
WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Public Service of Worship

January 7th, 2018

The First Lord's Day of Epiphany



*"True wisdom consists in being wise
according to the law of God."*

-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.

<p>TODAY’S WORSHIP: We continue to grow in wisdom for the sake of Christ, who is Himself the wisdom of God. We learn several different assorted lessons on topics which would all be especially important for someone in the King’s court.</p>

APOSTOLIC GREETING AND WELCOME

SILENT MEDITATION: JOB 11:5-6

But oh, that God would speak
and open his lips to you,
and that he would tell you the secrets of wisdom!

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP: LAMENTATIONS 3:40-41**

Let us test and examine our ways, and return to the Lord!

Let us lift up our hearts and hands to God in heaven!

§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: LORD, WITH GLOWING HEART I'D PRAISE THEE! NO. 80**

***RESPONSIVE READING: THE LAW OF GOD**

Then God spoke all these words, saying, "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. You shall have no other gods before Me."

For us there is but one God, the Father, from whom are all things, and we exist for Him; and one Lord, Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we exist through Him. (1 Corinthians 8.6)

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

“You shall not make for yourself an idol, or any likeness of what is in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the water under the earth. You shall not worship them or serve them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, on the third and the fourth generations of those who hate Me, but showing lovingkindness to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.”

Little children, guard yourselves from idols. (1 John 5:21)

“You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not leave him unpunished who takes His name in vain.”

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 (Colossians 3:17)

“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath of the LORD your God; in it you shall not do any work, you or your son or your daughter, your male or your female servant or your cattle or your sojourner who stays with you. For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.”

There remains therefore a Sabbath rest for the people of God. For the one who has entered His rest has himself also rested from his works, as God did from His. (Hebrews 4:9-10)

“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be prolonged in the land which the LORD your God gives you.”

Children, be obedient to your parents in all things, for this is well-pleasing to the Lord. (Colossians 3:20)

“You shall not murder.”

“You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’ But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be liable to the hell of fire.” (Matthew 5:21-22)

“You shall not commit adultery.”

Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled; for fornicators and adulterers God will judge. (Hebrews 13:4)

“You shall not steal.”

We urge you, brothers, to aspire to live quietly, and to mind your own affairs, and to work with your hands, as we instructed you, so that you may walk properly before outsiders and be dependent on no one. (1 Thessalonians 4:10-12)

“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.”

Therefore, laying aside falsehood, speak truth, each one of you, with his neighbor, for we are members of one another. (Ephesians 4:25)

“You shall not covet.”

Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you. (Hebrews 13:5)

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:

- *That we would be given power and ability by the Spirit to destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God.*
- *The gospel would bear fruit and increase in the whole world.*
- *Sacred Road Ministries on the Yakima Reservation in White Swan, WA*
- *That we would be cleansed from any corruption we suffer as a church and denomination*
- *For revival among civil servants*
- *For great boldness and opportunity to witness for Christ.*

OFFERTORY AND PRAYER

HYMN: BE THOU O GOD EXALTED HIGH

Be Thou O God Exalted High

Psalm 57

Nahum Tate & Nicholas Brady, 1696
from A New Version of the Psalms of David

Gregory D Wilbur, 2011

C F C/E G sus4 C/E F

Be thou, O God ex - al - ted high; And as Your glor - y fills the
O God, my heart is fixed; 'tis bent Its thank - ful tri - bute to pre -
A - wake, my glor - y; harp and lute, No long - er let your strings be
Your prais - es, Lord, I will re - sound To all the list - ening na - tions

G sus4 F A min C/G F C/E

sky, So let it be on earth dis - played, Till You are here, as
sent; And, with my heart, my voice I'll raise To You, my God, in
mute; And I, my tune - ful part to take, Will with the ear - ly
round; Your mer - cy high - est heav'n tran - scends; Your truth be - yond the

F G sus4 A min D min C/E F G C

there, o - beyed. Till You are here, as there, o - beyed.
songs of praise. To You, my God, in songs of praise.
dawn a - wake. Will with the ear - ly dawn a - wake.
clouds ex - tends. Your truth be - yond the clouds ex - tends.

*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 7:23-8:15

All this I have tested by wisdom. I said, "I will be wise," but it was far from me.²⁴ That which has been is far off, and deep, very deep; who can find it out?

²⁵ I turned my heart to know and to search out and to seek wisdom and the scheme of things, and to know the wickedness of folly and the foolishness that is madness. ²⁶ And I find something more bitter than death: the woman whose heart is snares and nets, and whose hands are fetters. He who pleases God escapes her, but the sinner is taken by her. ²⁷ Behold, this is what I found, says the Preacher, while adding one thing to another to find the scheme of things—²⁸ which my soul has sought repeatedly, but I have not found. One man among a thousand I found, but a woman among all these I have not found. ²⁹ See, this alone I found, that God made man upright, but they have sought out many schemes.

8 Who is like the wise?

And who knows the interpretation of a thing?

A man's wisdom makes his face shine,
and the hardness of his face is changed.

² I say: Keep the king's command, because of God's oath to him. ³ Be not hasty to go from his presence. Do not take your stand in an evil cause, for he does whatever he pleases. ⁴ For the word of the king is supreme, and who may say to him, "What are you doing?" ⁵ Whoever keeps a command will know no evil thing, and the wise heart will know the proper time and the just way. ⁶ For there is a time and a way for everything, although man's trouble lies heavy on him. ⁷ For he does not know what is to be, for who can tell him how it will be? ⁸ No man has power to retain the spirit, or power over the day of death. There is no discharge from war, nor will wickedness deliver those who are

given to it. ⁹ All this I observed while applying my heart to all that is done under the sun, when man had power over man to his hurt.

¹⁰ Then I saw the wicked buried. They used to go in and out of the holy place and were praised in the city where they had done such things. This also is vanity. ¹¹ Because the sentence against an evil deed is not executed speedily, the heart of the children of man is fully set to do evil. ¹² Though a sinner does evil a hundred times and prolongs his life, yet I know that it will be well with those who fear God, because they fear before him. ¹³ But it will not be well with the wicked, neither will he prolong his days like a shadow, because he does not fear before God.

¹⁴ There is a vanity that takes place on earth, that there are righteous people to whom it happens according to the deeds of the wicked, and there are wicked people to whom it happens according to the deeds of the righteous. I said that this also is vanity. ¹⁵ And I commend joy, for man has nothing better under the sun but to eat and drink and be joyful, for this will go with him in his toil through the days of his life that God has given him under the sun.

NEW TESTAMENT READING: TITUS 3:1-11

GOSPEL READING: LUKE 14:7-11

CONFESSION OF FAITH: RAGNONI'S *FORMULARIO* (1559)

On the Son: Being the One Who Gives Light

He enlightens our mind through His divine light, so that we are enabled to understand the mysteries of heavenly wisdom and to contemplate the great and invaluable goodness of the Father toward us in His Son Jesus Christ.

PRAYER FOR THE SERMON

SERMON: *THE KING*, REV. JERID KRULISH

***HYMN: *WE COME, O CHRIST, TO YOU*, NO. 181**

***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. 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.

EXHORTATION TO CONFESSION: PROVERBS 1:7

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge;
fools despise wisdom and instruction.

PUBLIC CONFESSION: THE BOOK OF COMMON WORSHIP (1908)

Most Holy and merciful Father;

We acknowledge and confess in Your Presence: our sinful nature, prone to evil, and slothful in good, and all our shortcomings and offenses against You.

You alone know how often we have sinned, in wandering from Your ways; in wasting Your gifts, and in forgetting Your love.

But You, O Lord, have pity upon us, who are ashamed and sorry for every way in which we have displeased You. Teach us to hate our errors, cleanse us from our secret faults, and forgive our sins, for the sake of Your dear Son: our Savior.

And O, most Holy and loving Father, send Your purifying grace into our hearts, we implore you, that we may henceforth live in Your light and walk in Your ways, according to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

† SILENT REPENTANCE

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: I CORINTHIANS 1:28-31

God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

DECLARATION OF ABSOLUTION

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

HYMN: HOW SWEET AND AWESOME IS THE PLACE, NO. 469

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.

† *The congregation is permitted to kneel.*

§ 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: SAVIOR, BLESSED SAVIOR NO. 531**

*** 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.

22. That the announcement of this amnesty and general pardon is called "the Gospel," from its being, as it is, the most joyous and happiest news published among men since the beginning of the world (Mt. 28 [Mk. 16]).

23. That all those who embrace this good news and hold themselves to be reconciled to God are children of Abraham in that they imitate the faith of Abraham, who believed in the promises of God without seeing, according to the reckoning of human wisdom, whereupon to base his faith. They believe the good news announced to them on God's behalf without seeing whereupon to found their faith, according to the judgment of human wisdom, which must be subject to the obedience of Christ (Rom. 4).

24. That the congregation of all those everywhere who accept this Gospel in one spirit are baptized with water in nomine patris et filii et spiritus sancti is called the Church (Eph. 5).

WPC BIBLE READING PLAN: ONE CHURCH, ONE CHAPTER

	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Subtopic</u>	<u>Main Reading</u>	<u>Psalm</u>
1/8	The Word of God		2 Kings 22	Psalm 119:105-128
1/9			Luke 11	Psalm 119:129-152
1/10			Revelation 22	Psalms 119:153-176
1/11	Essentials of Faith	God our Father	Romans 8	Psalms 1 & 2
1/12	Essentials of Faith	Christ the Lord	1 Corinthians 2	Psalms 3 & 4
1/13	Essentials of Faith	The Nature of God	1 Timothy 1	Psalm 5

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 9th, 6:30pm for dinner, 7:00PM for the study.

(Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday)

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 Buhmaster. 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

NOTES

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

<i>Meeting at:</i>	Clark County Square Dance Center 10713 NE 117th Ave, Vancouver, WA 98662	
<i>Times:</i>	Sunday School: 9:30AM ☞ Fellowship: 10:30AM ☞ Worship: 11:00AM	
<i>Contact us:</i>	(360) 602-1501 ☞ admin@solochristo.org <i>Audio sermons, the order of worship, and the church directory are available at our website.</i>	
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