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west valley presbyterian church  
a church for the West Valley



christ who lives in me  
THE BOOK OF GALATIANS

**li·cen·tious** *adj* \lī-'sen(t)-shəs  
: lacking legal or moral restraints;  
: marked by disregard for strict rules of correctness.  
(Mirriam-Webster)

revering our triune Creator.

**call to worship**

from Psalm 77.11-14, 78.4

We - here, now - will remember the deeds of the Lord;  
yes, we will remember your wonders of old.  
We will ponder all your work,  
and meditate on your mighty deeds.  
Your way, O God, is holy.  
What god is great like our God?  
You are the God who works wonders.

Of your wonders we will speak.  
We will tell of the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might,  
and the wonders that he has done.

# God of Wonders

Lord of all creation  
Of water, earth, and sky  
The heavens are Your tabernacle  
Glory to the Lord on High

**God of wonders, beyond our galaxy**  
**You are holy, holy**  
**The universe declares Your majesty**  
**You are holy, holy**

## Lord of heaven and earth

Early in the morning  
I will celebrate the light  
And as I stumble in the darkness  
I will call Your name by night

Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth

## hearing the Word

the wonder of wonders, from Ezekiel 36

26 And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. 27 And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. ... 33 "Thus says the Lord God: On the day that I cleanse you from all your iniquities, I will cause the cities to be inhabited, and the waste places shall be rebuilt. 34 And the land that was desolate shall be tilled, instead of being the desolation that it was in the sight of all who passed by. 35 And they will say, 'This land that was desolate has become like the garden of Eden, and the waste and desolate and ruined cities are now fortified and inhabited.' 36 Then the nations that are left all around you shall know that I am the Lord; I have rebuilt the ruined places and replanted that which was desolate. I am the Lord; I have spoken, and I will do it.

## praying with Jesus and the church historic

from Luke 11, 1662 Anglican Book of Common Prayer

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come; thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

# Jesus I am resting, resting

-offering

1. Jesus, I am resting, resting,

In the joy of what Thou art;  
I am finding out the greatness  
Of Thy loving heart.  
Thou hast bid me gaze upon Thee,  
As Thy beauty fills my soul,  
For by Thy transforming power,  
Thou hast made me whole.

2. O, how great Thy loving kindness,

Vaster, broader than the sea  
O, how marvelous Thy goodness,  
Lavished all on me!  
Yes, I rest in Thee, Beloved,  
Know what wealth of grace is Thine,  
Know Thy certainty of promise,  
And have made it mine.

3. Simply trusting Thee, Lord Jesus,

I behold Thee as Thou art,  
And Thy love, so pure, so changeless,  
Satisfies my heart;  
Satisfies its deepest longings,  
Meets, supplies its every need,  
Compasseth me round with blessings:  
Thine is love indeed!

4. Ever lift Thy face upon me

As I work and wait for Thee;  
Resting 'neath Thy smile, Lord Jesus,  
Earth's dark shadows flee.  
Brightness of my Father's glory,  
Sunshine of my Father's face,  
Keep me ever trusting, resting,  
Fill me with Thy grace.

Jesus, I am resting, resting,  
In the joy of what Thou art;  
I am finding out the greatness  
Of Thy loving heart.

# recognizing total Falleness.

## communal confession

from Psalm 51

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

**For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.**

Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight,  
so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice.

Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

**Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.**

Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

*Father, have mercy on me yet again, set me free even today...*

*by your Spirit and only because of your Son. Amen.*

# rehearsing total Redemption.

## personal and communal of grace

from psalm 32.1-2

elder: Blessed is the one whose transgression IS forgiven, whose sin IS covered.

people: **Blessed is the one against whom the Lord counts no iniquity**  
**Thanks be to God through Jesus our righteousness!**

## Thy Mercy My God

Thy mercy my God is the theme of my song,  
The joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue;  
Thy free grace alone from the first to the last,  
Has won my affection and bound my soul fast.

Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here  
Sin would reduce me to utter despair:  
But through Thy free goodness my spirit revive  
And He that first made me still keeps me alive.

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart  
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart  
Dissolved by Thy goodness, I fall to the ground  
And weep to the praise of the mercy I've found.

Great Father of mercies, Thy goodness I own  
And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son.  
All praise to the Spirit whose whisper divine  
Seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine

## Word

children's sermon

Jim Powell, pastor

Galatians 5.16-26

freedom from licentiousness

## Let Your Kingdom Come

Your glorious cause, O God, engages our heart  
May Jesus Christ be known wherever we are  
We ask not for ourselves, but for Your renown  
The cross has saved us so we pray: Your kingdom come

Give us Your strength, O God, and courage to speak  
Perform Your wondrous deeds through those who are weak  
Lord use us as You want, whatever the test  
By grace we'll preach Your gospel 'till our dying breath

**Let Your kingdom come. let Your will be done**  
**So that every - one might know Your Name**  
**Let Your song be heard every - where on earth**  
**Till Your sovereign work on earth is done**  
**Let Your kingdom come**

# anticipating total Glory.

## Sacrament

examining ourselves - I Corinthian 11.23-28

## benediction

from Galatians 5.1

For freedom Christ has set us free! Stand firm, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.  
Go in the peace of your freedom!

## The gospel and my identity: What it means ...

it means freedom, liberty, release, deliverance, emancipation, salvation, etc.

*Galatians 5.16-25*

Pastor Jim Powell

for freedom Christ has set us free;  
stand firm, therefore and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

### Part I. (last week)

Freedom from slavery of \_\_\_\_\_.

Christ has set us free from the pressure of making a " \_\_\_\_\_ " in our flesh (6.12)

### Part II.

Freedom from slavery of \_\_\_\_\_.

Christ has set us free from having to \_\_\_\_\_ the passions and desires of our flesh (5.16)

licentiousness defined (Galatians)

licentiousness applied (Westvalleyans)

liberty from licentiousness look like (Christians)

# BE YELLOW

# BE RED

**Worship Leaders** – Would you enjoy leading children in worship through motions?

**Small Group Leaders** – We need volunteers for September to help kick start our new curriculum.

**Acting Opportunities** – Do you enjoy connecting with people through performing arts? We have a great opportunity for you!



**Parent Team Leader** – Needed for each age group to be a point person for parents regarding what's going on in their child's small group.

contact [potterswheel@westvalleypres.org](mailto:potterswheel@westvalleypres.org)



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## THINK ORANGE

Please join us August 26th at Camp Olympic for a special Potter's Wheel Fall Kickoff! We have a very special day planned to showcase our new curriculum. You don't want to miss it!

## wvpc women's group



Beth Moore conference is September 15th, 9:30-4:00 at Sovereign Ctr, Reading. Tickets are \$65. Pick up a flyer from the back table to get all the information needed for registration and carpooling.

The next book is *Broke Down Horses: A True-life Novel* by Jeanette Wells. The discussion is on Friday, August 31st, 7:00pm. Location TBA. If interested in hosting, contact Jane: [mattjanenusbaum@hotmail.com](mailto:mattjanenusbaum@hotmail.com).

## wvpc youth

Youth Group meets every other Wednesday (next Aug 22th) at 8 pm here at the church. FMI contact Justin Brown at [brownjusting@gmail.com](mailto:brownjusting@gmail.com)

## Cyber Bullying

Join us for an evening intended to equip parents and kids with helpful skills and knowledge to combat bullying. Tuesday, Aug 22nd, 6:30-8pm at Calvary Bible Fellowship Church, Coopersburg. All parents and students age 8 and up are invited. The registration deadline is Aug 17 and includes a cost of \$5 per family. For additional questions please e-mail Alice Kim at [alice@carenetlv.org](mailto:alice@carenetlv.org).

**Gentlemen** join Pastor Jim Wednesday mornings

for **WORD**

to study the text he is preaching on the following Sunday

**7:30 - 9 AM**

**Work**

## A Benefit for the Sampson Family

A non-profit event at the The Trapp Door Gastropub (across the street) on August 26, 4-8pm. Please pick up a flyer in the back for all the detail.

We are needing 15 volunteers to be present at 3pm to help the Trapp Door staff with ANYTHING they need, as well as kid-sitters at the church space (only for wvpc families who may want to attend).

To give to the Sampsons through a fund that West Valley has created, please send gifts to the church with "Lia Bles Sampson" in the note. All gifts are tax deductible.

## Welcome

Avalyn Joy Miller, born August 6th, at 1:07AM weighing 6lbs 10 oz and 19.5" long!

## Service Opportunities

There are opportunities to get involved at West Valley and serve the body every Sunday. Help is needed to prepare coffee and bagels, collect offering, or assist with some light clean-up. Please contact Buck Stetka to participate. [curtisstetka@yahoo.com](mailto:curtisstetka@yahoo.com) or 610-845-0088

## worship at the park

Mark your calendars and anticipate our worship service and picnic at Camp Olympic on August 26th. We will effectively close the Summer and launch the Fall. More information soon.

## wvpc community groups:

New and continuing community groups will be launching in the Fall. More info coming soon! For more information, contact Dominic Christison at [christison.d@gmail.com](mailto:christison.d@gmail.com)

e-mail prayer requests to [office@westvalleypres.org](mailto:office@westvalleypres.org) so we can support one another in prayer.