



December 11th, 2022

West Valley Presbyterian Church

This morning's theme: The Light of Christ

Called to Worship

Call to Worship: Isaiah 60:1-3

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

Joy Has Dawned

Joy has dawned upon the world, Promised from creation
God's salvation now unfurled, Hope for every nation.
Not with fanfares from above, Not with scenes of glory,
But a humble gift of love, Jesus born of Mary.

Sounds of wonder fill the sky, With the songs of angels
As the mighty Prince of Life, Shelters in a stable.
Hands that set each star in place, Shaped the earth in darkness,
Cling now to a mother's breast, Vulnerable and helpless.

Shepherds bow before the Lamb, Gazing at the glory;
Gifts of men from distant lands, Prophecy the story.
Gold a King is born today, Incense God is with us,
Myrrh His death will make a way, And by His blood He'll win us.

Son of Adam, Son of heav'n, Given as a ransom;
Reconciling God and man, Christ, our mighty champion!
What a Savior! What a Friend! What a glorious mystery!
Once a babe in Bethlehem, Now the Lord of history.

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 6:1-9

Confessing Our Sin

Prayer of Confession

Lord Jesus, light of the world, we confess that we have walked in darkness: we confess our willingness to be loved but our reluctance to love; We confess our readiness to accept your forgiving love but our refusal to forgive; We confess our eagerness to grasp your offer of redeeming love but our resistance to follow you without question. In this Advent time, forgive us our failure to respond as we should. Come to us anew, and by your grace, assist us to receive you with joy, as the shepherds; with gratitude, as Simeon; with obedience, as Mary; with love, as you have loved us. Even so: come, Lord Jesus. 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

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.

Announcements (see p. 7)

Pastoral Prayer

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.

Immanuel

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

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

God rest ye merry, gentlemen; let nothing you dismay,
Remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas Day,
To save us all from Satan's pow'r when we were gone astray;

*O tidings of comfort and joy,
Comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.*

From God our heav'nly Father, a blessed angel came;
And unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same:
How that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name.

"Fear not, then," said the angel, "let nothing you affright;
This day is born a Savior of a pure virgin bright,
To save all those who trust in him from Satan's pow'r and might."

Now to the Lord sing praises all you within this place,
And with true love and brotherhood each other now embrace;
This holy tide of Christmas all others doth deface.

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: Ephesians 5:8

At one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light

Benediction: Malachi 4:2 & Philippians 4:7

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.

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
- Friday:** **Youth Group Christmas Party** – 6:00pm in the Gym
- Saturday:** **Women’s Growth Group** – 8:00am via Zoom & at
 the Kims’

Announcements

NEW START TIME - In preparation for our Sunday School pilot, we will be *moving our worship service start time to 10:00am beginning January 1st*. Sunday School will begin on January 15th. For further information, please email office@westvalleypres.org.

Youth Group Christmas Party – Join us on Friday, Dec. 16th at 6:00pm in the Gym for pizza, games, and a gift exchange. Anyone ages 6th – 12th grade is welcome; the gift limit is \$10. Please RSVP to Shawn Goonewardene at goonewardene@yahoo.com.

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.

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!

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.

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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)

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