



September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023

# West Valley Presbyterian Church

*This morning's theme: The Authority of God's Son*

## Called to Worship

### **Call to Worship: Psalm 47:6-7**

Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises. For God is the King of all the earth; sing to him a psalm of praise.

### **Psalm 34 (Taste and See)**

*Magnify the Lord with me  
Come exalt His name together  
Glorify the Lord with me  
Come exalt His name forever*

I sought the Lord and He answered me  
And delivered me from every fear  
Those who look on Him are radiant  
They'll never be ashamed, They'll never be ashamed

This poor man cried and the Lord heard me  
And saved me from my enemies  
The son of God surrounds his saints  
He will deliver them, He will deliver them

Oh taste and see that the Lord is good  
Oh blessed is He who hides in him  
Oh fear the Lord all of you saints  
He'll give you everything, He'll give you everything

### **Scripture Reading: Daniel 7:13-14**

## Confessing Our Sin

### **Prayer of Confession**

**Holy and merciful God, in Your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against You. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from Your ways, in wasting Your gifts, in forgetting Your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease You. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in Your light, and walk in Your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

**Words of Assurance: Colossians 1:13-14**

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Celebrating the Gospel

**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

**Declaring Our Faith** – Revelation 15:3-4

**Great and amazing are your deeds, O Lord God the Almighty! Just and true are your ways, O King of the nations! Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify your name? For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship you, for your righteous acts have been revealed.**

**Announcements & Prayer**

*I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people.*

1 Tim. 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 Time**

**Come Thou Almighty King**

Come, Thou Almighty King  
Help us Thy Name to sing;  
Help us to praise  
Father all glorious,  
O'er all victorious  
Come and reign over us,  
Ancient of Days

Come, Thou Incarnate Word  
Gird on Thy mighty sword;  
Our prayer attend  
Come, and Thy people bless,  
And give Thy Word success  
Spirit of holiness,  
On us descend

Come, Holy Comforter  
Thy sacred witness bear  
In this glad hour  
Thou, Who almighty art,  
Now rule in ev'ry heart  
And ne'er from us depart,  
Spirit of pow'r

To Thee, great One in Three  
The highest praises be,  
Hence, evermore  
His sovereign majesty;  
May we in glory see  
And to eternity,  
Love and adore

Consecrated by the Word

**Scripture Reading: John 5:16-30**

**The Authority of Jesus**

*Mark Howard*

**Message:**

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*Discuss:*

- Do you believe that Jesus has the authority to tell *you* what to do with your life? How are you tempted to resist His authority?
- Jesus is going to judge the whole world. What are the implications of this for your unbelieving friends, family and neighbors?

**I'll Not Be Shaken**

For God alone, I wait in silence;  
My soul is still before the Lord  
He is my rock and my salvation,  
My fortress strong; I trust in Him.

*I'll not be shaken! I'll not be shaken,  
For all my hope is in His love.  
From God alone comes my salvation;  
I wait and trust His steadfast love!*

Put not your hope in gain of riches;  
Seek not your rest in empty wealth.  
The rich are weak; the poor are mighty,  
Who turn to God alone for help.

Pour out your heart to God our refuge  
And trust in Him to hear you cry.  
No other hope will never fail you;  
No other love will not run dry.

## **Tithes and Offerings**

*An offering box is available near the exit. Alternatively, please consider giving online at [westvalleypres.org/give](http://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.”

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***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](http://westvalleypres.org/welcome) to fill out our welcome card.*

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## Weekly Growth Groups

- Sunday** – *Young Adults, 12:00pm at the Foxes'*
- Tuesday** – *Kims' Home Group, 7:00pm*  
*Women's, 7:00pm in the choir room*
- Wednesday** – *Howards' Home Group, 7:00pm*
- Thursday** – *Men's, 6:30am at the Wegmans on Tilghman St.*  
*Men's, 7:00pm in the choir room*
- Friday** – *Women's, 9:30am, every other week at the*  
*Goonewardenes' (childcare provided) upcoming*  
*dates: 9/29*
- Saturday** – *Women's, 9:00am*

*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. For details visit [westvalleypres.org/groups](http://westvalleypres.org/groups).*

**Sunday School** – Adults are welcome to join us next Sunday in the Fellowship Hall at 9:00am where we'll be reviewing our membership vows. This is for current members or for those considering membership. Kids' Sunday School will continue to meet at 9:00am.

**Congregational Meeting** – *Next Sunday, October 1st* right after the service in the Sanctuary.

**Youth Group Volunteers Needed!** – Are you a college student, young adult or high school student interested in investing in middle schoolers? Come to the choir room after our congregational meeting **NEXT SUNDAY** to find out more about our new youth group.

**Fall Men's Retreat** – Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> – Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. Sign up now at [westvalleypres.org/retreat](http://westvalleypres.org/retreat).

**Monday Prayer Call** – Join us on Mondays from 7:00am-7:15am join us via Zoom to pray for the world, the nation, and the church. It is now exclusively dial-in (**via phone only**); call (646)-558-8656 and enter meeting code 820 8319 4443.

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This Month's Memory Verse:

*"Know that the Lord, He is God! It is He who made us and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture." -Psalm 100:3*

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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**

10:00am at 1208 Brookside Rd, Wescosville  
(Bethany's Wescosville Campus)

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