



January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020

# West Valley Presbyterian Church

*This morning's theme: God is a Spirit*

## Called to Worship

### **Call to Worship: John 4:23-24**

The hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.

### **Come Thou Almighty King**

Come, Thou Almighty King  
Help us Thy Name to sing; help us to praise  
Father all glorious, O'er all victorious  
Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days

Come, Thou Incarnate Word  
Gird on Thy mighty sword; our prayer attend  
Come, and Thy people bless, and give Thy Word success  
Spirit of holiness, on us descend

Come, Holy Comforter  
Thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour  
Thou, Who almighty art, now rule in ev'ry heart  
And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of pow'r

To Thee, great One in Three  
The highest praises be, hence, evermore  
His sovereign majesty; may we in glory see  
And to eternity, love and adore

### **Scripture Reading: Psalm 139:1-12 (page 521)**

## Confessing our Sin

### **Prayer of Confession**

**Almighty God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart, soul, mind and strength. We admit that our hearts are full of idols. Even when we worship you, we are half-hearted; our thoughts of you are too small; we make you in our own image rather than worship you in spirit and in truth. Thank you that you have saved us and make us true worshipers through Jesus Christ. By your Spirit, help us to offer our whole lives in heartfelt worship. In Jesus name, Amen.**

**Words of Assurance: Psalm 103:8-12**

The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

Celebrating the Gospel

**Holy, Holy, Holy**

Holy, holy, holy Lord God Almighty  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee  
Holy, holy, holy Merciful and mighty  
God in three persons blessed Trinity

Holy, holy, holy all the saints adore thee  
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee  
who wert, and art, and evermore shall be

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee  
though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see  
Only Thou art holy there is none beside Thee  
perfect in power in love and purity

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea  
Holy, holy, holy Merciful and mighty  
God in three persons blessed Trinity

**Declaring Our Faith: Westminster Confession 2-1 (MESV)**

**There is only one living and true God, who is infinite in being and perfection. He is a most pure spirit, invisible, with neither body, parts, nor passive properties. He is unchangeable, boundless, eternal, and incomprehensible. He is almighty, most wise, most holy, most free, and most absolute. He works all things according to the counsel of his own unchangeable and most righteous will, for his own glory. He is most loving, gracious, merciful, long-suffering, abundant in goodness and truth, forgiving iniquity, transgression, and sin, and he is the rewarder of those who diligently seek him. He is also most just and terrifying in his judgments, hating all sin, and will by no means acquit the guilty.**

## **Immortal, Invisible**

Immortal, invisible God only wise  
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes  
Most blessed, most glorious the Ancient of Days  
Almighty, victorious Thy great name we praise

Unresting, unhasting and silent as light  
Nor wanting, nor wasting Thou rulest in might  
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love

To all, life thou givest to both great and small  
In all life thou livest the true life of all  
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree  
And wither and perish but naught changeth Thee

Great Father of glory pure Father of light  
Thine angels adore Thee all veiling their sight  
All praise we would render O help us to see  
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee

## **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**

*Nursery and Sunday school classes for pre-K, grades K-1, and grades 2-3 are available during the sermon. Parents, please take your kids to their class table in the narthex during the greeting time. There is also a mothers room at the back left of the sanctuary.*

*If you are visiting us, please fill out an information card at the welcome desk or visit [westvalleypres.org/welcome](http://westvalleypres.org/welcome).*

## **Pastoral Prayer**

*I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people.*

1 Timothy 2:1-2.

**Scripture: Genesis 25:19-34**

**Message: The Gracious Promise**

*Pastor Mark Howard*

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## Communion in Sacrament

*Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup.* 1 Corinthians 11:28

### **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

### **Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah**

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,  
Pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but thou art mighty;  
Hold me with thy pow'rful hand;  
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,  
Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain,  
Whence the healing stream doth flow;  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar  
Lead me all my journey through;  
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,  
Be thou still my Strength and Shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
Bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of death, and hell's destruction,  
Land me safe on Canaan's side;  
Songs of praises, songs of praises  
I will ever give to thee.

**Commission: Romans 12:1**

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sister, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

**Benediction: Numbers 6:24-26**

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

*Please stay for coffee and refreshments after the service!*

**Small Groups** – Are you new to studying the Bible? Or do you want to go deeper by studying it with others? Come along to one of our weekly groups (check your email for information about when these resume):

- *Women’s Bible Study* – Tuesdays, 7pm and Saturdays, 9am
- *Men’s Bible Study* – Thursdays, 7pm
- *Kim’s Small Group* – Wednesdays, 7pm
- *Other fellowship groups* – contact the office for more info

**Friday Night Fellowship** – A family-friendly way to connect over dessert and discuss what the Bible says about everyday life. Upcoming dates: Friday, January 31<sup>st</sup> and Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup>.

**New Officer Training** – Following nominations back in the fall, we will begin training prospective new elders and deacons this month. This will include theological seminars that are *open to all*. The first will take place on Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup> - more info to follow.

**Sermon Series – The Promise (Genesis 25-36)** – As we consider the life of Jacob, Genesis provides some gritty, realistic insights into what it means to ‘wrestle with God’ as we fight to believe His promises.

**New Children’s Books!** – The church library is now back up and running! Visit after the service to find some great resources for all ages! It’s located right across from the welcome desk.

**Welcome visitors!** – We’re glad you could join us today and hope you leave encouraged! Please fill out an information card at the welcome desk or online at [westvalleypres.org/welcome](http://westvalleypres.org/welcome)

**Church Administrator** – We are looking to hire an *administrative assistant* to help with communications, administration, organization and basic bookkeeping. If you would like more information, know anyone who might be a good fit or are interested in applying, please email [mark@westvalleypres.org](mailto:mark@westvalleypres.org).

January's Memory Verse

*The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and I am helped.*

Psalm 28:7a (NIV)

Shorter Catechism Question

Q. 4. What is God?

*A. God is a spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable, in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness and truth.*

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Our mission:  
*Growing disciples of Jesus  
at home, at work and in our communities  
through the Word, prayer and mutual encouragement*

**Meeting Location**

9:15am at 1208 Brookside Rd, Wescosville

(Bethany's Wescosville Campus)

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