



December 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021

# West Valley Presbyterian Church

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*This morning's theme: Hope in Christ*

## Called to Worship

### **Call to Worship: Isaiah 2:2-5**

It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, and many peoples shall come, and say:

**“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.”**

### **Come Thou Long Expected Jesus**

Come thou long-expected Jesus, Born to set thy people free  
From our sins and fears release us; let us find our rest in thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation, Hope of all the Saints thou art,  
Dear desire of ev'ry nation, joy of every longing heart.

Joy to those who long to see thee, Dayspring from on high, appear;  
Come, thou promised Rod of Jesse, of Thy birth we long to hear!  
O'er the hills the angels singing news, Glad tidings of a birth  
“Go to him, your praises bringing; Christ the Lord has come to Earth.”

Come to earth to taste our sadness, He whose glories knew no end;  
by His life He brings us gladness, Our redeemer, Shepherd, Friend.  
Leaving riches without number, born within a cattle stall;  
This the everlasting wonder, Christ was born the Lord of all!

Born thy people to deliver, Born a child and yet a king  
born to reign in us forever, Now thy precious kingdom bring.  
By thine own eternal spirit; rule in all our hearts alone  
By thine all sufficient merit, Raise us to thy glorious throne

### **Scripture Reading: Luke 2:22-35**

## Confessing our Sin

### **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: Jeremiah 31:3**

I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.

## Celebrating the Gospel

### **Away in a Manger**

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.  
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,  
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the Baby awakes,  
But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes;  
I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky  
And stay by my cradle til morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay  
Close by me forever, and love me, I pray;  
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,  
And fit us for heaven to live with Thee there.

**Announcements** – see page 7

### **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** – 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.

**Mary’s Song (Our King of Peace)**

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

*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*

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

Consecrated by the Word

**Scripture Reading: Romans 8:14-30**

**Message: Sons In The Son**

Pastor Mark Howard

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## **Angels We Have Heard on High**

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 as man with us to dwell,  
Jesus, our Emmanuel.  
Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King!"

Hail the heavnly Prince of Peace!  
Hail the Sun 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!"

## **Go Tell it on the Mountain**

*Go tell it on the mountain,  
over the hills and everywhere;  
Go tell it on the mountain  
that Jesus Christ is born.*

While shepherds kept their watching  
o'er silent flocks by night,  
Behold throughout the heavens  
there shone a Holy Light.

The shepherds feared and trembled  
when lo! Above the earth,  
Rang out the angel chorus  
that hailed our Saviour's birth.

Down in a lowly manger  
the humble Christ was born  
And brought us God's salvation  
that blessed Christmas morn!

**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: Romans 15:12-13**

Isaiah says, “The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope.” May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

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## Announcements

**Warm Clothing Drive** – To benefit VAST (Valley Against Sex Trafficking) please place donations of NEW clothing in the box by the welcome desk THIS Sunday. Suggestions include women's: socks, gloves, hats, scarves, sweat shirts, sweat pants, underwear, jackets. If you have questions you can contact Alice Kim at [akim1997@gmail.com](mailto:akim1997@gmail.com)

**Youth Group** – Sundays at 6pm in the choir room.

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

**Bible Studies**— Our Bible studies are taking a brief break for the holidays and will resume in the new year.

- *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.

**Membership Class** – *Saturday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 9am-12pm*. Want to learn more about West Valley? Interested in becoming a member? This short class is an opportunity to find out more. Sign-up now at [westvalleypres.org/class](http://westvalleypres.org/class).

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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