

Village Chapel Presbyterian Church – Sunday, December 29, 2019

A congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America focused on worshiping God, caring for one another, and proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all men.

Announcements and Welcome 10:30 am

The Call to Worship Galatians 4:4-7

Singing of Praise to the Lord Our God

Angels from the Realm of Glory Hymnal #218
O Little Town of Bethlehem Hymnal #201

Prayer of Praise and Thanksgiving

Responsive Reading

Selection 33 (Pew Bible pg. 1060, lg. print pg. 1346)

Confession of Sin/Assurance of God's Pardon

Giving of the Tithes and Offerings

Doxology (please stand if able)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer & Prayers of Thanksgiving and Supplication

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be 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 have forgiven 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.

Singing of Praise to the Lord Our God

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear Hymnal #200

The Reading and Proclamation of God's Word

Luke 2:21-24

"How God Incarnate Came to Live Among Us"

Reverend Norman Evans

Hymn of Response

Hark! The Herald Hymnal #203

Benediction - 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.

In the Life of the Church

Announcements

- Join us this Wednesday evening at 6:30 as we continue in 'The Logic of God' by Ravi Zacharias, chapter 13, titled 'Every Thread Matters.'

Prayer Needs

- Please contact Greta Kearns if you would like to be placed on the prayer chain.

Birthdays & Anniversaries:

If we missed your special day let us know!

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Sermon Notes

The focus of the sermon today from Luke 2:21-24 is on the necessity of Jesus to keep / obey the whole law of God throughout his life, perfectly, inwardly, outwardly. The Lawgiver (God) must now be the perfect Law keeper (the Incarnate Son of the Father / God!

Lamb of God

Your only Son, no sin to hide:
But you have sent Him from your side,
to walk up on this guilty sod; and to become
the Lamb of God

Chorus:

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love
the holy Lamb of God. Oh wash me in His
precious blood, my Jesus Christ, the Lamb
of God.

Your gift of love they crucified;
They laughed and scorned Him as He died.
The humble King they named a fraud,
and sacrificed the Lamb of God. (Chorus)

I was so lost I should have died;
But you have brought me to your side
To be led by your staff and rod
And to be called a lamb of God. (Chorus)

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground, firm
through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when striving cease.
My comforter, my all in all,
here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone who took on flesh, fullness
of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross, as Jesus died,
the wrath of God was satisfied;
For every sin on Him was laid.
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again.
And as He stands in victory,
sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
for I am His and He is mine,
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I stand.

Stuart Townsend
And Keith Getty

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In Christ Alone

Eternal Weight of Glory

*The grass withers, the flower fades,
but the word of our God will stand forever.
Isaiah 40:8*

1. Now the days and hours and moments of our suffering seem so long, and the toilsome wait and wondering threa-ten silence to our song.

Now our pain is real and pre-ssing
where our faith is thin and weak,
but our hope is set on Je-sus and we cling
to Him our strength.

Chorus:

For behold I tell a mystery:
At the trump-et sound we'll wake!
Death is swallowed up in vic-t'ry
when we meet our King of grace.

E-vr'y year we thought was was-ted,
ev-ery night we cried how long,
all will be a passing moment in our
Savior's victory song.

2. Oh e-tern-nal weight of glory Oh in-he-ri-tance divine, we will see our Lord re-dee-ming e-very past and fu-ture time.

All our pains will be trans-fi-gured
like the scars of Christ our Lord
we will see the weight of glory and our
bro-ken years restored.

Chorus:

3. We will see our wound-ded Sa-rior, we'll be-hold Him face to face, and we'll hear our an-guished sto-ries sung as vic-t'ry songs of grace.

Chorus:

By Wendell Kimbrough

WHAT:

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Women's Fall Bible Study

Topic: Religious Pluralism/Defending the Christian Faith

Resources: The Bible and "Jesus Among the gods"
by Ravi Zacharias

WHERE:

VCPC parlor

WHEN:

10:00 am-Noon and a 2nd opportunity on the same evening 6:30-8:30 pm Monthly, every 2nd Tuesday
Start date: September 10
End date: December 10

NOTE: There will be on "extra" session the 4th Tuesday of September, just to get started & finish before Christmas.

HOW:

Each session will include:
Scripture study
A brief DVD
General discussion

WHY:

To better equip us in an age of religious pluralism to:
"Honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you (Peter 3:15)
"Contend for the faith that was delivered once for all to the saints" (Jude 1:3b)

WHO:

See Pastor Evans to request your copy of the book and a more detailed outline for the study.
Contact Marcia Slentz-Whalen if you have questions:
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