsis Deo*

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.

Christmas Litany

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
Alleluia!

Shout to the Lord, all the earth. Alleluia!

O Christ, splendor of God's eternal glory, the mighty Word,
sustaining the universe: Renew our lives by your presence.

Lord, have mercy.

O Christ, born into the world in the fullness of time for the
liberation of all creation: Release all into your promised freedom.

Lord, have mercy.

O Christ, begotten of the Father before all time, born in a stable
at Bethlehem: May your church be a sign of hope and joy.

Lord, have mercy.

O Christ, truly God and truly human, born to a people in
fulfillment of their expectations: Fulfill our desires in you.

Lord, have mercy.

O Christ, born of the virgin Mary, child of wonder and splendor,
Mighty God of all ages, Prince of Peace: May the whole world
live in peace and justice.

Lord, have mercy.

Pastor Mark Howard

Text: John 1:11-13 (page: 886)

Title: The Word is Good News for the World

Notes: _____

What Child is This?

*What Child is this who, laid to rest
On Mary's lap is sleeping
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
While shepherds watch are keeping*

*This, this is Christ the King
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing
Haste, haste, to bring Him laud
The Babe, the Son of Mary*

*Why lies He in such mean estate
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christians, fear, for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading*

*Nails, spear shall pierce Him through
The cross be borne for me, for you
Hail, hail the Word made flesh
The Babe, the Son of Mary*

*So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh
Come peasant, king to own Him
The King of kings salvation brings
Let loving hearts enthrone Him*

*Raise, raise a song on high
The virgin sings her lullaby
Joy, joy for Christ is born
The Babe, the Son of Mary*

Chorus

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*

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

Compelled to Go Out

Benediction:

The joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the perseverance of the Magi, the obedience of Joseph and Mary, and the peace of Christ be yours this Christmas. And the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. Amen

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

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Community and Events

Upcoming Events:

Men's and Women's Bible Studies will resume in the new year. Watch this space for more information.

Christianity Explored - If you or a friend are interested in finding out more about Jesus or just want to brush up on the basics, sign up at the back for more info about our upcoming Christianity Explored course.

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.

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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