



November 22nd, 2020

West Valley Presbyterian Church

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

Called to Worship

This morning's theme: The hope of the resurrection

Call to Worship: 1 Peter 1:3

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead

Our Great God

Eternal God unchanging
mysterious and unknown
your boundless love unfailing
in grace and mercy shown
bright seraphim in endless flight
around your glorious throne
they raise their voices day and night
in praise to you alone

*Hallelujah Glory be to Our great God
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Lord we are weak and frail
helpless in the storm
surround us with your angels
hold us in your arms
our cold and ruthless enemy
his pleasure is our harm
rise up oh Lord and he will flee
before our sovereign God

Let every creature in the sea
and every flying bird
let every mountain every field
and valley of the earth
let all the moons and all the stars
in all the universe
sing praises to the living God
who rules them by his word

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:50-57

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ you have given us a sure hope and future, yet we confess that we have set our hope on other things: money, family, success, pleasure. Forgive us for breaking your Law and putting these things ahead of you. By your Spirit, help us to set our hope fully on your promises and to lead holy lives as we await Christ's return. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Words of Assurance: John 5:24

"Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life."

Pastoral Prayer

Urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people. 1 Timothy 2:1-2.

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.

Because He Lives

God sent His son, they called Him, Jesus;
He came to love, heal and forgive;
He lived and died to buy my pardon,
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives!

*Because He lives, I can face tomorrow,
Because He lives, all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living,
Just because He lives!*

How sweet to hold a newborn baby,
And feel the pride and joy he gives;
But greater still the calm assurance:
This child can face uncertain days because He Lives!

And then one day, I'll cross the river,
I'll fight life's final war with pain;
And then, as death gives way to victory,
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He lives!

Consecrated by the Word

Scripture Reading: Genesis 46

Message: Dream Come True

Pastor Mark Howard

Notes: _____

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

What is our hope in life and death?
Christ alone, Christ alone.
What is our only confidence?
That our souls to Him belong.
Who holds our days within His hand?
What comes, apart from His command?
And what will keep us to the end?
The love of Christ, in which we stand.

*O sing hallelujah!
Our hope springs eternal;
O sing hallelujah!
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death.*

What truth can calm the troubled soul?
God is good, God is good.
Where is His grace and goodness known?
In our great Redeemer's blood.
Who holds our faith when fears arise?
Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
Unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

Unto the grave, what will we sing?
"Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!"
And what reward will heaven bring?
Everlasting life with Him.
There we will rise to meet the Lord,
Then sin and death will be destroyed,
And we will feast in endless joy,
When Christ is ours forevermore.

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.

Commission and Benediction: 2 Peter 3:13-14, 18

According to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace.

May you grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

Announcements

This Week:

- Tuesday:** **Women's Bible Study** – Not meeting this week
Thursday: **Men's Bible Study** – Not meeting this week
Saturday: **Women's Bible Study** – 8 am via Zoom

Bible Studies: 1 Corinthians

One of the things that's been tested recently is our commitment to 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 helps us 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

Parenting Seminar – This seminar includes four self-paced video sessions by Paul David Tripp, as well as opportunities to discuss them with others. It began last week but you can still sign up for the video links. Just email office@westvalleypres.org.

Operation Christmas Child – Pick up a shoe box in the narthex, along with instruction on how to fill it. Due *THIS Sunday, November 22nd* or drop it off at a local pick-up center (see samaritanspurse.org/occ for more info).

Angel Network Food Drive - We are aiming to collect an additional 100 boxes of mac & cheese for the Angel Network which serves in-need families in the East Penn school district. Please place your contributions on the welcome desk. The deadline is *Sunday, November 29th*.

Online Membership Class – Beginning in December, we will be holding an online membership class. This is for anyone who wants to know more about West Valley or who is considering becoming a member. The class will involve 3 self-paced videos and online discussion via Zoom. If you are interested, email Mark 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

(Bethany's Wescosville Campus)

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