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christ who lives in me
THE BOOK OF GALATIANS

revering our triune Creator.

call to worship

from Galatians 6.16 isaiah 43.1-2, 42.10

Peace and mercy be upon the Israel of God!

Thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob,

he who formed you, O Israel: I have called you by name, and you are mine.

Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise from the end of the earth!

glorious Christ

1. The radiance of the Father
before the dawn of time
You spoke and all creation came to be
The molecules and planets reveal Your great design
And every one was made so we could see,
so we could see

**You are the glorious Christ, the greatest of all delights
Your power is unequalled, Your love beyond all heights
No greater sacrifice than when You laid down Your life
We join the song of angels who praise You day and night
Glorious Christ.**

2. You left the air of heaven
to breathe the dust of earth
And dwell among the outcast and the poor
You came to be forsaken
and died to take our curse
So You could be our joy forevermore, forevermore

You're seated now in heaven, enthroned at God's right hand
You've shattered death and freed us from our fears
And though we cannot see You, You're coming back again
And all will be made right when You appear
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hearing the Word

from Isaiah 43.1-7

"Fear not, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.
For I am the Lord your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.
I give Egypt as your ransom,
Cush and Seba in exchange for you.
Because you are precious in my eyes,
and honored, and I love you,
I give men in return for you,
peoples in exchange for your life.
Fear not, for I am with you...
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you.
I will say to the north, Give up,
and to the south, Do not withhold;
bring my sons from afar
and my daughters from the end of the earth,
everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made."

declaring with the church historic

the Westminster Larger Catechism, question 1 (1643-47)

Q. What is the chief and highest end of man?

A. Man's chief and highest end is to glorify God, and fully to enjoy him forever.

prayer

greeting

announcements

satisfied

-offering

1. All my life long I had panted
for a drink from some cool spring
that I hoped would quench the burning
of the thirst I felt within
2. Feeding on the filth around me
'till my strength was almost gone.
Longed my soul for something better
only still to hunger on.
3. Poor I was and sought for riches
something that would satisfy
But the dust I gathered 'round me
only mocked my soul's sad cry.
4. Well of water ever springing
Bread of Life so rich and free.
Untold wealth that never faileth,
my Redeemer is to me.

**Hallelujah! He has found me,
the One my soul so long has craved!
Jesus satisfies all my longings
through his blood I now am saved.**

recognizing total Fallenness.

personal prayer and meditation

from Galatians 1.10-11, 6.14

Am I now seeking the approval of man*, or of God? Or, am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ. (*"make a good showing in the flesh" - Galatians 6.12)

But far be it from me to boast, except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

communal confession

adapted from the Valley of Vision, Book of Puritan Prayers, - "Man a Nothing"

○ Lord, I am a shell full of dust, yet animated and made anew by an unseen power of grace. I am deeply convinced of the evil and misery of my sinful state, of my vanity and self-possession - even as I am the sufficiency of Christ. This is my conflict. When you would guide me, I seek to control myself. When you would be sovereign, I seek to rule. When you would take care of me, I seek my own sufficiency. When my forgiven-and-righteous identity should be found in you, I define myself in the eyes of others. When I should study, love, honor and trust you, I give such attention to myself, others and the world. Forgive me through Jesus. Convince me that I cannot be my own God. Convince me that I cannot find happiness in the (s)alvation of others. I am totally dependent on you. Take me to the cross of Jesus to discover again your grace and perfect approval. Then leave me there. 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!**

I will sing praise to God

I will sing praise to God He has lifted me up
He heard my cry for help and he filled my cup

**His favor extends for a life time
His grace gives me strength each day
My soul shall sing His praise for evermore**

I'll put my trust in Him God my refuge and strength
For when my life seems lost He will show me the way

Word

children's sermon
Jim Powell, pastor
Galatians 6.11-18

behold our God

Who has held the oceans in His hand?
Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at His voice
All creation rises to rejoice

**Behold our God seated on His throne
Come let us adore Him
Behold our King, nothing can compare
Come let us ad--ore Him!**

Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of His words?
Who can teach the one who knows all things?
Who can fathom all his wondrous deeds?

Who has felt the nails upon His hands
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal, humbled to the grave
Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign

anticipating total **Glory.**

Sacrament

examining ourselves - I Corinthian 11.23-28

benediction

from Galatians 1.3-5

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ,
who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father,
to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Galatians: What's the BIG Idea?

Galatians 6.11-18

Pastor Jim Powell

"The search for The Big Idea: to solve a specific communications problem with words and images that catch people's eyes, penetrate their minds, warm their hearts, and cause them to act... the passionate belief that creativity can solve almost any problem – The Big Idea, the defeat of habit by originality, overcomes everything. Great graphic communication depends on understanding and adapting to the culture, anticipating the culture, criticizing changes in the culture, and sometimes helping to change the culture..." – George Lois

Communally: We must understand the BIG _____ (6.11-13)

*a "religiously" good showing in the flesh exists for
pride-arrogance
pain-avoidance
positional-influence*

Individually: I must celebrate the BIGGER _____ (6.14-15)

*external and inverted boasting in Jesus
unnatural crucifixion
undeniable new creation*

Continually: We will wrestle with the BIGGEST _____ (6.16-18)

*mercy and peace while we wrestle (Israel)
with a new identity of total incarnation:
Christ who lives in me*



Welcome

BE YELLOW

launching Sept 9

BE RED

Worship Leaders Wanted – Would you enjoy leading children in worship through motions? Singing not required.

Small Group Leaders Needed – Would you love to pour into a child's life on a consistent basis? Preschool and K/1 leaders needed.

Decorating Team – Creative minds needed to help us decorate classrooms.



Parent Team Leader – We need a parent team leader for each age group to be a point person for parents regarding what's going on in their child's small group.

Respect – In September we are learning about Respect. What are some creative ways to highlight respect in your home?

contact potterswheel@westvalleypres.org

THINK ORANGE

Download the "Parent Cue" app for your iPhone, iPad or Android and continue your child's learning all week long.



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wvpc women's group



Our final book club discussion of the summer is *Half Broke Horses: A True-life Novel* by Jeanette Wells. The discussion is on Friday, August 31st, 7:00 pm at the church. Please RSVP to Jane: mattjanenussbaum@hotmail.com.

Beth Moore conference is September 15th, 9:30-4:00 at Sovereign Center, Reading. Tickets are \$65 and can be purchased at www.lifeway.com. Contact Anna Thomas at athomaspsu@gmail.com if you want to carpool!

Women's Bible study starts next month. The morning study will be on Mon, from 9:30-11:30 am, starting on Sept 10th. The evening study will be on Thurs, from 7-9 pm starting on Sept 13th. We will be studying the Psalms this semester. Childcare is provided for the morning study (a \$2 donation is appreciated but not required). For more info, contact Jane. If you're interested in attending the evening study, please contact Maureen at maureennh@gmail.com for more info.

Welcome Back to our College Students

Please let us know how we can connect with you - walk with you - grow with you!

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 or 610-845-0088

Marriage Seminar

Cornerstone will be hosting a 2-day marriage seminar: "Cultivating a Gospel-Centered Marriage." Stu and Ruth Ann Batstone will share how your marriage can be a place of glory. Friday, Sept 21 – 6:30-9:30 pm and Saturday, Sept 22 – 8:30 am-12:30 pm. The cost is \$25 for couples and \$15 for individuals. Child-care is provided on Saturday. For more info, email senorlovelady@gmail.com.

The Trapp Door Benefit

Thanks to all who helped serve our neighbors in an amazing benefit that blessed the Sampson family. Stop by the Trapp Door and thank them. Through your support and the partnership of the community, God raised close to \$10k!

wvpc community groups:

New and continuing community groups will be launching in the Fall. More info coming soon!

wvpc youth

Fall Youth group will commence in the weeks to come. Settle in to school, know we are praying for you! FMI contact Justin Brown at brownjusting@gmail.com

Gentlemen join Pastor Jim Wednesday mornings

for **WORD**

to study the text he is preaching on the following Sunday

7:30 - 9 AM

Work