



December 5th, 2021

West Valley Presbyterian Church

This morning's theme: Free in Christ

Called to Worship

Call to Worship: Luke 1:68-75

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people.

He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David, as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old.

That we should be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us;

To show the mercy promised to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant, the oath that he swore to our father Abraham

To grant us that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

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: John 8:31-36

Confessing our Sin

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we do not know how to prepare for your Advent. We have forgotten how to hope in miracles; we have ignored the promise of your kingdom; we get distracted by all the busyness of this season. Forgive us, God. Grant us the simple wonder of the shepherds, the intelligent courage of the Magi, the patient faith of Mary and Joseph. Now, in the quiet of our hearts, we ask you to make us ready for Jesus' coming. Amen.

Words of Assurance: Matthew 1:21

She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.

Celebrating the Gospel

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

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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.*

Angels From the Realms of Glory

Angels, from the realms of glory,
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye, who sang creation's story,
Now proclaim Messiah's birth.

*Come and worship! Come and worship!
Worship Christ the newborn King!*

Shepherds, in the fields abiding,
Watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with man is now residing
Yonder shines the infant light.

Sages, leave your contemplations,
Brighter visions beam afar
Seek the great Desire of nations,
Ye have seen his natal star.

Saints, before the altar bending,
Watching long in hope and fear;
Suddenly the Lord, descending,
In His temple shall appear.

Sinners, wrung with true repentance,
Doomed for guilt to endless pains,
Justice now revokes the sentence,
Mercy calls you, break your chains.

From the Squalor of a Borrowed Stable

From the squalor of a borrowed stable
By the spirit of a virgin's faith
To the anguish and the shame of scandal
Came the savior of the human race
But the skies were filled with the praise of heaven
Shepherds listen as the angels tell
Of the gift of God come down to man
At the dawning of Emmanuel

King of heaven now the friend of sinners
Humble servant in the Father's hands
Filled with power and the Holy Spirit
Filled with mercy for the broken man
Yes he walked my road and he felt my pain
Joys and sorrows that I know so well
Yet his righteous steps give me hope again
I will follow my Emmanuel

Through the kisses of a friend's betrayal
He was lifted on a cruel cross
He was punished for a world's transgressions
He was suffering to save the lost
He fights for breath, he fights for me
Loosing sinners from the chains of hell
And with a shout our souls are free
Death defeated by Emmanuel

Now he's standing in the place of honour
Crowned with glory on the highest throne
Interceding for his own beloved
Till his father calls to bring them home
Then the skies will part as the trumpet sounds
Hope of heaven or the fear of hell
But the bride will run to her lover's arms
Giving glory to Emmanuel

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.

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. For more info visit the "giving info" link on our website.

Compelled to Go Out

Commission: Galatians 5:13

For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.

Benediction: Malachi 4:2

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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This week

- Today:** **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)
- Parent’s Night Out** – 5pm-8pm in Fellowship Hall
- Saturday:** **Women’s Bible Study** – 8am via Zoom & at the Kims
- Craft Morning** – 10am in Fellowship Hall

Announcements

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. Sign up now at westvalleypres.org/crafts.

Youth and Young Adults Christmas Party, December 12th - following the worship service. Festive food and fun! Please bring a gently used item or purchase an item for less than \$10 for the White Elephant Game. Sign up at westvalleypres.org/party. Questions? Contact Liz (wziegenfus@gmail.com) or Anthony (falconeanthony525@gmail.com).

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!

Christmas Eve Service – Friday, December 24th at 7pm. Invite a friend to join us for scripture readings, carols, and a short message.

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

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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