

# West Valley Presbyterian Church

This morning's theme: God's Power

# Called to Worship

#### Call to Worship: Psalm 68:34-35

Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel, and whose power is in the skies. Awesome is God from his sanctuary; the God of Israel—he is the one who gives power and strength to his people. Blessed be God!

### All Hail The Power Of Jesus Name

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall; bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all;

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed of the fall, hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all;

Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe, on this terrestrial ball, to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all;

O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall! we'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all:

Scripture Reading: Psalm 62:1-8

# Confessing our Sin

# **Prayer of Confession:**

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

#### Words of Assurance: Romans 6:4

We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

# Celebrating the Gospel

### God Be Merciful To Me

God be merciful to me
On thy grace I rest my plea
Plenteous in compassion thou
Blot out my transgressions now
Wash me, Make me pure within
Cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin

My transgressions I confess Grief and guilt my soul oppress I have sinned against thy grace And provoked thee to thy face I confess thy judgment just Speechless I thy mercy trust

I am evil, born in sin Thou desirest truth within Thou alone my Savior art Teach thy wisdom to my heart Make me pure, thy grace bestow Wash me whiter than the snow

Broken, humbled to the dust By thy wrath and judgement just Let my contrite heart rejoice And in gladness hear thy voice From my sins O hide thy face Blot them out in boundless grace

Gracious God, my heart renew Make my spirit right and true Cast me not away from Thee Let Thy Spirit dwell in me Thy salvation's joy impart Steadfast make my willing heart

Sinners then shall learn from me And return, O God, to Thee Savior all my guilt remove And my tongue shall sing Thy love Touch my silent lips, O Lord, And my mouth shall praise accord

# **Declaring Our Faith: 1 Chronicles 29:10-13**

Blessed are you, O LORD, the God of Israel our father, forever and ever. Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as head above all. Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all. And now we thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name.

#### O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing

O for a thousand tongues to sing My great Redeemer's praise, The glories of my God and King, The triumphs of his grace.

My gracious Master and my God, Assist me to proclaim, To spread through all the earth abroad, The honors of thy Name.

Jesus, the Name that charms our fears, That bids our sorrows cease; 'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'Tis life, and health, and peace.

He breaks the power of reigning sin, He sets the pris'ner free; His blood can make the foulest clean, His blood availed for me.

He speaks and, listening to his voice, New life the dead receive; The mournful, broken hearts rejoice; The humble poor believe.

#### 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.

#### Pastoral Prayer

I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanks givings be made for all people. 1 Timothy 2:1-2.

Congograted by the Word

Consecrated by the Word		
<u>Scripture</u> : Genesis 29:31-30:24 (page 24)		
<b>Message</b> : Desiring The Promise	Pastor Mark Howard	
Notes:		
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#### <u>Jesus Shall Reign</u>

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun Does his successive journeys run; His kingdom stretch from shore to shore, Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

For him shall endless prayer be made, And praises throng to crown his head; His Name, like sweet perfume, shall rise With ev'ry morning sacrifice.

People and realms of ev'ry tongue Dwell on his love with sweetest song; And infant voices shall proclaim Their early blessings on his Name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns; The pris'ner leaps to lose his chains, The weary find eternal rest, And all the sons of want are blest.

Let ev'ry creature rise and bring Peculiar honors to our King, Angels descend with songs again, And earth repeat the loud Amen.

### 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

#### Magnificent, Marvelous, Matchless Love

Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love; too vast and astounding to tell Forever existing in worlds above, now offered and given to all. Oh, fountain of beauty eternal; the Father, the Spirit, the Son. Sufficient and endlessly generous, magnificent, marvelous, matchless love.

Creation is brimming with thankfulness, the mountains, exultant they stand; The seasons rejoice in Your faithfulness, all life is sustained by Your hand. You crown every meadow with color; You paint every shade in the sky; Each day the dawn wakes as an encore of magnificent, marvelous, matchless love.

How great, how sure; His love endures forevermore. Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love.

What grace, that You entered our brokenness; You came in the fullness of time
How far we had fallen from righteousness, but not from the mercies of Christ.
Your cross is our door to redemption;
Your death is our fullness of life.
That day, how forgiveness flowed as a flood: magnificent, marvelous, matchless love.

United in Your resurrection, You lift us to infinite heights Could anything sever or take us from magnificent, marvelous, matchless love

# Compelled to Go Out

# Commission & Benediction: 1 Corinthians 1:7-9

May you not be lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Please stay for coffee and refreshments after the service!

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# Community and Events

#### This week:

Today Young Adults Group – 12pm at the Howard's

**Youth Group** – 6:30pm-8pm in the choir room

Tuesday Women's Bible Study: Luke – 7pm
Wednesday Small Group – 7:30pm at the Seitz's
Thursday Men's Bible Study: Luke – 7:30pm

Saturday Women's Bible Study: Hebrews – 8am

**Theological Training Seminar** – 9am-11am

Next Sunday Membership Class - 11pm-2pm

#### **Announcements:**

**Teachers Needed!** Are you interested in teaching in Sunday school? We are currently in need of two more Pre-K volunteers. If you would like to help email Karen at <a href="https://www.wvs.ukw.nee.com/wvs.karen.nee.com/wvs.karen.nee.com/wvs.karen.nee.com/wvs.ukw.nee.com/wvs.karen.n

**Church Lunch** – Thank you to everyone who contributed and helped with the lunch last Sunday!

**Membership Class – NEXT Sunday, February 23rd, 11pm-2pm -** Want to learn more about West Valley? Interested in becoming a member? This short class is an opportunity to find out more (lunch provided). Email mark@westvalleypres.org for more info or to sign up.

**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, 7:30pm
- Small Group Wednesdays, 7pm
- Other fellowship groups contact the office for more info

**Theological Training Seminar** – Recordings and notes from our first seminar are available at westvalleypres.org/seminar. The next will take place **THIS Saturday**, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 9am-11am.

**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 START TIME – Please note, our services now begin at 9:30am

We have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ, once for all.

Hebrews 10:10b (NIV)

# **Shorter Catechism Question**

#### O. 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**

9:30am at 1208 Brookside Rd, Wescosville (Bethany's Wescosville Campus) www.westvalleypres.org | 610-421-8066 | PO Box 3741, Allentown, PA 18106