



December 24, 2017

West Valley Presbyterian Church

This morning's theme: Jesus: The Unrivaled King

Called to Worship

Call to Worship: Luke 1:68-75

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel! He has visited and redeemed his people

He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David, as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old

That we should be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us;

To show the mercy promised to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant, the oath that he swore to our father Abraham

To grant us that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him all our days

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

All creation, join in praising
God, the Father, Spirit, Son,
Evermore your voices raising
To the eternal Three in One.
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First Scripture Reading: Matthew 1:17-25 (page 778)

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 an unfaithful people; our only hope is that you should come and help us. Lord Christ, Word made flesh, our world waits for your peace, for your pardon, and for your grace. Even so: Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

Words of Assurance: Matthew 1:21

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

Celebrating the Gospel

God rest ye merry, gentlemen

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

In Bethlehem, in Israel
This blessed Babe was born
And laid within a manger
Upon this blessed morn
The which His Mother Mary
Did nothing take in scorn

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

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

The shepherds at those tidings
Rejoiced much in mind
And left their flocks a-feeding
In tempest, storm and wind
And went to Bethlehem straightway
The Son of God to find

And when they came to Bethlehem
Where our dear Saviour lay
They found Him in a manger
Where oxen feed on hay
His Mother Mary kneeling down
Unto the Lord did pray

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 other doth deface

Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 2:1-12

What Child is this who, laid to rest

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

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 2:13-23 (page 807)

Message: The King of Peace?

Pastor Mark Howard

Notes: _____

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

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.

Please join us for coffee and refreshments following the service!

This week:

Today: **Salvation Army Dinner –11:30am** at Bethlehem Salvation Army.

Candlelight Service, 7pm. Invite your friends to join us for carol singing and a short message about the true meaning of Christmas.

Announcements:

Christianity Explored – If you are interested in finding out more about Jesus or want a refresher on the basics of the Christian faith, please sign up to receive info about our upcoming Christianity Explored course at www.westvalleypres.org/ce

Small Groups:

Bible Studies – Watch this space for details of our winter Bible studies series, beginning in January.

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.

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

Memory Verse

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Matthew 1:21

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through the Word, prayer and mutual encouragement*

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