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WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Public Service of Worship*

January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018

*The Second Lord's Day of Epiphany*

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*“There is nothing in afflictions which ought  
to disturb our joy.”*

-JOHN CALVIN

Welcome to Westminster Presbyterian Church. We are grateful to have you join us today, as we offer worship to God through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

*A few notes to help you fully participate:*

Our worship will keep you busy! We often think of worship as “singing songs” and “hearing a sermon,” but there is greater depth available to us. We pray and read together, we use our bodies, we hear, and eat, and respond, and all from the heart.

Please note that when the congregation is to read, the type will be boldfaced and indented:

*[Leader]* The Lord be with you!

***[Congregation]* And also with you!**

**Please note the \* and § symbols to indicate standing or standing and raising hands.**

THE LORD'S SUPPER: Also known as “communion”, the Lord’s Supper is rite of fellowship between Christ and His people. We invite all who have been initiated into the family of God by baptism, and admitted to table fellowship by the leadership of this or some other church, to join in the communion service by faith. If you haven’t been baptized, please speak with the pastor or elders before the service if you would like to come to join in the Holy Supper.

CHILDREN: You will notice many children in our service today. Jesus welcomed little children to Himself, and so we welcome them in our worship service! We understand that this means baby noises and wiggly children, and we're fine with that. If your child is fussy or needs a little time to quiet down, we have a mother's nursery in the side room. We're happy to accommodate your family in any way we can.

**TODAY'S WORSHIP:** If we're going to decide what God thinks about us based on our circumstances, look out... because everybody dies. Does that mean that God loves no one? Of course not. In a world in which the righteous suffer and the wicked prosper, we'll learn what joy means, even if we do have one foot in the grave.

## **APOSTOLIC GREETING AND WELCOME**

### **SILENT MEDITATION: PSALM 4:7**

You have put more joy in my heart  
than they have when their grain and wine abound.

*Please take this time of silence to prepare your hearts before the Lord.*

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP: PSALM 95:1-6**

Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;  
**let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**  
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;  
**let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**  
For the Lord is a great God,  
**and a great King above all gods.**  
In his hand are the depths of the earth;  
**the heights of the mountains are his also.**  
The sea is his, for he made it,  
**and his hands formed the dry land.**  
Oh come, let us worship and bow down;  
**let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker**

### **§DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

### **\*PRAYER OF PRAISE**

### **\*HYMN: PRAISE, MY SOUL, THE KING OF HEAVEN NO. 76**

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*\* Please stand if you are able. § Please stand and raise your hands.*

**\*RESPONSIVE READING: PSALM 149**

Praise the LORD!

**Sing to the LORD a new song,  
his praise in the assembly of the godly!**

Let Israel be glad in his Maker;

**let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!**

Let them praise his name with dancing,

**making melody to him with tambourine and lyre!**

For the LORD takes pleasure in his people;

**he adorns the humble with salvation.**

Let the godly exult in glory;

**let them sing for joy on their beds.**

Let the high praises of God be in their throats

**and two-edged swords in their hands,**

to execute vengeance on the nations

**and punishments on the peoples,**

to bind their kings with chains

**and their nobles with fetters of iron,**

to execute on them the judgment written!

**This is honor for all his godly ones.**

**Praise the LORD!**

**KINGDOM PRAYER**

*At the conclusion of each request, we implore the Lord's mercy to hear our prayers, as follows:*

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our Prayer.**

*We pray for the following:*

- The Kingdom of Christ to reign in our own hearts.*
- For the expansion of the gospel and the sanctification of the Church in China.*
- For a building for WPC that our place in this community may be more permanent.*
- For the Supreme Court and the Appellate Courts of our nation.*

*- For the effectual discipleship of our children.*

## **OFFERTORY AND PRAYER**

**HYMN:** *WHEN TRIALS COME*, p. 13

## **\*SCRIPTURE READINGS**

*We give thanks for the Word of God with the following statement after each reading:*

The Word of the Lord,  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **OLD TESTAMENT LESSON & SERMON TEXT: ECCLESIASTES 8:16-9:16**

When I applied my heart to know wisdom, and to see the business that is done on earth, how neither day nor night do one's eyes see sleep, <sup>17</sup> then I saw all the work of God, that man cannot find out the work that is done under the sun. However much man may toil in seeking, he will not find it out. Even though a wise man claims to know, he cannot find it out.

<sup>9</sup> But all this I laid to heart, examining it all, how the righteous and the wise and their deeds are in the hand of God. Whether it is love or hate, man does not know; both are before him. <sup>2</sup> It is the same for all, since the same event happens to the righteous and the wicked, to the good and the evil, to the clean and the unclean, to him who sacrifices and him who does not sacrifice. As the good one is, so is the sinner, and he who swears is as he who shuns an oath. <sup>3</sup> This is an evil in all that is done under the sun, that the same event happens to all. Also, the hearts of the children of man are full of evil, and madness is in their hearts while they live, and after that they go to the dead. <sup>4</sup> But he who is joined with all the living has hope, for a living dog is better than a dead lion. <sup>5</sup> For the living know that they will die, but the dead know nothing, and they have no more reward, for the memory of them is forgotten. <sup>6</sup> Their love and their hate and their envy have already perished, and forever they have no more share in all that is done under the sun.

<sup>7</sup>Go, eat your bread with joy, and drink your wine with a merry heart, for God has already approved what you do.

<sup>8</sup>Let your garments be always white. Let not oil be lacking on your head.

<sup>9</sup>Enjoy life with the wife whom you love, all the days of your vain life that he has given you under the sun, because that is your portion in life and in your toil at which you toil under the sun. <sup>10</sup>Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might, for there is no work or thought or knowledge or wisdom in Sheol, to which you are going.

<sup>11</sup>Again I saw that under the sun the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, nor bread to the wise, nor riches to the intelligent, nor favor to those with knowledge, but time and chance happen to them all. <sup>12</sup>For man does not know his time. Like fish that are taken in an evil net, and like birds that are caught in a snare, so the children of man are snared at an evil time, when it suddenly falls upon them.

<sup>13</sup>I have also seen this example of wisdom under the sun, and it seemed great to me. <sup>14</sup>There was a little city with few men in it, and a great king came against it and besieged it, building great siegeworks against it. <sup>15</sup>But there was found in it a poor, wise man, and he by his wisdom delivered the city. Yet no one remembered that poor man. <sup>16</sup>But I say that wisdom is better than might, though the poor man's wisdom is despised and his words are not heard.

<sup>17</sup>The words of the wise heard in quiet are better than the shouting of a ruler among fools. <sup>18</sup>Wisdom is better than weapons of war, but one sinner destroys much good.

**NEW TESTAMENT READING: PHILIPPIANS 4:4-9**

**GOSPEL READING: JOHN 16:16-24**

## CONFESSION OF FAITH: THE HEIDELBERG CATECHISM (1563)

LORD'S DAY 33

88. In how many things does true repentance or conversion consist?

**In two things: the dying of the old, and the making alive of the new.**

89. What is the dying of the old man?

**Heartfelt sorrow for sin, causing us to hate and turn from it always more and more.**

90. What is the making alive of the new man?

**Heartfelt joy in God through Christ, causing us to take delight in living according to the will of God in all good works.**

**Amen!**

## PRAYER FOR THE SERMON

**SERMON:** *JOY*, REV. JERID KRULISH

**\*HYMN:** *COME YE DISCONSOLATE*, p. 14

## \*THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.  
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the  
Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was  
crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell<sup>o</sup>. The third day he  
rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the  
right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to  
judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of  
saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life  
everlasting.**

**Amen.**

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<sup>o</sup> lit. *hades*, i.e. under the power of death

**EXHORTATION TO CONFESSION: PSALM 5:11-12**

But let all who take refuge in you rejoice;  
let them ever sing for joy,  
and spread your protection over them,  
that those who love your name may exult in you  
For you bless the righteous, O Lord;  
you cover him with favor as with a shield.

**PUBLIC CONFESSION: GENEVIAN LITURGY (1542)**

Eternal and Almighty Father;

We acknowledge and confess before your holy majesty, that we are poor sinners; conceived and born in guilt and in corruption, prone to evil, unable of ourselves to do any good; who, because of our depravity, transgress without end your holy commandments. Therefore, we have drawn upon ourselves, by your just sentence, condemnation and death.

But, O Lord, with heartfelt sorrow we repent and deplore our offences! We condemn ourselves and our evil ways, with true penitence, beseeching that your grace may relieve our distress. Be pleased, then, to have compassion upon us, O most gracious God, Father of all mercies, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord.

And, in removing our guilt and our pollution, grant us the daily increase of the grace of your Holy Spirit; that, acknowledging from our inmost hearts our own unrighteousness, we may be touched with sorrow that shall work true repentance; and that your Spirit, mortifying all sin within us, may produce the fruits of holiness and righteousness well-pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

**† SILENT REPENTANCE**

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† *The congregation is permitted to kneel.*

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON: PSALM 32:10-11**

Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.

## **DECLARATION OF ABSOLUTION**

*After the declaration, let the congregation respond, "Amen."*

## **HYMN: CHRIST IS OUR CORNERSTONE, p. 15**

## **EXHORTATION AT THE TABLE**

*You are welcome to the Lord's Table if you are a baptized Christian who has been received into communal membership by this or any other church.*

The Lord be with you!

**And also with you!**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is very good and right and a joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Holy Lord, Father Almighty, Everlasting God.

Therefore, with the Angels and Archangels and the whole company of the church triumphant, we praise and magnify Your glorious Name.

## **§ GLORIA PATRI**

**Glory Be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.**

**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
world without end, Amen, Amen.**

## **\* PRAYER OF THANKS AND INTERCESSION**

**\*WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

*At this time, please move to the perimeter of the sanctuary in a closed circle. The elders will come and serve you; please hold your bread until all have received, and then we will eat together. The wine will be distributed in the same manner. Those not communing may present their hands for a blessing; parents may also present non-communing children as well.*

**\*DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS**

**\*THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy 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 thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**\*HYMN: HE LEADETH ME: O BLESSED THOUGHT! NO. 600**

**\*BENEDICTION & THREEFOLD AMEN**



**FOR FAMILY AND PRIVATE WORSHIP:**

**HYMN OF THE MONTH:** LORD, WITH GLOWING HEART I'D PRAISE THEE! NO. 80

**CHILDREN'S LESSON:** VALDÉS'S CATECHISM.

*Valdés's Catechism was titled Instructions for Children. It was published in 1549, with earlier drafts. The intention is not to have children memorize the statements, but for parents to instruct their children.*

25. That all those who belong to this Church, inasmuch as they are members of Christ and have the spirit of Christ, are children of God, are just, and holy, partaking of that which is in Christ, in him as head and in them as members. For this reason they are called Christians, the most exalted and divine name which can be given to man upon earth (Rom. 8; John 1; 1 Pet. 4; Acts 25, 26 [Acts 11:26]; Rom 12; 1 Cor. 12).

26. That faith being the gift of God, it concerns every man who hears the voice of the Gospel, the announcement of amnesty and general pardon, to elevate his mind to God, nay, to keep it constantly elevated, supplicating God to grant him faith with which to accept the general pardon announced to him (2 Thess. 3).

27. That every man who feels inwardly called by God must take it for certain that he is called to accept the grace of the Gospel, of amnesty and general pardon, and must think of responding to divine vocation by accepting this grace, this most singular benefit [Mk. 16].

**WPC BIBLE READING PLAN: ONE CHURCH, ONE CHAPTER**

	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Subtopic</u>	<u>Main Reading</u>	<u>Psalm</u>
1/15	Basics of Faith	God the Creator	John 1	Psalm 6
1/16	Basics of Faith	Christ the King	Matthew 21	Psalm 7
1/17	Basics of Faith	Man in God's image	Genesis 2	Psalm 8
1/18	Basics of Faith	The Fall of Man	Genesis 3	Psalm 9
1/19	Basics of Faith	All of us like Adam	1 Corinthians 15	Psalm 10
1/20	Basics of Faith	The Flood	Genesis 7	Psalms 11&12

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CALENDAR**

### **GOSPEL OF JOHN BIBLE STUDY:**

*All are welcome. Meeting at Lena Jones' house. Contact the church for directions.*

Wednesdays at 7pm

### **YOUNG MEN'S PROVERB'S STUDY:**

*A study for younger men. Dinner is provided. Meeting at the Sturtevant's home. Please contact the church for directions.*

January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 6:30pm for dinner, 7:00PM for the study.

(Every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday)

### **PRESBYTERY:**

January 25-26, 2018

### **MISSIONS COMMITTEE**

**WPC's Missions Committee is looking for additional members.** Please prayerfully consider this, and if you are interested, please contact Brian Vandenburg, Terry Craig, Kristine Ozaine, or Dave and Sabina Buhrmaster. Members of the committee meet together once a month or once every-other-month to pray for our missionaries, and to discuss/plan ways that the congregation can specifically minister to their needs.

*"Brothers, pray for us." – 1 Thessalonians 5:25*

# When Trials Come

Words and music written by Keith & Kristyn Getty

Moderately, with hope (♩ = 100)

B<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup>6 E<sup>b</sup>/B<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup>/G

1. When tri - als come, no long - er fear, for in the pain our God draws near, to  
 in the night I know Your peace; the breath of God brings strength to me, and  
 turn to wis - dom not my own for ev - 'ry bat - tle You have known. My  
 I am wea - ry with the cost, I see the tri - umph of the cross; So  
 day all things will be made new; I'll see the hope You called me to and

A<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup>/G (N.C.) Cm<sup>7</sup> E<sup>b</sup>/G A<sup>b</sup>maj<sup>7</sup> B<sup>b</sup>

fire a faith worth more than gold; and there His faith - ful - ness is  
 new each morn - ing mer - cy flows, as treas - ures of the dark - ness  
 con - fi - dence will rest in You; Your love en - dures; Your ways are  
 in its shad - ow I shall run, till You com - plete the work be -  
 in Your king - dom paved with gold, I'll praise Your faith - ful - ness of

Cm<sup>7</sup> E<sup>b</sup>/G A<sup>b</sup>maj<sup>7</sup> B<sup>b</sup>7 1.-4. E<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup>add<sup>9</sup> A<sup>b</sup>/B<sup>b</sup> 5. E<sup>b</sup>

told; and there His faith - ful - ness is told. 2. With -  
 grow, as treas - ures of the dark ness grow. 3. I -  
 good. Your love en - dures; Your ways are good. 4. When  
 gun; till You com - plete the work be - gun. 5. One -  
 old; I'll praise Your faith - ful - ness of old.

# Come Ye Disconsolate

Thomas Moore, 1816

Gregory Wilbur

D A/C# B min A

Come, ye dis - con - so - late, wher - e'er ye lan - guish,  
 Joy of the de - so - late, light of the stray - ing,  
 Here see the Bread of Life, see wa - ters flow - ing

B min D/A G D/F# G A D

Come to the mer - cy seat, fer - vent - ly kneel.  
 Hope of the pen - i - tent, fade - less and pure!  
 Forth from the throne of God, pure from a - bove.

D DMaj7/C# B min A B min D/A G A

Here bring your wound - ed hearts, here tell your an - guish;  
 Here speaks the Com - for - ter, ten - der - ly say - ing,  
 Come to the feast of love; come, ev - er know - ing

B min D/A D/F# G D/F# G A D

Earth has no sor - row that heav'n can - not heal.  
 "Earth has no sor - row that Heav'n can - not cure."  
 Earth has no sor - row but heav'n can re - move.

B min A G A B min A G

# Christ is Our Cornerstone

Gregory Wilbur, 2011

Unknown author, 6th or 7th Century (Angularis fundamentum lapis);  
translated from Latin to English by John Chandler, 1837.

C F G sus4 G C F G sus4 G

Christ is our cor - ner - stone, On Him a - lone we build; With  
O then with hymns of praise These hal - lowed courts shall ring; Our  
Here may we gain from Heav'n, The grace which we im - plore; And

A min G F C F G sus4 G A min G

His true saints a - lone The courts of Heav'n are filled; On His great  
voic - es we will raise The Three in One to sing; And thus pro -  
may that grace, once giv'n, Be with us ev - er - more; Un - til that

F C F G/B C F G sus4 G C

love our hopes we place Of pre - sent grace and joys a - bove.  
claim in joy - ful song Both loud and long, that glor - ious name.  
day when all the blest To end - less rest are called a - way.

