



March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024

# West Valley Presbyterian Church

*This morning's theme: Finding Joy in God*

## Called to Worship

### **Call to Worship: Psalm 100:1-3**

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! Know that the LORD, he is God!

**All: It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

### **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: Philippians 4:4-7**

## 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: Romans 5:1-2**

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Celebrating the Gospel

**Thou Lovely Source of True Delight**

Thou lovely source of true delight  
Whom I unseen adore  
Unveil Thy beauties to my sight  
That I might love Thee more,  
Oh that I might love Thee more.

Thy glory o'er creation shines  
But in Thy sacred Word  
I read in fairer, brighter lines  
My bleeding, dying Lord,  
See my bleeding, dying Lord

'Tis here, whene'er my comforts droop  
And sin and sorrow rise  
Thy love with cheering beams of hope  
My fainting heart supplies,  
My fainting heart's supplied

But ah! Too soon the pleasing scene  
Is clouded o'er with pain  
My gloomy fears rise dark between  
And I again complain,  
Oh and I again complain

Jesus, my Lord, my life, my light  
Oh come with blissful ray  
Break radiant through the shades of night  
And chase my fears away,  
Won't You chase my fears away

Then shall my soul with rapture trace  
The wonders of Thy love  
But the full glories of Thy face  
Are only known above,  
They are only known above

**Declaring Our Faith:** *Ephesians 1:3-10*

**Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him.**

**In love he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.**

**In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.**

**Announcements** (*page 7*)

**Prayer**

*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**

**Lord From Sorrows Deep I Call**

Lord, from sorrows deep I call  
When my hope is shaken  
Torn and ruined from the fall  
Hear my desperation  
For so long I've pled and prayed  
"God, come to my rescue"  
Even so, the thorn remains  
Still my heart will praise You



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**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.**

**Behold the Lamb**

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,  
Slain for us, and we remember  
The promise made that all who come in faith  
Find forgiveness at the cross.

*So we share in this Bread of life,  
And we drink of His sacrifice,  
As a sign of our bonds of peace  
Around the table of the King.*

The body of our Savior, Jesus Christ,  
Torn for you, eat and remember  
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life,  
Paid the price to make us one.

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,  
Shed for you, drink and remember  
He drained death's cup that all may enter in  
To receive the life of God.

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise  
To respond, and to remember.  
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ  
As His body here on earth.

*As we share in His suffering,  
We proclaim: Christ will come again!  
And we'll join in the feast of heav'n  
Around the table of the King.*

### **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: Philippians 4:4-7**

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

And may the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. 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.*



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## Weekly Growth Groups

- 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: 3/22*
- 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).*

**Good books looking for a new home!** – The West Valley Library has deaccessioned a number of books that are now available in narthex. Make sure to stop by the library table to find your next read!

**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.

**Transportation Needs** – We are seeking volunteers to help Lauren G, a member of our congregation who uses a wheelchair, with transportation to and from church. If you are interested, or have any questions, contact Joy at 484-597-1191.

**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 [wzeiegenfus@gmail.com](mailto:wzeiegenfus@gmail.com) for more info.

This Month's Memory Verse:

*If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.” – 1 John 1:9*

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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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