

This morning's theme: Bearing Fruit for Christ in the World

Called to Worship

Call to Worship: Isaiah 2:2-3

Leader: 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:

All: 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: Isaiah 11:1-9

Confessing Our Sin

Praver of Confession

O promised Christ: We are a world at war. Our peace depends on your coming. We are a sinful people. Our pardon depends on your coming. We are an unfaithful people; our only hope is that you should come and help us. Lord Christ, Word made flesh, our world waits for your peace, for your pardon, and for your grace. Even so: Come, Lord Jesus, Amen.

Words of Assurance: 1 John 2:1-2

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Celebrating the Gospel

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!

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Worship Christ the newborn Kina!

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.

Though an infant now we view Him, He shall fill His Father's throne, Gather all nations to Him; Every knee shall then bow down

All creation, join in praising God, the Father, Spirit, Son, Evermore your voices raising To the eternal Three in One.

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

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

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.

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.

Consecrated by the Word

Scripture Reading: Colossians 4:2-18	
<u>Message</u> : Bearing Fruit In The World	Pastor Mark Howard

Discuss:

- Think of two people you'd like to share Christ with over the holidays.
- Share their names with a friend and pray together that God will:
 a) Open a door and b) help you speak confidently and clearly.

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!

Communion in Sacrament

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.

Joy To The World

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King; Let every heart prepare Him room, And Heaven and nature sing, And Heaven, and Heaven, and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let men their songs employ; While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, Nor thorns infest the ground He comes to make His blessings flow Far as the curse is found, Far as, far as the curse is found He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the nations prove The glories of His righteousness, And wonders of His love, And wonders of His love, And wonders, wonders, of His love.

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: Matthew 28:18-20

And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 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, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

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: Young Adults Growth Group – 12pm at the Foxes'

Youth Growth Group – 6:00pm in the choir room

Prayer Meeting – 6:00pm-7:00pm in the Sanctuary

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'

Announcements

Prayer Night Tonight – Join us this evening from 6:00-7:00p.m. to pray for the world, the nation, and the church.

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 24th 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.

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:

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. – Psalm 23:5 (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