

# West Valley Presbyterian Church

This morning's theme: God's Goodness

## Called to Worship

#### Call to Worship: Psalm 34:8

Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

#### Psalm 34 (Taste and See)

I sought the Lord and He answered me And delivered me from every fear Those who look on Him are radiant They'll never be ashamed, They'll never be ashamed

This poor man cried and the Lord heard me And saved me from my enemies The son of God surrounds his saints He will deliver them, He will deliver them

> Magnify the Lord with me Come exalt His name together Glorify the Lord with me Come exalt His name forever

Oh taste and see that the Lord is good Oh blessed is He who hides in him Oh fear the Lord all of you saints He'll give you everything, He'll give you everything

Scripture Reading: Matthew 5:43-48

## Confessing our Sin

#### **Prayer of Confession**

Almighty God, every good and perfect gift is from above and comes down from You. We confess the times we have not acknowledged you or given you our thanks. We have taken your gifts for granted, and not worshiped and served You, the Giver. Thank you for the greatest gift of your Son, Jesus Christ, in whom there is redemption and forgiveness. For His sake, forgive us and cleanse us and make us thankful people. Amen.

#### Words of Assurance: From Psalm 130:7-8

Hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption. In Christ, he has redeemed us from all our iniquities.

## Celebrating the Gospel

#### Praise The Lord (Psalm 117)

Praise the Lord all you nations Extol him all you peoples For great is his love for us Praise the Lord he is faithful His love endures for ever And great is his love for us

Sing a song of praise to God enthroned on High Bow before the King of the angels His mercy and His love his justice will be known Lift a song of praise to the Lord

Boldly shout his praise for he has rescued us Sin and death no more can enslave us His beauty and his power displayed at Calvary Lift a song of praise to the Lord

## **Declaring Our Faith: Psalm 36:5-9**

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever. Give thanks to the God of gods, for his steadfast love endures forever. Give thanks to the Lord of lords, for his steadfast love endures forever; to him who alone does great wonders, for his steadfast love endures forever; to him who by understanding made the heavens, for his steadfast love endures forever; to him who spread out the earth above the waters, for his steadfast love endures forever:

It is he who remembered us in our low estate, for his steadfast love endures forever; and rescued us from our foes, for his steadfast love endures forever; he who gives food to all flesh, for his steadfast love endures forever. Give thanks to the God of heaven, for his steadfast love endures forever.

#### The Love Of God

The love of God is greater far
Than tongue or pen can ever tell;
It goes beyond the highest star,
And reaches to the lowest hell;
The guilty pair, bowed down with care,
God gave His Son to win;
His erring child He reconciled,
And pardoned from his sin.

Oh, love of God, how rich and pure! How measureless and strong! It shall forevermore endure— The saints' and angels' song.

When years of time shall pass away, And earthly thrones and kingdoms fall, When men who here refuse to pray, On rocks and hills and mountains call, God's love so sure, shall still endure, All measureless and strong; Redeeming grace to Adam's race— The saints' and angels' song.

Could we with ink the ocean fill, And were the skies of parchment made, Were every stalk on earth a quill, And every man a scribe by trade; To write the love of God above Would drain the ocean dry; Nor could the scroll contain the whole, Though stretched from sky to sky.

#### **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 thanksgivings be made for all people.

1 Timothy 2:1–2.

Consecrated by the Word					
<u>Scripture</u> : Genesis 32-33					
<u>Message</u> : Fighting For The Promise	Pastor Mark Howard				
Notes:					

#### The Compassion Hymn

There is an everlasting kindness You lavished on us, When the radiance of heaven came to rescue the lost. You called the sheep without a shepherd to leave their distress, For Your streams of forgiveness and the shade of Your rest.

And with compassion for the hurting You reached out Your hand, As the lame ran to meet You and the dead breathed again. You saw behind the eyes of sorrow and shared in our tears; Heard the sigh of the weary, let the children draw near.

What boundless love, what fathomless grace You have shown us, O God of compassion. Each day we live an offering of praise As we show to the world Your compassion.

We stood beneath the cross of Calvary and gazed on Your face, At the thorns of oppression and wounds of disgrace; For surely You have borne our suffering and carried our grief, As You pardoned the scoffer and showed grace to the thief.

How beautiful the feet that carry this gospel of peace To the fields of injustice and the valleys of need; To be a voice of hope and healing, to answer the cries Of the hungry and helpless with the mercy of Christ.

## **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

## **May The Peoples Praise You**

You have called us out of darkest night Into Your glorious light That we may sing the wonders of The risen Christ

May our every breath retell the grace That broke into our strife With boundless love and deepest joy With endless life

> May the peoples praise You Let the nations be glad All Your blessing comes That we may praise May praise the Name of Jesus

All the earth is Yours and all within Each harvest is Your own And from Your hand we give to You To make Christ known

May the seeds of mercy grow in us For those who have not heard May songs of praise build lives of grace To spread Your Word

This our holy privilege to declare Your praises and Your name To every nation, tribe and tongue, Your church proclaim

# Compelled to Go Out

## **Commission: 1 Thessalonians 5:14-15**

We urge you, brothers, admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all. See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to everyone.

## **Benediction:** Numbers 5:24-26

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!

#### Community and Events

#### This week:

Today 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

#### **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 WVKids@westvalleypres.org. *Note: all volunteers are required to complete background checks*.

Passover Seder – Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 11am-3pm in the Fellowship Hall. Rev. Fred Klett, evangelist in the PCA to the Jewish people, will be leading us in a family-friendly celebration meal that points to Jesus. Tickets: \$12 for adults, \$6 for kids. Sign up at westvalleypres.org/passover or contact Alice Kim for more info at agkim1997@gmail.com.

**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 two seminars are available at westvalleypres.org/seminar. The next will take place Saturday, March 21<sup>st</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.

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#### This Month's Memory Verse

Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:16 (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**

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