



November 28th, 2021

West Valley Presbyterian Church

This morning's theme: Alive in Christ

Called to Worship

Call to Worship: John 14:6

Jesus said, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

Dawning Light of Our Salvation

Long in darkness Israel wandered long in mortal shadows, we
Walked in bondage and self-pity trod in paths of sin and grief
In the prophets' words He told us long the God of Israel spoke
He alone in strength would save us from the hands of all our foes

*Every valley be exalted, every mountain be made plane
Crooked ways repent and straighten, all creation bend in praise*

He shall raise a mighty Savior born of David's lineage, He
Comes in covenant love to claim us from our sins to set us free
Light to those who dwell in darkness life to those from death who flee
Joy unto the earth, and gladness to your pathways dawning peace

Jesus, Lord and mighty Savior David's Son and yet his King
Dawning light of our salvation of your saving pow'r we sing
Stand, Oh lame, and dance ye broken know the Savior's healing grace
Come, Oh deaf and hear him singing. Turn, Oh blind, behold his face

Scripture Reading: John 5:19-25

Confessing our Sin

Prayer of Confession

Lord, we have not kept watch for you. We have occupied ourselves with our own concerns. We have not waited to find your will for us. We have not noticed the needs of the people around us. We have not acknowledged the love that has been shown to us. Forgive us for our lack of watchfulness. Help us to wait to know your will. Help us to look out for the needs of others. Help us to work and watch for your coming again. Amen.

Words of Assurance: Ephesians 2:4-5

God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved.

In You O Lord I Am Found

O Lord, you know me and search me out:
My habits and thoughts, my secret doubts,
My dreams at night, the words of my mouth.
In you, O Lord, I am found;
Oh, in you, O Lord, I am found.

I know not all my own heart and mind,
My wandering soul, my sleepless eyes;
I long for you but from you I hide.
In you, O Lord, I am found;
Oh, in you, O Lord, I am found.

Though darkness covers my hope and sight
And night overtakes my troubled mind
In darkness you, my Daylight will shine
In you, O Lord, I am found;
Oh, in you, O Lord, I am found.

Before my birth, you composed my frame.
You gazed in my eyes and knew my name;
You wrote with love each one of my days.
In you, O Lord, I am found;
Oh, in you, O Lord, I am found.

Where can I run from your love so deep,
So boundless and strong, so rich, so free?
No height, nor depth can separate me:
In you, O Lord, I am found;
Oh, in you, O Lord, I am found.

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

The church's one Foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is his new creation by water and the Word.
From heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy Name she blesses, partakes one holy food.
And to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder, men see her sore oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping, shall be the morn of song.

'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation of peace for evermore;
Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

Consecrated by the Word

Scripture Reading: Romans 6:1-14

Message: Alive In Christ

Pastor Mark Howard

Notes: _____

Joy Has Dawned

Joy has dawned upon the world, promised from creation
God's salvation now unfurled, hope for every nation.
Not with fanfares from above, not with scenes of glory,
But a humble gift of love, Jesus born of Mary.

Sounds of wonder fill the sky with the songs of angels
As the mighty Prince of Life, shelters in a stable.
Hands that set each star in place, shaped the earth in darkness,
Cling now to a mother's breast, vulnerable and helpless.

Shepherds bow before the Lamb, gazing at the glory;
Gifts of men from distant lands, prophesy the stor-y.
Gold a King is born today, incense God is with us,
Myrrh His death will make a way, and by His blood He'll win us.

Son of Adam, Son of heav'n, given as a ransom;
Reconciling God and man, Christ, our mighty champion!
What a Savior! What a Friend! What a glorious mystery!
Once a babe in Bethlehem, now the Lord of history.

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 heav'nly 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.

Tithes and Offerings

An offering box is available near the exit. Alternatively, please consider giving online at westvalleypres.org/give. For more info visit the "giving info" link on our website.

Commission: 1 Corinthians 15:58

My beloved brothers and sisters, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

Benediction: 2 Thessalonians 3:18

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

This week

- Today:** **Young Adults** - 11:30am in the Fellowship Hall
 Youth Group – 6pm in the Choir Room
- Tuesday:** **Women’s Bible Study** – 7:30pm in the choir room
- Thursday:** **Men’s Bible Study** – 7:30pm in the choir room
- Friday:** **Prayer Call** – 7am (see details below)
- Saturday:** **Women’s Bible Study** – 8 am via Zoom & at the Kims

Announcements

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

Parents’ Night Out/Kid’s Christmas Party – Friday, Dec 10th
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) or sign up now at westvalleypres.org/parents.

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

Young Adults Group meets after the service THIS 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.

Family Advent Devotional – Pick up a free copy of *The Adventures Of Christmas* at the welcome desk. This book contains 25 short and engaging devotions for families of all ages!

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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