

Valencia Presbyterian Church

Order for Worship - Sunday, March 22, 2020

Dear VPC Family,

Every day, including each Sunday, is the day that the LORD has made and we should rejoice and be glad in it! This Sunday there is no service being held at Valencia Presbyterian Church, but **you can celebrate at home! All you need is a Bible and about 25 minutes of your time!**

Call to Worship: Read Hebrews 12:2-3

²Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. ³Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus. Let us worship God!

Prayer of Confession: Read Isaiah 54:7-8

⁷For a brief moment I abandoned you, but with deep compassion I will bring you back. ⁸In a surge of anger I hid my face from you for a moment, but with everlasting kindness I will have compassion on you," says the LORD your Redeemer. Let us confess our sins to Almighty God...

Assurance of Pardon:

Return to the Lord your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love. In Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!

Children's Message:

Let's take apart the Lord's Prayer

Today, think about Our Father, who art in heaven. Who is your Father? What does it mean that your Father is in heaven? Imagine that God is in heaven and right beside you at the same time. What would you say to him?

Message: Read John 3:14-21

"The Cure"

¹⁴Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him." ¹⁶For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. ¹⁸Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son. ¹⁹This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. ²¹But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.

Join us at 10am on Sunday for a Facebook Live session to hear Pastor Jim's message, "The Cure". The video will be available afterwards on Facebook and our website www.valenciapresbyterian.com. If you do not have internet access, a written copy of the sermon is attached.

Prayers of the People: Merciful Lord, keep us under the shadow of your mercy in this time of uncertainty and distress. Sustain and support the anxious and fearful, and lift up all who are brought low; that we may rejoice in your comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Prayer requests can be submitted through email (vpc@valenciapresbyterian.com), Facebook or directly through calling or texting Pastor Jim at 412-491-2102.

Hymn: Sing "There is a Balm in Gilead"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q3e7AOWHyTM>

If you cannot access YouTube to watch the video and sing along, recognize and think of how Jesus is the relieving "balm" in your life each day.

Offerings: Send someone a note today or give them a call to talk about how they are doing. Offer yourself, your time, your advice, or your help to someone else today. Then, if you can, mail your offering to VPC because we rely on your contributions, even in this challenging time. Then, give thanks to God for His abundant goodness and presence!

Benediction: Remember, the Church of Jesus Christ holds onto God in worship and in prayer, even in the wilderness! We demonstrate to the world that He is alive! Let's be the Church in our families, our communities and our world. AMEN