

# West Valley Presbyterian Church

This morning's theme: Peace in Christ

# Called to Worship

#### Call to Worship: 1 Peter 2:4-5

As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

#### Come People of the Risen King

Come people of the risen King who delight to bring Him praise Come all and tune your hearts to sing, to the Morning Star of grace From the shifting shadows of the earth we will lift our eyes to Him Where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in

> Rejoice, Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice! One heart, one voice. O Church of Christ, rejoice!

Come, those whose joy is morning sun and those weeping through the night Come, those who tell of battles won, and those struggling in the fight For His perfect love will never change, and His mercies never cease But follow us through all our days, with the certain hope of peace

Come, young and old from every land, men and women of the faith
Come, those with full or empty hands, find the riches of His grace
Over all the world His people sing, shore to shore we hear them call
The Truth that cries through every age, "Our God is all in all"!

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 41:8-16

# Confessing our Sin

#### **Prayer of Confession**

Almighty and most merciful Father, we confess that we have not trusted you with our whole heart; we have leaned on our own understanding and been wise in our own eyes; In our thoughts, words and deeds we have not acknowledged you and so our paths have been crooked before you. Forgive us our sins and teach us by you Spirit to fear you and to turn away from evil, to the glory of our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

#### Words of Assurance: 1 Corinthians 1:30

Because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

#### Celebrating the Gospel

#### I Will Wait for You (Psalm 130)

Out of the depths I cry to You In darkest places I will call Incline Your ear to me anew And hear my cry for mercy, Lord

Were You to count my sinful ways How could I come before Your throne Yet full forgiveness meets my gaze I stand redeemed by grace alone

> I will wait for You, I will wait for You On Your Word, I will rely I will wait for You, surely wait for You Till my soul is satisfied

So put your hope in God alone Take courage in His power to save Completely and forever won By Christ emerging from the grave

Now He has come to make a way And God Himself has paid the price That all who trust in Him today Find healing in his sacrifice.

> I will wait for You, I will wait for You Through the storm, and through the night I will wait for You, surely wait for You For Your love is my delight

#### 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.

<u>Kids Ministry</u> – Sunday school will be available for PreK – 3rd grade during the sermon. Please take your kids out to the narthex during the next song. They will be brought back into the service during the final song.

#### Speak O Lord

Speak O Lord as we come to you
To receive the food of your Holy Word
Take your truth, plant it deep in us
Shape and fashion us in your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith
Speak O Lord and fulfill in us
All your purposes for your glory

Teach us Lord full obedience, Holy reverence, true humility. Test our thoughts and our attitudes In the radiance of Your purity. Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see, Your majestic love and authority. Words of power that can never fail; Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us. Truths unchanged from the dawn of time, That will echo down through eternity. And by grace we'll stand on Your promises; And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us. Speak, O Lord, 'til Your church is built, And the earth is filled with Your glory.

# Consecrated by the Word

# Scripture Reading: Romans 5:1-12 **Message:** Life At Peace Pastor Mark Howard Notes:

#### **Behold the Lamb**

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, Slain for us and we remember The promise made that all who come in faith Find forgiveness at the cross.

> So we share in this Bread of life, And we drink of His sacrifice, As a sign of our bonds of peace Around the table of the King.

The body of our Savior, Jesus Christ, Torn for you eat and remember The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life, Paid the price to make us one.

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin, Shed for you, drink and remember He drained death's cup that all may enter in To receive the life of God.

And so with thankfulness and faith We rise to respond and to remember. Our call to follow in the steps of Christ As His body here on earth

> As we share in His suffering, We proclaim: Christ will come again! And we'll join in the feast of heav'n Around the table of the King.

#### 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.

#### To God Be the Glory

To God be the glory, great things He hath done, So lov'd He the world that He gave us His Son, Who yielded His life an atonement for sin, And opened the Life Gate that all may go in.

> Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice; Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice; Oh, come to the Father, Through Jesus the Son, And give Him the glory; Great things He hath done.

Oh, perfect redemption, the purchase of blood, To ev'ry believer the promise of God; The vilest offender who truly believes, That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done, And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son; But purer, and higher, and greater will be Our wonder, our transport when Jesus we see.

## **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.

# Compelled to Go Out

## **Commission:** Colossians 2:6-7

Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

# **Benediction:** Roman 15:5-6

May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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#### This week:

**Today:** Youth & Young Adults Games and Pizza — 11am-

2pm in Fellowship Hall

**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)

Men's Retreat – 5:30pm, Camp Menolan, Quakertown

**Saturday:** Women's Bible Study – 8 am via Zoom & at the Kims

#### Announcements

**Youth & Young Adults** are invited to join us for boardgames & pizza after the worship service TODAY, Nov. 7th from 11:00 to 2:00. Please fill out this brief survey at westvalleypres.org/games if you plan to join us.

**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 (not meeting this week)** – Sundays at 6pm in the choir room. This fall we are studying Ezra. Pick up a study guide at the welcome desk!

**Bible Studies: Ezra** – Part 2 of the study guide is now 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.

**Vision Planning – Saturday, Nov 20<sup>th</sup>, 9am-12pm** in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for this 'bubbling-up' session as a step toward clarifying our priorities and forming our three-year Visible Vision. Childcare available. Sign-up now at westvalleypres.org/vision by Tuesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>.

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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) www.westvalleypres.org | 610-421-8066 | PO Box 3741, Allentown, PA 18106