



December 17, 2017

# West Valley Presbyterian Church

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*This morning's theme: Jesus: The Universal King*

## Called to Worship

### **Call 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.**

### **Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee**

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love  
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee opening to the sun above  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day

2. All Thy works with joy surround Thee, earth and heaven reflect Thy rays  
Stars and angels sing around Thee center of unbroken praise  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea  
Singing bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in Thee

3. Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blessed  
Wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest  
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother, all who live in love are Thine  
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine

4. Mortals, join the happy chorus, which the morning stars began  
Father love is reigning o'er us, brother love binds man to man  
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife  
Joyful music leads us Sunward in the triumph song of life

**Scripture Reading: Micah 5:1-5 (page 778)**

## Confessing our Sin

### Prayer of Confession

**Lord God, we confess our willingness to be loved but also our reluctance to love. We confess our readiness to accept your forgiving love but also our refusal to forgive. We confess our eagerness to grasp your offer of redeeming love but also our resistance to follow you without question. Forgive 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.**

### Words of Assurance: 1 Timothy 1:15

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

## Celebrating the Gospel

### 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  
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  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel

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  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel

O come, o come, Thou Lord of might  
who to thy tribes on Sinai's height  
in ancient time didst't give the law  
in cloud, and majesty, and awe  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel

**Declaring the Faith: The Apostles Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Hark! The herald angels sing**

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"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!

**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.*

**Consecrated by the Word**

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

**Message: The King Adored**

*Pastor Derek Coyle*

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## Communion in Sacrament

*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*

### **Angels from the realm of glory**

Angels from the realm of glory,  
Wing our flight o'er all the earth;  
Ye who sang creation's story  
Now proclaim the Messiah's birth.

*Come and worship, come and worship  
Worship Christ, the newborn King.*

Shepherds, in the field abiding,  
Watching o'er your flocks by night,  
God with us is now residing;  
Yonder shines the infant light:

All creation, join in praising  
God, the Father, Spirit, Son,  
Evermore your voices raising  
To the eternal Three in One.

## Compelled to Go Out

### **Benediction: Luke 2:14**

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!

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

**This week:**

**Today:**           **Young Adults Christmas Party** – 4pm at the Howard's (5251 Townsquare Dr, Macungie)

**Youth Group Christmas Party** – 6:30pm at church

**Next Sunday:**

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

**Spirit of the Lehigh Valley Dinner** – For families in need at the Route 78 Holiday Inn. Sign up at the back of church or online at [westvalleypres.org/serving](http://westvalleypres.org/serving). **Christmas Eve, 1-3:30pm**

**Other opportunities to Serve:**

**Salvation Army Dinner – New Year's Eve, 11:30am** at Bethlehem Salvation Army. Sign up at the back of church or online at [westvalleypres.org/serving](http://westvalleypres.org/serving).

\*\*\*\* **Bible Studies will resume in the New Year** \*\*\*\*

**Small Groups:**

**Bible Studies** – Watch this space for details of our winter Bible studies series.

**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](mailto: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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at home, at work and in our communities  
through the Word, prayer and mutual encouragement*

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