

This morning's theme: The Gift of Christ

Called to Worship

Call to Worship: Micah 5:2, 4-5

O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days. And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth. And he shall be their peace.

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.

Scripture Reading: Luke 1:46-55

Confessing Our Sin

Prayer of Confession

Eternal Light, shine into our hearts. Eternal Goodness, deliver us from evil. Eternal Power, be our support. Eternal Wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance. Eternal Pity, have mercy upon us, that with all our heart and mind and soul and strength we may seek Your face and be brought by your infinite mercy to Your holy presence, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Words of Assurance: Ephesians 1:7

In Christ we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace.

Celebrating the Gospel

O Come All Ye Faithful

Oh, come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant Oh, come ye, oh, come ye to Bethlehem Come and behold him Born the king of angels *Oh, come, let us adore him Oh, come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord*

God of God, Light of Light Lo, He abhors not the Virgin's womb Very God, begotten, not created

Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above Glory to God In the highest

Yea, Lord, we greet thee Born this happy morning Jesus, to thee be glory given Word of the Father, Now in flesh appearing

Announcements

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 – There is no Sunday School today.

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 9:1-7Pastor Mark HowardMessage: How Jesus' Birth Changes Everything



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 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 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:

The joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the perseverance of the Magi, the obedience of Joseph and Mary, and the peace of Christ be yours this Christmas. And 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.



Our Growth Groups are on break for the Holidays.

We will resume our weekly meetings in the New Year.

Announcements

New Service Start Time – NEXT SUNDAY *we will be moving our worship service to 10:00am* in preparation for our Sunday School pilot (beginning January 15th). For further information, please email office@westvalleypres.org.

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

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

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