



December 10, 2017

West Valley Presbyterian Church

This morning's theme: Jesus: The Divine King

Called to Worship

Call to Worship: Psalm 146:1-5

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

When his breath departs, he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish.

Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his 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

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, Born this happy morning

Jesus, to thee be glory given

Word of the Father, Now in flesh appearing

Scripture Reading: Malachi 3:1-4 (page 802)

Confessing our Sin

Prayer of Confession

Lord, we have not kept watch for you. We have occupied ourselves with our own concerns. We have not waited to find your will for us. We have not noticed the needs of the people around us. We have not acknowledged the love that has been shown to us. Forgive us for our lack of watchfulness. Help us to wait to know your will. Help us to look out for the needs of others. Help us to work and watch for your coming again. Amen.

Words of Assurance: 2 Corinthians 8:9

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

Celebrating the Gospel

Holy Holy Holy

Holy, holy, holy Lord God Almighty
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee
Holy, holy, holy Merciful and mighty
God in three persons blessed Trinity

Holy, holy, holy all the saints adore thee
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee
Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see
Only Thou art holy there is none beside Thee
Perfect in power in love and purity

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea
Holy, holy, holy Merciful and mighty
God in three persons blessed Trinity

Declaring the Faith: Philippians 2:5-11

Jesus Christ, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be exploited; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Mary's Song (Our King of Peace)

My Soul magnified 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

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.

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

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

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

Compelled to Go Out

Commission: Colossian 3:17

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Benediction: 2 Corinthians 13:14

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Please join us for coffee and refreshments following the service!

Community and Events

This week:

- Today:** **Youth Group** –6:30-8pm 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:

Advent Devotional – To receive an email each week day with Scripture readings, questions to consider and prayer pointers during advent, sign up at westvalleypres.org/advent. Physical copies are also available at the back of church.

Christmas Eve Services – December 24th, 9:30am and 7pm. Invite your friends to join us for carol singing and a short message about the true meaning of Christmas.

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.

Opportunities to Serve:

Food Drive – We are looking to collect 150 boxes of hot chocolate for the East Penn Angel Network. Please bring in boxes by the end of the day **today**.

Spirit of the Lehigh Valley Dinner – For families in need at the Route 78 Holiday Inn **12/24 1-3:30pm**

Salvation Army Dinner – Starting **11:30am on 12/31** at Bethlehem Salvation Army

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, see Pastor Mark for more information

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

“She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”

Matthew 1:21

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through the Word, prayer and mutual encouragement*

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