



December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020

# West Valley Presbyterian Church

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

## Called to Worship

*This morning's theme: The glory of the cross*

### **Call to Worship: Isaiah 60:1-3**

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

### **O Come O Come Emmanuel**

O come, O come, Emmanuel  
And ransom captive Israel  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, O come, Thou Lord of might,  
Who to Thy tribes, on Sinai's height,  
In ancient times did'st give the Law,  
In cloud, and majesty and awe.

O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free  
Thine own from Satan's tyranny  
From depths of Hell Thy people save  
And give them victory o'er the grave

O come, Thou Day-Spring, from on high  
And cheer us by thy drawing nigh  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night  
And death's dark shadows put to flight.

O come, Thou Key of David, come  
And open wide our heavenly home  
Make safe the way that leads on high  
And close the path to misery

**Scripture Reading: Matthew 1:18-25**

## Confessing our Sin

### Prayer of Confession

Lord Jesus, light of the world, we confess that we have walked in darkness: we confess our willingness to be loved but our reluctance to love; We confess our readiness to accept your forgiving love but our refusal to forgive; We confess our eagerness to grasp your offer of redeeming love but our resistance to follow you without question. In this Advent time, forgive us our failure to respond as we should. Come to us anew, and by your grace, assist us to receive you with joy, as the shepherds; with gratitude, as Simeon; with obedience, as Mary; with love, as you have loved us. Even so: come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

### Words of Assurance: Mark 10:45

For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

### 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.

## Consecrated by the Word

### Scripture Reading: Philippians 2:1-11

### Message: The Cross

Pastor Mark Howard

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**Mary's Song (Our King of Peace)**

*Oh, behold, my Savior has come!  
And my soul will tell of His praise  
For He Who is strong has come to the weak  
And, at last, He will reign as our King of Peace*

My soul magnifies the Lord;  
My spirit rejoices in God!  
My Savior has seen his servant in need,  
And behold the great things He has done:

He scatters the proud and rich;  
He lifts up the humble and weak.  
The kings of the earth, He casts from their thrones  
And the hungry He welcomes to feast

From now to the end of time  
The nations will know me as blest  
For God has made new His promise of love  
And mercy through Abraham's seed

**God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen**

God rest ye merry, gentlemen; let nothing you dismay,  
Remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas Day,  
To save us all from Satan's pow'r when we were gone astray;

*O tidings of comfort and joy,  
Comfort and joy,  
O tidings of comfort and joy.*

From God our heavenly Father, a blessed angel came;  
And unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same:  
How that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name.

"Fear not, then," said the angel, "let nothing you affright;  
This day is born a Savior of a pure virgin bright,  
To save all those who trust in him from Satan's pow'r and might."

Now to the Lord sing praises all you within this place,  
And with true love and brotherhood each other now embrace;  
This holy tide of Christmas all others doth deface.

## **Hark the Herald Angels Sing**

Hark! The herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King;  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild  
God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,  
Join the triumph of the skies;  
With th'angelic host proclaim,  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King!"

Christ, by highest heav'n adored,  
Christ, the everlasting Lord!  
Late in time, behold Him come,  
Offspring of the virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;  
Hail th'incarnate Deity,  
Pleased with us in flesh to dwell,  
Jesus, our Emmanuel.  
Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King!"

Hail the heavn-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the Son of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings,  
Ris'n with healing in His wings.  
Mild He lays His glory by,  
Born that man no more may die,  
Born to raise the sons of earth,  
Born to give them second birth.  
Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King!"

## **Tithes and Offerings**

*An offering box is available at the back of church. Alternatively, please consider giving online at [westvalleypres.org/give](http://westvalleypres.org/give). For more info visit the "giving info" link on our website.*

## Compelled to Go Out

### **Commission & Benediction: Malachi 4:2 & Philippians 4:7**

May Jesus Christ, the sun of righteousness, who comes with healing in his wings, fill you with joy and peace that passes all understanding. And may the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. Amen.

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## Announcements

### This Week:

**Tuesday:** Women's Bible Study – 7:30pm on Zoom

**Thursday:** Men's Bible Study – 7:30pm

**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. Check email for Zoom links or other details.

- 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

**Online Membership Class** – This class is for anyone who wants to know more about West Valley or who is considering becoming a member. It involves three self-paced video sessions followed by online discussion via Zoom. Visit [westvalleypres.org/class](http://westvalleypres.org/class) to register & receive the class link.

**Christmas Eve Service** - *Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.* Join us as we sing carols, read the Christmas story and hear a short message about what the true reason for the season. Why not invite a friend!?

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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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