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west valley presbyterian church  
a church for the West Valley



christ who lives in me  
THE BOOK OF GALATIANS

Christianity promises to make men free,  
it does not promise to make them independent.  
William Ralph Inge

# revering our triune Creator.

## call to worship

from Isaiah 61.1-3, 10-11

### Hear:

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me  
to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,  
to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;  
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God;  
to comfort all who mourn;  
to grant to those who mourn in Zion - to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes,  
the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit;  
that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he may be glorified.

### Respond:

*I will greatly rejoice in the Lord; my soul shall exult in my God,  
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness...  
For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up,  
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations.*

## across the lands

You're the Word of God the Father from before the world began.  
Ev'ry star and ev'ry planet has been fashioned by your hand.  
All creation holds together by the power of your voice.  
Let the skies declare your glory; let the land and seas rejoice!

**You're the Author of creation; you're the Lord of ev'ry man  
and your cry of love rings out across the lands.**

Yet you left the gaze of angels, came to seek and save the lost,  
and exchanged the joy of heaven for the anguish of a cross.  
With a prayer you fed the hungry; with a word you calmed the sea;  
yet how silently you suffered that the guilty may go free!

With a shout you rose victorious, wresting vict'ry from the grave,  
and ascended into heaven, leading captives in your way.  
Now you stand before the Father, interceding for your own;  
from each tribe and tongue and nation, you are leading sinners home!

## declaring with the church historic

the apostle's creed, AD 325

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits  
at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, whence He shall 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 life everlasting. Amen.

\*universal

## covenanting with the church present

from the PCA Book of Church Order, 57-5

1. Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save his sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
4. Do you promise to support the church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the church, and promise to study its purity and its peace?

**congregation:** Will you seek to love well these members of the body: bearing their brokenness/sin, sharing your weakness, holding them accountable to the Word – for the glory of Christ, the Head of the body?

## just as I am/only my life -offering

Just as I am, without one plea  
But that thy blood was shed for me  
And that thou bidd'st me come to thee  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come

Just as I am, though tossed about  
With many a conflict, many a doubt  
Fightings and fears within, without,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come

Just as I am and waiting not  
To rid my soul of one dark blot  
To thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come

Just as I am, thou wilt receive  
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve  
Because thy promise I believe  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come

I bring You no prize, I have none to give  
But only my life that in You I may live  
There's no other way my soul can be free  
I come knowing you have received me  
Just as I am

# recognizing total Fallenness.

## from John 8.31-36

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free?'" Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

## communal confession

adapted from the Valley of Vision: Book of Puritan Prayers, "Openness"

Incomprehensible, great, and glorious God, I approach you mindful that my thoughts are not screened from your gaze. You alone have begun a good work in me and can alone continue and complete it. Give me an increasing conviction of my tendency to err and of my exposure to sin. Help me to feel more of the purifying, softening influence of the gospel - its compassion, love, pity, courtesy, and liberty to become your instrument in blessing others. Give me to distinguish between the mere form of godliness and its power, between falsity and truth, between legalism and love, between slavery and freedom. Through Jesus, make me and keep me and guide me in your righteousness, 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!**

## more than conquerors

Your faultless blood has washed our sinned stained hearts  
Your living word is changing who we are  
Your endless grace runs deeper than our faults  
Your true relentless love has conquered all

Nothing can prevail against the power of the Lord our God

**In everything we are more than conquerors  
because of who you are and all you've done  
And everything has changed and death has lost its sting  
because you died and rose again for us.**

Your perfect life restores us from the fall  
Your nail pierced hands reach out to heal us all  
Your empty grave has broken Satan's hold  
Your Spirit now renews and makes us whole

The story of my life will be: Jesus crucified and resurrected

## Word

children's sermon  
Jim Powell, pastor  
Galatians 5.1-15  
freedom from legalism

## 'tis so sweet to trust in Jesus

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,  
Just to take Him at His Word;  
Just to rest upon His promise,  
And to know, "Thus saith the Lord!"

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus,  
Just from sin and self to cease;  
Just from Jesus simply taking  
Life and rest, and joy and peace.

Oh, how sweet to trust in Jesus,  
Just to trust His cleansing blood;  
And in simple faith to plunge me  
'Neath the healing, cleansing flood!

I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee,  
Precious Jesus, Savior; Friend;  
And I know that Thou art with me,  
Wilt be with me to the end.

**Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!  
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er;  
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!  
Oh, for grace to trust Him more!**

# anticipating total Glory.

## Sacrament

examining ourselves - 1 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 and sonship!

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

Galatians 5.1-15

Dave Royes

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

## Part I.

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

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

legalism defined (Galatians)

legalism applied (Westvalleyans)

liberty from legalism looks like (Christians)

## Part II. (next week)

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

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

# 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 Opportunites** – Do you enjoy performing in front of an audience? 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!

## Lia Bles Sampson

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.

## wvpc youth

Youth Group is meeting Wednesday (Aug 8th) at 8 pm here at the church. FMI contact Justin Brown at [brownjusting@gmail.com](mailto:brownjusting@gmail.com)

## 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.

## 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).

## wvpc women's group



Beth Moore conference is September 15th, 9:30-4:00 at Sovereign Ctr, Reading. We are organizing a group to go. Tickets \$65. For registration or other info, contact Jane Nussbaum at [mattjanenussbaum@hotmail.com](mailto:mattjanenussbaum@hotmail.com)

Bring your kiddos to the playground every Thursday! We meet at the Lower Macungie School, on the corner of Krocks Rd and Lower Macungie Rd (next to Lower Macungie Middle School) come in the entrance for the middle school but turn right as you enter and you will see a big brick school – that's where the playground is! 9:30-11ish

## wvpc community groups:

Christison/Nussbaum group: (*Macungie*) Studying the life of David. Meets Sundays 6:30-8:30 pm at the Nussbaums. For details and directions contact Dominic Christison at [christison.d@gmail.com](mailto:christison.d@gmail.com)

Reed group: (*Zionsville*) Discussion of Paul Tripp's DVD series "Getting to the Heart of Parenting," meets every Sunday 5:30-7:30pm. FMI contact Alyssa at 610.393.9777


Royes/Aiello Group (*Breinigsville*) Every other Sunday 6-8 pm at the home of Jeff and Danielle Aiello. FMI contact the Aiellos at 610.844.5247.

Buck group: (*Emmaus*) "Getting to the Heart of Parenting" DVD series with Paul Tripp and discussion afterwards. Wednesdays 7-8:30 pm. FMI contact Chip or Karen Buck 610.442.4866.

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

Gentlemen join Pastor Jim Wednesday mornings

for **WORD**



to study the text he is preaching on the following Sunday

**7:30 - 9 AM**

**Work**