



November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021

# West Valley Presbyterian Church

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*This morning's theme: Thanksgiving for God's Goodness*

## Called to Worship

### **Call to Worship: Psalm 100:1-3**

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! Know that the LORD, he is God!

**It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

### **Rejoice the Lord is King**

Rejoice, the Lord is King!  
Your Lord and king adore;  
Mortals give thanks and sing,  
And triumph evermore;

*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!*

Jesus, the Savior, reigns,  
The God of truth and love;  
When He had purged our stains  
He took His seat above;

His kingdom cannot fail,  
He rules o'er earth and Heav'n,  
The keys of death and hell  
Are to our Jesus giv'n;

He sits at God's right hand,  
till all His foes submit.  
And bow to his command  
and fall beneath his feet.

Rejoice in glorious hope!  
Jesus the Judge shall come,  
And take His servants up  
To their eternal home.

*We soon shall hear the archangel's voice,  
The trump of God shall sound, rejoice*

**Scripture Reading: Philippians 4:4-7**

Confessing our Sin

**Prayer of Confession**

**Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son. Amen**

**Words of Assurance: Ephesians 1:7**

In Christ we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace.

Celebrating the Gospel

**From the Depths of Woe I Raise to Thee**

From the depths of woe I raise to Thee  
The voice of lamentation  
Lord, turn a gracious ear to me  
And hear my supplication  
If Thou iniquities dost mark,  
Our secret sins and misdeeds dark  
O who shall stand before Thee?

To wash away the crimson stain,  
Grace, grace alone availeth  
Our works, alas are all in vain,  
In much the best life faileth  
No man can glory in Thy sight,  
All must alike confess Thy might  
And live alone by mercy

Therefore my trust is in the Lord  
And not in mine own merit  
On Him my soul shall rest, His word,  
Ipholds my fainting spirit  
His promised mercy is my fort,  
My comfort and my sweet support  
I wait for it with patience

What though I wait the livelong night  
And till the dawn appeareth  
My heart still trusteth in His might,  
It doubteth not nor feareth  
Do thus, O ye of Israel's seed,  
Ye of the Spirit born indeed  
And wait till God appeareth

Though great our sins and sore our woes,  
His grace much more aboundeth  
His helping love no limit knows,  
Our utmost need it soundeth  
Our Shepherd good and true is He  
Who will at last His Israel free  
From all their sin and sorrow

### **Announcements**

#### **Pastoral Prayer**

*I 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** – *Sunday school will be available for PreK – 3rd grade during the sermon. Please take your kids into the narthex during the next song. They will be brought back into the service during the final song.*

#### **Great is Thy Faithfulness**

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not  
As Thou has been Thou forever wilt be.

*Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see.  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.*



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### **My Heart is Filled**

My heart is filled with thankfulness  
To Him who bore my pain  
Who plumbed the depths of my disgrace  
And gave me life again  
Who crushed my curse of sinfulness  
And clothed me in His light  
And wrote His law of righteousness  
With power upon my heart

My heart is filled with thankfulness  
To Him who walks beside  
Who floods my weaknesses with strength  
And causes fears to fly  
Whose every promise is enough  
For every step I take  
Sustaining me with arms of love  
And crowning me with grace

My heart is filled with thankfulness  
To Him who reigns above;  
Whose wisdom is my perfect peace;  
Whose every thought is love.  
For every day I have on earth  
Is given by the King.  
So I will give my life, my all,  
To love and follow Him.

### **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.**

## **Oh Give Thanks to the Lord (Psalm 107)**

We were wand'ring in the desert with our souls so starved and weak.  
We were hungry for a homeland we did not know how to seek.  
But we lifted up our voices to the only One who hears;  
And the God of mercy came and brought us near.

We were locked out of the garden, and our backs bent down with pain.  
In the shadow of death's darkness, we were slaves to sin and blame.  
Then we cried out in our labor to the only One who hears,  
And the God of mercy wiped away our tears.

*Oh give thanks to the Lord for His love endures forever!  
We were wandering and lost, and our Father brought us home,  
To a safe dwelling place, to a feast of joy and laughter.  
Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good!*

We were fools in our rebellion, with our hunger strike of pride.  
We were sick and growing closer to the death we should have died.  
Then he heard of our condition, and he called us by our names;  
And the God of glory took away our shame.

We were far out on the ocean, making wealth and chasing dreams,  
But the waves of great destruction brought us tremb'ling to our knees.  
Then we cried like drunken sailors to the only One who hears,  
And the God of comfort took away our fears.

## **Tithes and Offerings**

*An offering box is available near the exit. 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: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, 23-24**

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances;  
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

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## This week:

- Today:**           **Youth Group** – 6pm in the choir room  
**Thursday:**      **Happy Thanksgiving!**  
**Saturday:**      **Women’s Bible Study** – 8am via Zoom & at the Kim’s

## Announcements

**Thanksgiving Offering** – Please consider contributing to our special offering to help MNA Mercy Ministry. See the flyer on your seat for more information.

**Craft Morning** - Join us in the Fellowship Hall for a morning of Christmas crafting on **Saturday, Dec 11<sup>th</sup>, 10am!** Children are welcome. Let Karen Lyngdoh know if you are planning on attending. More info and sign up to follow.

**Parents’ Night Out/Kid’s Christmas Party – Friday, Dec 10<sup>th</sup>**  
Drop your kids off from 5pm-8pm in the Fellowship Hall, while you have a night out or Christmas shop! For more info contact Cassie ([clwells94@gmail.com](mailto:clwells94@gmail.com)) or sign up now at [westvalleypres.org/parents](http://westvalleypres.org/parents).

**New Online Directory** – Our new directory is available at [westvalleypres.org/directory](http://westvalleypres.org/directory) and in the Church Center App. The directory is ‘opt-in’ and by invitation only. If you didn’t yet receive an invitation please email [office@westvalleypres.org](mailto:office@westvalleypres.org) to request one.

**Young Adults Group** meets after the service NEXT Sunday and every other week in *the Fellowship Hall*. This fall, we’ll seek to become better equipped to share our faith.

**Youth Group** – Sundays at 6pm in the choir room. This fall we are studying Ezra.

**Bible Studies: Advent Series** - We’ll be studying Luke 1-2 through advent. Study guides are available at the Welcome Desk.

- *Women’s Bible Study* – Tuesdays, 7:30pm & Saturdays, 8am
- *Men’s Bible Study* – Thursdays, 7:30pm
- *Other fellowship groups* – contact the office for more info

**Friday Prayer Call** – *Every Friday, 7am*. Join us for this brief, 15-minute dial-in prayer time to focus your heart on the Lord and seek his help! Just dial 518-992-1099 and enter code 636625 on Fridays at 7am.

This Month's Memory Verse

*For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. – Romans 6:23*

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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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