

This morning's theme: Giving Thanks Through Christ

# Called to Worship

### Call to Worship: Psalm 111:1-3

Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them. Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.

#### The Solid Rock

My Hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness I dare not trust the sweetest frame But wholly lean on Jesus' name

> On Christ the solid rock I stand All other ground is sinking sand All other ground is sinking sand

When darkness veils His lovely face I rest on His unchanging grace In every high and stormy gale My anchor holds within the veil

His oath, His covenant, His blood Support me in the whelming flood When all around my soul gives way He then is all my hope and stay

When He shall come with trumpet sound O may I then in Him be found Dressed in His righteousness alone Faultless to stand before the throne

Scripture Reading: Colossians 3:15-17

# Confessing Our Sin

#### **Prayer of Confession**

Almighty God, every good and perfect gift is from above and comes down from You. We confess the times we have not acknowledged you or given you our thanks. We have taken your gifts for granted, and not worshiped and served You, the Giver. Thank you for the greatest gift of your Son, Jesus Christ, in whom there is redemption and forgiveness. For His sake, forgive us and cleanse us and make us thankful people. Amen.

## Words of Assurance: Psalm 32:1-2

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered! Blessed is the one against whom the Lord counts no iniquity!

# Celebrating the Gospel

#### My Heart is Filled

My heart is filled with thankfulness To Him who bore my pain Who plumbed the depths of my disgrace And gave me life again Who crushed my curse of sinfulness And clothed me in His light And wrote His law of righteousness With power upon my heart

My heart is filled with thankfulness
To Him who walks beside
Who floods my weaknesses with strength
And causes fears to fly
Whose every promise is enough
For every step I take
Sustaining me with arms of love
And crowning me with grace

My heart is filled with thankfulness To Him who reigns above; Whose wisdom is my perfect peace; Whose every thought is love. For every day I have on earth Is given by the King. So I will give my life, my all, To love and follow Him.

## Announcements (see p. 7)

### **Baptism of Elliot James Lantz**

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 28:19-20.

#### 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> – Sunday school is available for PreK- 4th grade kids. Please take your children to the narthex during the greeting.

#### **Come Thou Fount**

Come, thou Fount of every blessing, Tune my heart to sing thy grace; Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, Sung by flaming tongues above. Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, Mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise mine Ebenezer; Hither by thy help I've come; And I hope, by thy good pleasure, Safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wandering from the fold of God; He, to rescue me from danger, Interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor Daily I'm constrained to be! Let thy grace, like a fetter, Bind my wandering heart to thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love; Here's my heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for thy courts above.

#### Consecrated by the Word

<u>Scripture Reading</u> : Psalm 136		
Message: Giving Thanks for God	<b>Pastor Mark Howard</b>	

# Discuss:

- Think of at least 5 things about God that you can be thankful for
- Share these with someone and spend a few moments thanking God together

#### 'Tis Finished the Messiah Dies

It's finished! The Messiah dies, Cut off for sins, but not his own. Completed is the sacrifice, The great redeeming work is done. It's finished, all the debt is paid: Justice divine is satisfied; The grand and full atonement made; God, for a guilty world, has died.

The temple curtain is torn down;
The living way to heaven is seen.
Through Christ the middle wall has gone,
And all who will may enter in.
The ancient shadows are fulfilled,
The Scripture prophecies proved true,
The sinless Lamb of God is killed,
The promised covenant made new.

The reign of sin and death is done, And all may live from sin set free. Satan and his pretended throne, Are swallowed up in victory. Saved from the curse of God I am; My Savior hangs upon the tree. See there the meek and silent Lamb! His final breath he breathes for me.

In Christ, accepted and brought near, And clothed in righteousness divine, I see the path to life made clear, and all your merits, Lord, are mine. Death, Hell and sin are now subdued; All grace is now to sinners given. And so I plead the atoning blood, And claim the title deeds of heaven.

# **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:** 1 Timothy 1:17

To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

**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.



### This week:

**Today:** 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**: **Kims' Growth Group** – 7:00pm at the Kims'

**Thursday:** Men's Growth Group – 7:30pm in choir room

**Saturday:** Women's Growth Group – 8:00am via Zoom & at

the Kims'

Christmas Crafts-9:30-12pm in the Fellowship Hall

#### Announcements

**Christmas Craft Morning** – *This Saturday*, join us for a time of crafting and Christmas cheer. The event will be from 9:30am-12:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. All ages are welcome! *Please contact Karen at karenlyngdoh@gmail.com if you plan on attending*.

**Family Advent Devotional** – Families, please take a free copy of "A Jesus Christmas" from the welcome desk. This book contains 25 short, simple devotions to help kids of all ages focus on the true reason for the season!

**Christmas Eve Service** – Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. This is a great opportunity to invite friends and neighbors to join us for Scripture readings, carols, and a message on the birth of Christ.

**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.

# **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

# The week's memory verse:

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. – 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