



Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, September 10

Homecoming

GATHERING US IN

PRELUDE

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love
Arr. Bradley Sowash

Rachel Williams

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

GATHERING MUSIC *They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love*
Arr. Mark Hayes

OPENING SENTENCES Aubrie Larsen, Landon Goiffon, Mae Rudeen,
Gabe Gottschalk, Rory Messer and Anna Parks

HYMN #754 *Help Us Accept Each Other* (verses 1 & 2)

*Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us;
teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace.
Be present, Lord, among us and bring us to believe
we are ourselves accepted, and meant to love and live.*

*Teach us, O Lord, your lessons, as in our daily life
we struggle to be human and search for hope and faith.
Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some,
to love them as we find them, or as they may become.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sheila Sheldon

God of reconciliation and love, You call us to love one another, and to put the needs and interests of those around us above our own. You ask us to love others as deeply as we have been loved by You. We confess the times when we have allowed our own desires and interests to take precedence over the needs of our neighbors. Teach us how to love as we have been loved.

God of Grace, You call us to treat each other with kindness, even those who have offended us. You ask us to work through our disagreements with love and integrity, so we can build up the Body of Christ. We confess the times when we have found it easier to simply walk away from challenging relationships, or to talk behind people's backs, rather than to face to face. Teach us how to live with love and integrity so that your church is strengthened by our actions. Help us to walk in Your ways, Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Pastor: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

RESPONSE TO THE GOOD NEWS #306

*Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love,
The fellowship of kindred minds
is like to that above.*

HEARING THE WORD

TIME WITH YOUNG WORSHIPPERS

Congregational Blessing: You are God's beloved child.
With you God is well pleased.

SPECIAL MUSIC *I Wish I Knew How It Would Feel to Be Free* Valley Choir
Arr. Kirby Shaw

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 18:15-20 (The Message)

SERMON *Face to Face* Rev. Richard Buller

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN #529 *Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether* (verses 1 & 2)

*Draw us in the Spirit's tether, for when humbly in your name
two or three are met together, you are in the midst of them.
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Here we touch your garment's hem.

*As disciples used to gather in the name of Christ to sup,
then with thanks to God the giver break the bread and bless the cup,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
So now bind our friendship up.*

MINUTE FOR MISSION *Homecoming: A Rumble in the Valley* Brian Parks

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not
into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the
power and the glory, forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

SHARING OF THE BREAD & CUP

MUSICAL REFLECTION *Let Us Break Bread Together* Jamie Marshall, tenor
Arr. Moses Hogan

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God of life, it is good to be together today. For the promise of your love for us, we feel refreshed. For the opportunity to minister to others, we feel renewed. As we gather as your people, we feel deeply that we are a part of the body of Christ. We have been strengthened at the table and have become part of something greater than ourselves. Strengthened by this gift of being together, may we live a life that says, "Thank you." Amen.

SENDING US OUT

HYMN #321 *The Church's One Foundation* (verses 1 & 2)

*The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord.
She is his new creation by water and the word.
From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride.
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.*

*Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Let Us Break Bread Together*
Arr. Bill Wolaver

The Worship Has Ended. The Service Begins.

Chancel Flowers

Sunday, September 10

Sponsored by Andrew & Becca Pitan
In honor of their 10th wedding anniversary!

Please click [HERE](#) to dedicate your chancel flowers.

Joys and Concerns

Prayers for **Marlys Hawkins** as she continues to heal following a recent fall in her home. She will be moving from Maple Grove hospital to rehab in the near future.

Prayers for **Shirley Toering** who will be having surgery Sept 11 to remove a section of her colon.

Prayers for **Charlotte Davnie** who has been diagnosed with breast cancer and will have surgery on October 17.

Prayers for **Doug Smith** who is recovering at Interlude in Plymouth after back surgery he had on July 24.

Continued prayers for **Lisa Kummer** whose last CT scan was stable and some of the cancerous nodes even shrunk! Lisa's recent chemotherapy was Aug 24. Click [HERE](#) to visit Lisa's Caring Bridge site.

Continued prayers for **Taichi Chen** as he continues his health journey. Mayo has approved the new drugs for Taichi and doses began July 6. They are thankful for the miraculous gift the last couple of years have been. They continue to remind themselves that these really are good days and will continue to do their best to appreciate them. Taichi's recent scan was Sept 7. Click [HERE](#) to visit Taichi's Caring Bridge site.

Continued prayers for **Rick Carlson** as he continues to exercise, working on building strength and balance while waiting for a new heart and kidney donation. Click [HERE](#) to visit Rick's Caring Bridge site.

EASY WAYS TO GIVE TO VALLEY AND/OR COMMUNITY PARTNERS GIVE ONE TIME OR RECURRING

1. MAIL YOUR CHECK TO VALLEY

- In the memo of the check, indicate what your donation is for (i.e., Pledge, PRISM, etc.)

2. ONLINE GIVING

- Visit Valley's secured online giving by clicking [HERE](#) to make a one-time or Recurring gift to Valley or our community partners.

RECURRING GIFTS: Sign in, or create a new account.

ONE-TIME GIFTS: Click "[Quick Give](#)" to send a one-time gift.

3. AUTOMATIC WITHDRAWALS FROM YOUR BANK ACCOUNT

- Contact Chelsie Larsen: 507-272-1914 | chelsie.larsen@valleychurch.net to set up withdrawals directly from your account. You can always adjust the amount.

This Week at Valley

Sunday, September 10
9:30 am Worship Service
With Communion
10:30 am Fellowship Hour
11:00 am Adult Ed

Monday, September 11

Tuesday, September 12
6:30 pm Hand Bell Rehearsal

Wednesday, September 13

Thursday, September 14
10:00 am Bible Fellowship

Friday, September 15
Men's Retreat

Saturday, September 16
Men's Retreat

Sunday, September 17
Men's Retreat
9:30 am Worship Service
Rev. Bill Davnie Preaching
10:30 am Fellowship Hour
11:00 am Adult Ed
4:00 pm TEAMS & Youth Group

A special thank you to our
Worship Team, especially
**Katie Decker, Myron Jones,
Larry Johnson, Joel Larsen,
Janet Triplett, Brandon Novy,
and Roger Graphenteen** for
broadcasting the services.

Valley Staff

Ministers

All 414 members of this
congregation.

Pastor

Rev. Richard D. Buller

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Rev. Jim Cook
Rev. Bill Davnie
Rev. Kate O'Brien Soltau
Rev. David Phillips
Rev. Nancy Phillips
Rev. Rebecca Tollefson
Rev. Aron Wilterding

SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

September 3: 245 (73 in-person)
August 27: 233 (132 in-person)



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Adult Education | September 10 | 11:00 AM

SUSTAINABILITY GROUP

EATING FOR HEALTH, SPIRITUALITY, AND STEWARDSHIP

Valley members **Dawn Schuldt and Carolyn Anderson** will explore ideas of wellness and present simple ways to incorporate plant-based eating. Along with a brief cooking demonstration, we will provide resources to stimulate curiosity in this transformative journey.

Hosted in The Cornerstone Room



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Adult Education | September 17 | 11:00 AM

WHERE CHRISTIAN VALUES & NATIONAL INTERESTS COLLIDE

Rev. Bill Davnie: American Christians often see our foreign policy as an extension of our values of democracy, freedom, faith and more. But our values and our national interests - security, defeat of competitors and more - don't actually always coincide, and we quickly let our interests overwhelm our values. We'll look at how Christians here and elsewhere look at Ukraine, Palestine other aspects of our international presence.

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VALLEY MEN'S RETREAT 2023

Presbyterian
Clearwater Forest
September 15 - 17

Sign-Up in Fellowship Hall
-or-
Contact the Church Office



FALL REGISTRATION

REGISTER YOUR KID(S) AND YOUTH FOR
FALL 2023
EDUCATION PROGRAMMING!

YOUNG PEOPLE WHO WILL BE ATTENDING:
SUNDAY SCHOOL (PRESCHOOL AGES 3 - 3RD GRADE),
TEAMS (4TH & 5TH GRADES), OR
YOUTH GROUP (6TH - 12TH GRADES)

• DRIVERS NEEDED •

Meals on Wheels

3RD AND 4TH THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

• SEPT 21 & 28 •

ROUTES INCLUDE

Crystal
New Hope
Robbinsdale
Golden Valley



CONTACTS:

Gail Smith
use your directory
or call the office

Marge Thurston
use your directory
or call the office

*Thank you for
your services
Karen Sauter!*

NAMI WALK

National Alliance on
Mental Health

5k Walk (3.1 miles)

**SIGN-UP TO WALK/DONATE
IN FELLOWSHIP HALL**

All together for mental health for all!

It's not how far we walk.
It's how far we have come.

**SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 23**

Minnehaha Falls Regional Park
11:00am - 3:00pm
Optional carpool from Valley at 10:30am



BEATLES SING-ALONG FUNDRAISER AT VALLEY

SEPT 24 | 6-8 PM

FEATURING DAN CHIOUNARD

In celebration of Andy Westerlund's 64th birthday,
sing along to your favorite Beatles songs.
Each song will raise funds for a different charity
(PRISM, Crisis Nursery, Clare Terrace)



Rehearsals on
Wed. 7:00 pm

VCPC CHOIR

VALLEY IS EXCITED TO ENJOY OUR
CHOIR AGAIN ON SELECT SUNDAYS!

Sunday, Oct. 1 | Rehearsal Sept. 27

Sunday, Oct. 22 | Rehearsal Oct. 19

Sunday, Nov. 5 | Rehearsal Nov. 1

Sunday, Nov. 19 | Rehearsal Nov. 15

Wednesday rehearsals will be held on the
Wednesday the same week before the Sundays above.



Happy Birthday Valley Family!

9/1 Frankline Nyongkah	9/17 Evonne Kirchenwitz
9/2 Martin Buller	9/18 Jeffrey Lund
9/3 Lennox Mead	9/21 SuAnn Bygd
9/6 Alan Wold	9/21 Mark Freeman
9/9 Aaron Craven	9/22 Jamese Decker
9/9 Arnold Schellhaas	9/23 Jameson Johannsen
9/10 Pius Nti	9/25 Tom Jenson
9/10 Jeff Soltau	9/26 Mariah Messer
9/12 Hayden Gautsche	9/26 Andrew Westerlund
9/12 Claire Reinert	9/26 Helmut Winter
9/13 Pete Messer	9/27 Peter Brant
9/13 Christine Phelan	9/28 Paul Minter
9/14 Jonathan Schellhaas	9/28 Emily Steffel
9/15 Ted Arneson	9/29 Sarah Gonsior
9/16 Steve Bauer	9/29 Deborah Poynter
9/16 Katie Decker	9/30 Jennifer Biggs
9/16 Gwen Rouleau	9/30 Bellinda Nti





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Open Hearts • Open Minds • Opening Lives to God

—Established May 20, 1951—

Land Acknowledgement Statement

Valley Community Presbyterian Church sits on the ancestral and contemporary land of the Dakota people, for whom the land holds historical, spiritual, political, and cultural significance.

We acknowledge the ongoing injustices that we have committed against the Dakota people and pledge to interrupt this legacy. We will educate ourselves about Indigenous history and recognize, support, and advocate for our Native neighbors.

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