



February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024

# West Valley Presbyterian Church

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*This morning's theme: God's Gracious Commitment*

## Called to Worship

### **Call to Worship: Psalm 117**

Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol him, all peoples! For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD!

### **Holy Holy Holy**

Holy, holy, holy Lord God Almighty  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee  
Holy, holy, holy Merciful and mighty  
God in three persons blessed Trinity

Holy, holy, holy all the saints adore thee  
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee  
who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee  
though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see  
Only Thou art holy there is none beside Thee  
perfect in power in love and purity

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea  
Holy, holy, holy Merciful and mighty  
God in three persons blessed Trinity

### **Scripture Reading: John 10:27-30**

## Confessing Our Sin

### **Prayer of Confession**

**God of everlasting love, we confess that we have been unfaithful to our covenant with you and with one another. We have worshiped other gods: money, power, greed, and convenience. We have served our own self-interest instead of serving only you and your people. We have not loved you or loved our neighbor as you have commanded. Forgive us, gracious God, and bring us back into the fullness of our covenant with you and one another. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**Words of Assurance: 1 Timothy 1:15**

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

Celebrating the Gospel

**In You O Lord I Am Found**

O Lord, you know me and search me out:  
My habits and thoughts, my secret doubts,  
My dreams at night, the words of my mouth.  
In you, O Lord, I am found;  
Oh, in you, O Lord, I am found.

I know not all my own heart and mind,  
My wandering soul, my sleepless eyes;  
I long for you but from you I hide.  
In you, O Lord, I am found;  
Oh, in you, O Lord, I am found.

Though darkness covers my hope and sight  
And night overtakes my troubled mind  
In darkness you, my Daylight will shine  
In you, O Lord, I am found;  
Oh, in you, O Lord, I am found.

Before my birth, you composed my frame.  
You gazed in my eyes and knew my name;  
You wrote with love each one of my days.  
In you, O Lord, I am found;  
Oh, in you, O Lord, I am found.

Where can I run from your love so deep,  
So boundless and strong, so rich, so free?  
No height, nor depth can separate me:  
In you, O Lord, I am found;  
Oh, in you, O Lord, I am found.

**Declaring Our Faith: Psalm 136:1-6, 23-26**

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,  
**for his steadfast love endures forever.**  
Give thanks to the God of gods,  
**for his steadfast love endures forever.**  
Give thanks to the Lord of lords,  
**for his steadfast love endures forever;**

to him who alone does great wonders,  
**for his steadfast love endures forever;**  
to him who by understanding made the heavens,  
**for his steadfast love endures forever;**  
to him who spread out the earth above the waters,  
**for his steadfast love endures forever;**

It is he who remembered us in our low estate,  
**for his steadfast love endures forever;**  
and rescued us from our foes,  
**for his steadfast love endures forever;**  
he who gives food to all flesh,  
**for his steadfast love endures forever.**  
Give thanks to the God of heaven,  
**for his steadfast love endures forever.**

### Announcements (page 7)

#### 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

##### The Solid Rock

My Hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name

*On Christ the solid rock I stand  
All other ground is sinking sand  
All other ground is sinking sand*

When darkness veils His lovely face  
I rest on His unchanging grace  
In every high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil

His oath, His covenant, His blood  
Support me in the whelming flood  
When all around my soul gives way  
He then is all my hope and stay

When He shall come with trumpet sound  
O may I then in Him be found  
Dressed in His righteousness alone  
Faultless to stand before the throne

Consecrated by the Word

**Scripture Reading: Exodus 19**

*Mark Howard*

**Message: Committed Grace**

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*Discuss:*

- To grow as an evangelist, the most important thing is to deeply enjoy your relationship with Jesus. Do you agreed?
- How do you feel about the *danger* associated of meeting God in Exodus 19? How does this danger help lead us to Jesus?

### Communion in Sacrament

*Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup.*  
1 Corinthians 11:28

### 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.**

### Come Thou Fount

Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise mine Ebenezer; hither by thy help I've come;  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let thy grace, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;  
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

On that day when freed from sinning I shall see Thy lovely face  
Clothed then in blood-washed linen, How I'll sing Thy sovereign grace  
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry, Take my ransomed soul away  
Send thine angels now to carry me to realms of endless days

## **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: Luke 12:32**

Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

### **Benediction: Jude 24-25**

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

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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.*



## Weekly Growth Groups

- Sunday** – *Young Adults*, after the service in the Fellowship Hall
- Tuesday** – *Kims’ Home Group*, 7:00pm  
*Women’s*, 7:00pm in the choir room
- Wednesday** – *Lantzes’ Home Group*, 5:30pm  
*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). Upcoming dates: 2/9
- 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).*

**Prayer Meeting Tonight** – 6:00pm in choir room. Come and commit our building search and upcoming move to the Lord in prayer! You can access the meeting via Zoom at [westvalleypres.org/zoomprayer](http://westvalleypres.org/zoomprayer).

*Meeting ID:* 847 4990 0587

*Passcode:* 114915

**Growth Group Leader Training** – *This Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup>*, 9am-12pm in the Fellowship Hall. If you currently lead a group or interested in starting one, come and learn more about how to lead others to grow through God's Word.

**Angel Network Drive** - Help us collect *200 bars of soap* for the Angel Network's Spring baskets to assist East Penn families. Please place donations on the Welcome Desk by March 10th.

**Sunday School** – 9:00am in the Fellowship Hall. The Adults' class will be working through the course "God's Big Picture". Kids' Sunday School will also meet at 9:00am.

**Membership Class & Lunch** – Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup> after the service. For everyone interested in learning more about membership at West Valley. Sign up now at [westvalleypres.org/class](http://westvalleypres.org/class).

**Transportation Needs** – Are you able to help provide transportation to and from church? Or are you in need of transportation? If so, please contact the Deacon ([deacons@westvalleypres.org](mailto:deacons@westvalleypres.org)).

**New Shepherding Plan** – To better serve the congregation, we are assigning an elder and deacon to each member and regular attender. We aim to reach out once a month for prayer requests and to ask about any other needs. The list of assigned elders and deacons is available at the back of church. *We apologize if your name is not on the list! Please let Mark know and he will correct this asap.*

**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. Contact Liz at [wziefgenfus@gmail.com](mailto:wziefgenfus@gmail.com) for more info.

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This Month's Memory Verse:

*I, therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.— Ephesians 4:1-3*

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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  
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