

This morning's theme: Growing Deeper Convictions

# Called to Worship

# Call to Worship: John 4:23-24

The hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.

# 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: 2 Timothy 3:10-17

# Confessing Our Sin

#### Prayer of Confession

God of all truth, we confess that we have not been truthful people: we have been careless with our words, scheming in our thoughts and deceptive in our deeds. You always speak truth, but we have spoken lies; you always keep your promises, but we have broken ours. According to your promise in Christ Jesus, forgive our sins, and by the Spirit of truth help us to reflect your trustworthy character. In Jesus' name, Amen.

#### Words of Assurance: Romans 5:8

God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

## Celebrating the Gospel

## <u>I'll Not Be Shaken (Psalm 62)</u>

For God alone, I wait in silence; My soul is still before the Lord He is my rock and my salvation, My fortress strong; I trust in Him.

> I'll not be shaken! I'll not be shaken, For all my hope is in His love. From God alone comes my salvation; I wait and trust His steadfast love!

Put not your hope in gain of riches; Seek not your rest in empty wealth. The rich are weak; the poor are mighty, Who turn to God alone for help.

Pour out your heart to God our refuge And trust in Him to hear you cry. No other hope will never fail you; No other love will not run dry.

#### Announcements (see p. 7)

#### 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>Greeting & Kids Ministry</u> – There is no Sunday School today. Coloring and activity sheets are available at the back of the Sanctuary.

## <u>Holy, Holy, Holy</u>

Holy, holy, holy Lord God Almighty Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee Holy, holy, holy Merciful and mighty God in three persons blessed Trinity

Holy, holy, holy all the saints adore thee casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see Only Thou art holy there is none beside Thee perfect in power in love and purity

Holy, holy! Lord God Almighty All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea Holy, holy, holy Merciful and mighty God in three persons blessed Trinity

# Consecrated by the Word

## Scripture Reading: Colossians 2:6-23

#### **Message**: Growing Convictions

**Pastor Mark Howard** 

Notes:\_

#### Discuss:

- What are some 'empty promises' you hear often on social media or in TV shows, movies etc.?
- How does what we learn about Christ in Colossians 2 keep us from falling for these?

# O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

O for a thousand tongues to sing My great Redeemer's praise, The glories of my God and King, The triumphs of his grace.

My gracious Master and my God, Assist me to proclaim, To spread through all the earth abroad, The honors of thy Name.

Jesus, the Name that charms our fears, That bids our sorrows cease; 'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'Tis life, and health, and peace.

He breaks the power of reigning sin, He sets the prisoner free; His blood can make the foulest clean, His blood availed for me.

He speaks and, listening to his voice, New life the dead receive; The mournful, broken hearts rejoice; The humble poor believe.

## **Grace That is Greater**

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord, Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt, Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured, There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

> Grace, grace, God's grace, Grace that will pardon and cleanse within; Grace, grace, God's grace, Grace that is greater than all our sin.

Sin and despair like the sea waves cold, Threaten the soul with infinite loss; Grace that is greater, yes, grace untold, Points to the refuge, the mighty cross.

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide, What can avail to wash it away? Look! there is flowing a crimson tide; Whiter than snow you may be today. Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace, Freely bestowed on all who believe; You that are longing to see his face, Will you this moment his grace receive?

# 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 & Benediction: Ephesians 1:17

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him.

**WELCOME!** If you are new to West Valley, we are glad you joined us this morning. Please scan this code or visit westvalleypres.org/welcome to fill out our welcome card.



# **Growth Groups**

Growth Groups are small gatherings of Christians who are committed together to moving people toward maturity in Christ. We encourage everyone to join at least one group to explore God's Word, pray together, and support one another. The following groups are meeting this fall. For more details visit westvalleypres.org/groups:

- > Young adults Every other Sunday, 12:00pm
- > Youth group Sundays, 6:00pm in the choir room
- Women's groups Tuesdays, 7:30pm & Saturdays, 8:00am
- Men's groups Thursdays, 7:30pm
- ► **Kim's home group** (open to all) Wednesdays, 7:00pm

This week:		
Today:	Young Adults Growth Group – 12pm at the Foxes	
	Youth Growth Group – 6:00pm in the choir room	
	Zoom Prayer Meeting – 8:00pm-8:30pm (see below)	
Tuesday:	Women's Growth Group – 7:30pm in choir room	
Wednesday:	Kim's Growth Group – 7:00pm at the Kims'	
Thursday:	Men's Growth Group – 7:30pm in choir room	
Saturday:	<b>Women's Growth Group</b> – 8:00am via Zoom & at the Kims'	

#### Announcements

**Fall Back & 'New' Start Time**, **NEXT** *Sunday*, *November* 6<sup>th</sup> – Don't forget to set your clock back an hour! Our service will begin promptly at 9:30am 😇

**Operation Christmas Child** - Pick up a shoebox at the welcome desk to fill at home or purchase supplies for our kids to fill during the Friday Night Fellowship, November 4<sup>th</sup>. *Shoeboxes are due November 6th*. Please speak with Karen Lyngdoh if you have any questions.

**Missions Weekend** – **November**  $4^{\text{th}} - 6^{\text{th}}$  – Our mission partners Chris & Ashlyn will be visiting Nov. 4-6. Here are various ways to connect with them and pray for the global church during this time:

- Friday Night Fellowship Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm-7:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. A family-friendly way to connect over dessert! Sign up at westvalleypres.org/friday.
- **Church Lunch** Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup> after the service. The hospitality team will be providing crockpot main dishes. Please sign up to bring sides at westvalleypres.org/lunch.
- **Prayer Night** Join us in-person on Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup> from 6-7p.m. to pray for the persecuted church and for Chris & Ashlyn.

**Angel Network Food Drive** – We are aiming to collect *300 boxes of mac & cheese* for the Angel Network which serves in-need families in the East Penn school district. Please place your contributions on the welcome desk. The deadline is Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Sunday Zoom Prayer Meeting** - Every Sunday from 8:00pm-8:30pm, join us via Zoom to pray for the world, the nation, and the church. Dial (646) 558-8656 and enter meeting code 820 8319 4443.

*He refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake.* – Psalm 23:3 (NIV)

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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