



September 17, 2017

West Valley Presbyterian Church

This morning's theme: The Mission of Christ

Called to Worship

Call to worship: Psalm 67:1-5

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

Come people of the Risen King

Come, people of the Risen King,
Who delight to bring Him praise;
Come all and tune your hearts to sing
To the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth
We will lift our eyes to Him,
Where steady arms of mercy reach
To gather children in.

*Rejoice, Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice; O Church of Christ, rejoice!*

Come, those whose joy is morning sun,
And those weeping through the night;
Come, those who tell of battles won,
And those struggling in the fight.
For His perfect love will never change,
And His mercies never cease,
But follow us through all our days
With the certain hope of peace.

Come, young and old from every land -
Men and women of the faith;
Come, those with full or empty hands -
Find the riches of His grace.
Over all the world, His people sing -
Shore to shore we hear them call
The Truth that cries through every age:
"Our God is all in all"

Scripture Reading: Genesis 12:1-3 (page 8)

Confessing our Sin

Prayer of Confession

Gracious Lord, we confess that we have not denied ourselves, taken up the cross and followed you. Instead, clinging to the things of this world and counting them dear, we have grown callous to the needs of the poor, the lonely and the suffering. We have not cared about those who are without Christ and without hope in this world. Lord forgive us for our offences and grant that by the power of your Spirit, we might live in light of your coming again. Amen.

Words of Assurance: 1 John 2:1-2

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Celebrating the Gospel

God, be merciful to me

1. God, be merciful to me;
On Thy grace I rest my plea
Plenteous in compassion Thou,
Blot out my transgressions now;
Wash me, make me pure within;
Cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

2. My transgressions I confess;
Grief and guilt my soul oppress.
I have sinned against Thy grace,
And provoked Thee to Thy face.
I confess Thy judgement just;
Speechless, I Thy mercy trust.

3. I am evil, born in sin;
Thou desirest truth within.
Thou alone my Savior art,
Teach Thy wisdom to my heart;
Make me pure, Thy grace bestow,
Wash me whiter than the snow.

4. Broken, humbled to the dust
By Thy wrath and judgment just,
Let my contrite heart rejoice,
And in gladness hear Thy voice;
From my sins O hide Thy face,
Blot them out in boundless grace.

5. Gracious God, my heart renew,
Make my spirit right and true.
Cast me not away from Thee,
Let Thy Spirit dwell in me;
Thy salvation's joy impart,
Steadfast make my willing heart.

6. Sinners then shall learn from me,
And return, O God, to Thee
Savior all my guilt remove,
And my tongue shall sing Thy love
Touch my silent lips, O Lord,
And my mouth shall praise accord

Declaring the Faith

This is the good news that we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold fast:

That Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses.

We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God.

Jesus, thank you

The mystery of the cross I cannot comprehend

The agonies of Calvary

You the perfect Holy One, crushed Your Son

Who drank the bitter cup reserved for me

Your blood has washed away my sin

Jesus, thank You

The Father's wrath completely satisfied

Jesus, thank You

Once Your enemy, now seated at Your table

Jesus, thank You

By Your perfect sacrifice I've been brought near

Your enemy You've made Your friend

Pouring out the riches of Your glorious grace

Your mercy and Your kindness know no end

Lover of my soul

I want to live for You

Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Greeting and Announcements

Sunday school classes for pre-K, K-1 and 2-3 grades are available during the sermon.

If you are visiting us, please fill out one of the welcome cards in front of your seat and drop it in the offering plate when it's passed.

And can it be

And can it be that I should gain
An interest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain—
For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be,
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

He left His Father's throne above
So free, so infinite His grace—
Emptied Himself so great His love,
And bled for Adam's helpless race:
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,
For O my God, it found out me!

Long my imprisoned spirit lay,
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray—
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.

No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine;
Alive in Him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach th'eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.

Communion in Sacrament

The Lord's Supper

Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup. 1 Corinthians 11:28

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Gracious Lord, we give you thanks for calling us out of the darkness and into your glorious light. When we remember the price you paid, the death of your only Son, we can only wonder and marvel at the greatness of your love. We give our lives to you Lord, and pray that through your Spirit you would teach us how to live according to your will. Send us out now to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of your mercy. We pray this in Jesus name. Amen.

Tithes and Offerings

Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7

Might God, we thank and praise you

Mighty God we thank and praise you
For this meal, this Bread of Life;
Precious blood and body, broken,
From your Son our Savior, Christ.

In these mysteries you assure us
We are members of your Son;
Heirs of your eternal Kingdom,
With all faithful people, One.

Humbly now we ask you, Father,
In your grace, to make us strong,
That, with all the saints before us,
In good works we may press on!

Send us out to love and serve you!
Send us out to sing your praise!
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Pow'r and glory to your name!

Compelled to Go Out

Commission & Benediction: Matthew 28:18-20

And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Please join us for a coffee and refreshments following the service!

Community and Events

This week:

- Today:** **Young Adults Group** – 12pm at the Howards’
 Youth Group – 6.30pm at church.
- Tuesday:** **Woman’s Bible study** – 7.30pm at church.
- Thursday:** **Men’s Bible study** – 7.30pm at church.
- Saturday:** **Women’s Bible study** - 8am at Panera (Trexlerstown)

Announcements:

Fall Registration (Nursery-12) - Links can be found on our website under the WVKids tab and in the Weekly Reminder.

Playground Group - We will meet at Alton Park on Oxford Dr. in Allentown on the 2nd/4th **Thursday** of the month at 10:30am.

Adopt a Student – Sign up at the back if you’d like to host a college student or if you’re a student who’d like to connect with a family.

Derek’s ordination and installation – Sunday October 8th, during our worship service. Followed by a church lunch to celebrate.

Discipleship Focus: Life at Home

Family Friday Night – Friday, September 29th at 6pm. Dessert, activities for kids and teaching on parenting. Sign up at the back or online at westvalleypres.org/friday

Marriage Seminar – Saturday, October 21st 9am-11.30am. Speaker: Christian Counselor Jeff Stark will be teaching on the *Biblical basics for a healthy marriage*. Sign up at westvalleypres.org/marriage.

Men’s retreat – Save the date: November 17th-18th. Tim Witmer will be sharing insights from his book, *The Shepherd Leader at Home*.

Small Groups:

Bible Studies – This fall our men’s and women’s Bible studies will be exploring the book of Exodus. See details above.

Growth Groups - These groups meet regularly to discuss the sermon: *Sundays, 4pm at the Nussbaums’* and *Fridays, 6.30pm at the Lyngdohs’*.

Young Adults Group – Meets for lunch and Bible study every other week, Sunday at 12pm at the Howards’. Contact: brian.stenson@dm.org.

Memory Verse

“Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your father who is in heaven.”

Matthew 5:16

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through the Word, prayer and mutual encouragement*

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