



November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023

# West Valley Presbyterian Church

*This morning's theme: Thanksgiving for God's Goodness*

## Called to Worship

### **Call to Worship: Psalm 34:8**

Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!  
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

### **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: Psalm 105:1-6**

## Confessing Our Sin

### **Prayer of Confession**

**Almighty God, every good and perfect gift is from above and comes down from You. We confess the times we have not acknowledged you or given you our thanks. We have taken your gifts for granted, and not worshiped and served You, the Giver. Thank you for the greatest gift of your Son, Jesus Christ, in whom there is redemption and forgiveness. For His sake, forgive us and cleanse us and make us thankful people. Amen.**

**Words of Assurance: Hebrews 13:8**

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Celebrating the Gospel

**Alas And Did My Savior Bleed**

Alas! and did my Savior bleed,  
And did my Sovereign die!  
Would he devote that sacred head  
For such a worm as I!

Was it for crimes that I had done  
He groaned upon the tree!  
Amazing pity! grace unknown!  
And love beyond degree!

Well might the sun in darkness hide,  
And shut his glories in,  
When Christ, the mighty Maker, died  
For man the creature's sin.

Thus might I hide my blushing face  
While his dear cross appears;  
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness,  
And melt mine eyes in tears.

But drops of grief can ne'er repay  
The debt of love I owe;  
Here, Lord, I give myself away,  
'Tis all that I can do.

**Declaring Our Faith: *The Apostles' Creed***

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## Announcements (page 7)

### The Baptism of Felicity Howard

*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.*

*Matthew 28:19–20.*

### 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

#### Oh Give Thanks To The Lord (Psalm 107)

We were wand'ring in the desert with our souls so starved and weak.  
We were hungry for a homeland we did not know how to seek.  
But we lifted up our voices to the only One who hears;  
And the God of mercy came and brought us near.

We were locked out of the garden, and our backs bent down with pain.  
In the shadow of death's darkness, we were slaves to sin and blame.  
Then we cried out in our labor to the only One who hears,  
And the God of mercy wiped away our tears.

*Oh give thanks to the LORD for His love endures forever!  
We were wandering and lost, and our Father brought us home,  
To a safe dwelling place, to a feast of joy and laughter.  
Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good!*

We were fools in our rebellion, with our hunger strike of pride.  
We were sick and growing closer to the death we should have died.  
Then he heard of our condition, and he called us by our names;  
And the God of glory took away our shame.

We were far out on the ocean, making wealth and chasing dreams,  
But the waves of great destruction brought us tremb'ling to our knees.  
Then we cried like drunken sailors to the only One who hears,  
And the God of comfort took away our fears.



### **My Heart Is Filled**

My heart is filled with thankfulness  
To Him who bore my pain  
Who plumbed the depths of my disgrace  
And gave me life again  
Who crushed my curse of sinfulness  
And clothed me in His light  
And wrote His law of righteousness  
With power upon my heart

My heart is filled with thankfulness  
To Him who walks beside  
Who floods my weaknesses with strength  
And causes fears to fly  
Whose every promise is enough  
For every step I take  
Sustaining me with arms of love  
And crowning me with grace

My heart is filled with thankfulness  
To Him who reigns above;  
Whose wisdom is my perfect peace;  
Whose every thought is love.  
For every day I have on earth  
Is given by the King.  
So I will give my life, my all,  
To love and follow Him.

### **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: Colossians 3:17**

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

### **Benediction: 1 Corinthians 1:7-9**

May you not be lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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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

- 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 available, please let*  
*Joanne know if needed) 12/1*
- 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).*

**Youth Group Christmas Party** – Join us on Friday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm in the gym for dinner, dodgeball, and a Pollyanna gift exchange. The gift limit is \$15. *Please RSVP to Shawn Goonewardene at [goonewardene@yahoo.com](mailto:goonewardene@yahoo.com).*

**Women's Christmas Breakfast** - Saturday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> from 8-10am at the Miller's. We will enjoy food, fellowship, and a devotional on Isaiah 35. *Please RSVP to Amy at 484-560-2758 if you plan on attending.*

**Christmas Caroling** – You can sign up for caroling via [westvalleypres.org/caroling](http://westvalleypres.org/caroling).

**Angel Food Network Food Drive** – *Next Sunday (12/3) is the deadline to bring boxes of mac & cheese for the food drive.*

**Officer Candidates** – Check your email for the list of candidates. We will be voting on these at a congregational meeting, after the service on Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Sunday School** – Next Sunday, 9:00am in the Fellowship Hall. The theme of our Sunday School this Fall is “loving church”. Kids' classes will continue to meet at 9:00am.

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

This Month's Memory Verse:

*"Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord." - Philippians 3:8a*

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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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