



December 2, 2018

West Valley Presbyterian Church

This morning's theme: God prepares the way

Called to Worship

Call to Worship: Psalm 24:7-10

Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory?

The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!

Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory?

The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory!

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Come Thou long-expected Jesus
Born to set Thy people free
From our fears and sins release us
Let us find our rest in Thee
Israel's Strength and Consolation
Hope of all the saints Thou art
Dear Desire of every nation
Joy of every longing heart

Joy to those who long to see thee
Dayspring from on high appear
come thou promised Rod of Jesse
of thy birth we long to hear
O'er the hills the angels singing
news glad tidings of a birth
Go to him your praises bringing
Christ the Lord has come to earth

Come, to earth to taste our sadness
he whose glories knew no end
by his life he brings us gladness
our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend
Leaving riches without number
born within a cattle stall
this the everlasting wonder
Christ was born the Lord of all

Born Thy people to deliver
Born a child, and yet a King
Born to reign in us forever
Now Thy precious kingdom bring
By Thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone
By Thine all-sufficient merit
Raise us to Thy glorious throne

Scripture Reading: Malachi 2:17-3:4 (page 802)

Confessing our Sin

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we do not know how to prepare for you Advent. We have forgotten how to hope in miracles; we have ignored the promise of your kingdom; we get distracted by all the busyness of this season. Forgive us, God. Grant us the simple wonder of the shepherds, the intelligent courage of the Magi, the patient faith of Mary and Joseph. Now, in the quiet of our hearts, we ask you to make us ready for Jesus' coming. Amen.

Words of Assurance: Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

Celebrating the Gospel

Dawning Light Of Our Salvation

Long in darkness Israel wandered long in mortal shadows, we
Walked in bondage and self-pity trod in paths of sin and grief
In the prophets' words He told us long the God of Israel spoke
He alone in strength would save us from the hands of all our foes

*Every valley be exalted, every mountain be made plain
Crooked ways repent and straighten all creation bend in praise*

He shall raise a mighty Savior born of David's lineage, He
Comes in covenant love to claim us from our sins to set us free
Light to those who dwell in darkness life to those from death who flee
Joy unto the earth, and gladness to your pathways dawning peace

Jesus, Lord and mighty Savior David's Son and yet his King
Dawning light of our salvation of your saving pow'r we sing
Stand, Oh lame, and dance ye broken know the Savior's healing grace
Come, Oh deaf and hear him singing. Turn, Oh blind, behold his face

Declaring our 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.

Speak O Lord

Speak O Lord as we come to you
To receive the food of your Holy Word
Take your truth, plant it deep in us
Shape and fashion us in your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith
Speak O Lord and fulfil in us
All your purposes for your glory

Teach us Lord full obedience,
Holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise Cause our eyes to see,
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of power that can never fail;
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time,
That will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises;
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, 'til your church is built,
And the earth is filled with Your glory.

The Baptism of Preston David Latta

"The promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." - Acts 2:39

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, grades K-1, and grades 2-3 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 is passed.

Consecrated by the Word

Scripture: Luke 1:1-25 (page 855)

Message: Confident in God’s Preparation Pastor Mark Howard

Notes: _____

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

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns
Let men their songs employ
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
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

He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love

Communion in Sacrament

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

The Lord Is My Salvation

The grace of God has reached for me
And pulled me from the raging sea
And I am safe on this solid ground
The Lord is my salvation
I will not fear when darkness falls
His strength will help me scale these walls
I'll see the dawn of the rising sun
The Lord is my salvation

*Who is like the Lord our God?
Strong to save, faithful in love
My debt is paid and the vict'ry won
The Lord is my salvation*

My hope is hidden in the Lord
He flow'rs each promise of His Word
When winter fades I know spring will come
The Lord is my salvation
In times of waiting, times of need
When I know loss, when I am weak
I know His grace will renew these days
The Lord is my salvation

And when I reach my final day
He will not leave me in the grave
But I will rise,
He will call me home
The Lord is my salvation

Glory be to God the Father
Glory be to God the Son
Glory be to God the Spirit
The Lord is our salvation

Compelled to Go Out

Commission& Benediction: Colossians 2:2-3

May your hearts be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

Please join us for coffee and refreshments following the service!

Community and Events

This week:

- Today:** **Young Adults Group** – 12pm at the Howards’
 Prayer Night – 6pm-7pm at church
 Youth Group – after prayer night, 7pm-8pm at church
- Tuesday** **Women’s Craft Night** – 7pm at church. Email Karen for more info at karenlyngdoh@gmail.com.
- Thursday** **Men’s Bible Study** – 7:30pm at church
- Saturday** **Women’s Bible Study** – 8am at Panera, Trexlertown
- Next Sunday** ***The Installation of David Royes***

Announcements:

Food Drive - We are collecting 150 boxes of hot chocolate for East Penn Angel Network, an organization that provides assistance to local families in the school district. Please bring boxes by **NEXT Sunday, December 9th**.

Young Adults Group – Join us next Sunday (December 16th), for our Christmas party.

Discipleship Focus: Life At Work

Watch this space over the next few weeks for information about upcoming ways to become better equipped to serve Christ in your work.

Bible Studies – Check your inbox for details of Bible studies this week.

More information about Bible Studies and small groups can be found at:

www.westvalleypres.org/groups

Memory Verse

“He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”

Luke 2:32-33

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through the Word, prayer and mutual encouragement*

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