



October 4th, 2020

West Valley Presbyterian Church

Note: Please wear a mask or face covering while inside the building

Called to Worship

This morning's theme: God is Our Protector

Call to Worship: Psalm 147:1-3

Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting. The LORD builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel. He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

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 every heart
And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power

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: Romans 8:31-39

Confessing our Sin

Prayer of Confession

Forgive us our sins, O Lord. Forgive us the sins of our youth and the sins of our age, the sins of our soul and the sins of our body, our secret and our whispering sins, our presumptuous and our careless sins, the sins we have done to please ourselves, and the sins we have done to please others. Forgive us the sins that we know, and the sins that we know not; forgive them, O Lord, forgive them all because of your great goodness. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Words of Assurance: Colossians 2:13-15

And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s 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.

Kids Ministry

Activities and teaching for PreK-K kids will be available during the sermon. Please take your kids out to the narthex during the next song then pick them up from the Fellowship Hall at the end of the service.

He Will Hold Me Fast

When I fear my faith will fail
Christ will hold me fast
When the tempter would prevail
He will hold me fast
I could never keep my hold
through life's fearful path
For my love is often cold
He must hold me fast

*He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so
He will hold me fast*

Those He saves are His delight
Christ will hold me fast
Precious in his holy sight
He will hold me fast
He'll not let my soul be lost
His Promises shall last
Bought by Him at such a cost
He will hold me fast

For my life He bled and died
Christ will hold me fast
Justice has been satisfied
He will hold me fast
Raised with Him to endless life
He will hold me fast
'Till our faith is turned to sight
when He comes at last

Consecrated by the Word

Scripture Reading: Genesis 38

Message: Broken Dreams

Pastor Mark Howard

Notes: _____

All Praises to Thee My God This Night

All praise to Thee, my God, this night,
For all the blessings of the light!
Keep me, O keep me, King of kings,
Beneath Thine own almighty wings.

Forgive me, Lord, for Thy dear Son,
The ill that I this day have done,
That with the world, myself, and Thee,
I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.

O may my soul on Thee repose,
And with sweet sleep mine eyelids close,
Sleep that may me more vigorous make
To serve my God when I awake

Teach me to live, that I may dread
The grave as little as my bed.
Teach me to die, that so I may
Rise glorious at the judgment day.

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Tithes and Offerings

An offering box is available at the back of church. Alternatively, please consider giving online at westvalleypres.org/give. For more info visit the “giving info” link on our website.

Compelled to Go Out

Commission: Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

Benediction: Psalm 121:7-8

May the LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.

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This Week:

- Tuesday:** Women's Bible Study – 7:30 pm via Zoom
Thursday: Men's Bible Study – 7:30pm in the choir room
Saturday: Women's Bible Study – 8 am via Zoom

Congregational Meeting – NEXT Sunday, October 11th. After the service next week there will be a brief informational meeting to give thanks for God's goodness over the last year, and give updates on the year ahead (e.g. the budget)

Bible Studies: 1 Corinthians

One of the things that has been tested recently is our commitment to the church. It's been hard to meet and hard to stay connected. In 1 Corinthians, God reminds us why the church is so important. He also provides us the help to overcome our faults and failings as a church family.

- Women's Bible Study, Tuesdays at 7:30 pm
- Men's Study Group, Thursdays at 7:30 pm
- Women's Bible Study, Saturdays at 8 am

Sermon Series: Living The Dream, Enduring The Nightmare –

The pandemic has brought many new challenges. We need God's help to approach life with hope and perseverance. God provided Joseph with great hope by giving him an amazing dream. However, before that dream was fulfilled, he too needed to persevere through hardship! This week we begin our new series in Genesis 37-50.

Friday Night Fellowship – October 23rd, 6pm-7:30pm. Save the date for our next 'hybrid' fellowship evening. Details to follow.

Parenting In A Pandemic – Are you interested in partnering with another couple to reach out to your friends and family this fall? If so, would you consider hosting a short parenting seminar in your home? We will provide videos, resources and plenty of prayer support. The seminar format will likely include a Friday evening and/or Saturday morning. If you are at all interested, let us know at westvalleypres.org/host.

Help needed! Ushers & Slides – now that we have moved back inside, we need volunteers to help usher or run the slides. If would like to serve in either of these ways let Mark know at mark@westvalleypres.org.

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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
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