



December 18th, 2022

West Valley Presbyterian Church

This morning's theme: The Hope of Christ

Called to Worship

Call to Worship: Luke 1:68-75

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

All: 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.

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

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

Leader: 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.

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: Deuteronomy 6:1-6

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: Isaiah 40:1-2

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned.

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! 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.

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.

Receiving a New Member: Genevieve Ashley

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

1 Corinthians 12:12

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.

Greeting & Kids Ministry – *Sunday school is available for PreK- 4th grade kids. Please take your children to the narthex during the greeting. They will be brought back in before the end of the service.*

Thou Who Wast Rich

Thou who was rich beyond all splendor,
All for love's sake becamest poor;
Thrones for a manger did surrender,
Sapphire-paved courts for stable floor.
Thou who was rich beyond all splendor,
All for love's sake becamest poor.

Thou who art God beyond all praising,
All for love's sake becamest man;
Stooping so low but sinners raising
Heavenwards by thine eternal plan.
Thou who art God beyond all praising,
All for love's sake becamest man.

Thou who art love beyond all telling
Savior and King, we worship thee.
Emmanuel, within us dwelling
Make us what thou would have us be.
Thou who art love beyond all telling,
Savior and King, we worship thee.

Consecrated by the Word

Scripture Reading: Luke 22:14-30 **Pastor David Royes**

Message: Spiritual Greatness and the Glory of Jesus

I. The Argument of the Ages

II. The Call of Our Savior

III. The Grace of God

Angels We Have Heard on High

Angels we have heard on high,
sweetly singing o'er the plains
And the mountains in reply,
echoing their joyous strains

Gloria . . . in excelsis Deo
Gloria . . . in excelsis Deo

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
Say what may the tidings be,
Which inspire your heav'nly song?

Come to Bethlehem and see,
Christ whose birth the angels sing
Come adore on bended knee,
Christ the Lord the newborn King

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.

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 & Benediction: Romans 15:12-13

Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope." May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

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
 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’

Announcements

New Service Start Time – In preparation for our Sunday School pilot, we will be ***moving our worship service to 10:00am beginning January 1st***. Sunday School will begin on January 15th. For further information, please email office@westvalleypres.org.

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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