



Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, October 1, 2023
World Communion

GATHERING US IN

PRELUDE

Breathe Rachel Williams, piano
Marie Barnett, arr. Mark Hayes

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

GATHERING MUSIC *Take the World, But Give Me Jesus*
John Sweney, arr. Victor Labenske

OPENING SENTENCES Rev. Aron Wilterding & Rev. Nancy Phillips

HYMN #410 *God Is Calling Through the Whisper*
(Polish Folk Melody)

*God is calling through the whisper of the Spirit's deepest sighs,
through the thrill of sudden beauties that can catch us by surprise.
Flash of lightning, crash of thunder; hush of stillness, rush of wonder:
God is calling—can you hear? God is calling—can you hear?*

*God is calling through the voices of our neighbors' urgent prayers,
through their longing for redemption and for rescue from despair.
Place of hurt or face of needing; strident cry or silent pleading:
God is calling—can you hear? God is calling—can you hear?*

*God is calling through the music of sublime and human arts,
through the hymns of earth and angels, and the carols of our hearts.
Lift of joy and gift of singing; days and nights our praises bringing:
God is calling—and we hear! God is calling—and we hear!*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sheila Sheldon

God of the vineyard, we know that your way is the way of forgiveness, but we remain convinced by our own strong opinions. We lack insight and self-awareness, sure of our unwavering thoughts about the world. We confess that our disagreements with others color our relationships, and we would rather talk the righteous talk than walk the faithful walk.

So, when it is time to think deeply, we avoid humility and an open-hearted orientation. The result is a short-sighted experience without input from others. We ask you to forgive us and guide us to new understanding and deeper relationships with our neighbors. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

RESPONSE TO THE GOOD NEWS #411 (Argentine Praise Song)

*God is here today;
as certain as the air I breathe,
as certain as the morning sun that rises,
as certain when I sing you'll hear my song.*

HEARING THE WORD

TIME WITH YOUNG WORSHIPPERS

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

Amani Utupe
Patsy Simms

Valley Choir

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 21:28-32

SERMON

*Our Heart, Our Mind,
and Our Daily Walk*

Rev. Richard Buller

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN #524

The Rice of Life (verses 1 & 2)
(Taiwanese Hymn Tune)

*The rice of life from heaven came
to bring true life from God above.
Receive this gift; God's mercy claim;
in joy and pain give thanks for love.*

*True rice the hungry world has fed,
the rice required for life below.
Provide this gift; God's mercy spread;
in weakness God's compassion show.*

MINUTE FOR MISSION *The Biggest Table in the World*

Rev. Kate O'Brien

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Jim Cook

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.

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

Joys and Concerns

Prayers for **Valerie Robinson** who had knee surgery on Sept 28.

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

Continued prayers for **Lisa Kummer** whose last CT scan was stable and some of the cancerous nodes even shrunk! Lisa will continue her chemotherapy.

Click [HERE](#) to visit Lisa's Caring Bridge site.

Continued prayers for **Taichi Chen** as he started his clinical trial Sept 26.

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, October 1

9:30 am Worship Service

With Communion

10:30 am Fellowship Hour

11:00 am Adult Ed

4:00 pm TEAMS & Youth Group

Monday, October 2

11:30 am Lunch Bunch

6:30 pm All Office Meeting with
Presbytery Representatives

Tuesday, October 3

6:30 pm Hand Bell Rehearsal

Wednesday, October 4

Thursday, October 5

10:00 am Bible Fellowship

Friday, October 6

Saturday, October 7

10:00 am Apple Orchard Event

Sunday, October 8

9:30 am Worship Service

Indigenous Peoples Sunday

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.

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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 24: 270 (99 in-person)

September 17: 259 (103 in-person)



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Adult Education | October 1 | 11:00 AM

LOOKING INWARD, LOOKING OUTWARD, BEING A FRIEND

October is Mental Health Awareness month. In this class we'll learn how diagnosed conditions such as anxiety and depression are on a continuum with the everyday sadness and worry that appear at times in everyone's lives. We'll also talk about friendship and walking with people through the difficult times.

Rev. Nancy Phillips is a Valley Parish Associate and an ordained clergy person in the Reformed Church of America and worked for the church in the areas of ecumenism & women's issues. She is also a licensed clinical social worker and served as an individual/family therapist in the Fairview clinic system.

Hosted in The Cornerstone Room

PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS



Blessed are those who seek to make peace in home, community, and world.

In addition to local support of Home Free, the Peace & Global Witness offering provides resources for our denomination's efforts in peacemaking around the globe. As a part of our "A Season of Peace" efforts, we are working around the globe for climate change, nonviolence, the intersection of poverty & racism and immigration/migration.

Our offering will indicate our commitment to global efforts for peace, and we can be assured that whatever we give will make a difference. **Together we are life-changers. Please, mark your contributions PEACE, and in joy, be led forth in peace.**



*Purchase a Wreath
in Fellowship Hall
This Sunday!*

Or contact the office!



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Adult Education | October 8 | 11:00 AM
LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT UPDATES

Crystal Boyd and **Jim Rock** will share an update on the 2022 oral history project and new projects that have been inspired by this important work. Then, Jim Rock will share an update on the work happening in Mountain Lake, MN with Makoce Ikikcupi. Makoce Ikikcupi, meaning Land Recovery, is a project of reparative justice on Dakota homelands in Minisota Makoce (Minnesota).

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**Fridays in
the Valley
Presents:**

**Pavel Jany
~and~
Dean Harrington**

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2023 | 7:00 PM

FREE-WILL OFFERINGS BENEFIT
AND NOW SHE RISES - DOMESTIC VIOLENCE



Fall Festival 2023

COME ON DOWN!

October 14 | 5-7 pm

LIVE GAME SHOW STARTS AT 5:30P

*** FOOD * GAMES * SILENT AUCTION * LIVE AUCTION *
BOUNCE HOUSE * FUN FOR EVERYONE ***

**You are invited to come together with Valley friends of
all ages and raise funds to paint the Fellowship Hall.**

To volunteer or donate to the auction, contact the Church Office.



Valley Community



VCPC CHOIR

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

Sunday, Oct. 22 | Rehearsal Oct. 18

Sunday, Nov. 5 | Rehearsal Nov. 1
Sunday, Nov. 19 | Rehearsal Nov. 15

Sunday, Dec. 3 | Rehearsal Nov. 29
Sunday, Dec. 17 | Rehearsal Dec. 13



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

Valley Craft Club!

Valley crafters had so much fun crafting together we decided to make it a regular event & meet more often. **This month's featured craft is holiday card-making!** Carolyn Anderson will demo and share examples. We'll have all the supplies you need - **suggested donation of \$5.** Bring a project (or projects!) to work on and a dish to share. Sign up in the Fellowship Hall.

See you there!

October 21, 2023
10 AM - 4 PM



Happy Birthday Valley Family!

Lisa Cawhorn 10/1
Lonnie Johnson 10/2
Brayden Rude 10/2
Reid Nichols 10/3
Margaret Sandberg 10/5
Gail Smith 10/5
Rachel Hole 10/6
Brandon Novy 10/6
April Kovacovich 10/7
Cathy LaPoint 10/7
Valerie Craven 10/8
Nancy Husnik 10/8
Aubrie Larsen 10/8
Karen Sauter 10/10
Thom Reinert 10/11
Madelyn Soens 10/11
Alexander Kara 10/12
Jack Perry 10/12
Earl Robertson 10/12
Max Westerlund 10/12
Ginger Jackson 10/13
Benjamin Gillett 10/14
Myron Jones 10/14
Chrisdel Nyongkah 10/15
Cheryl Smith 10/15

Peggy Meyer 10/17
Eli Matthews Doering 10/18
Linda Wold 10/18
Lilianna Schellhaas 10/19
Andrew Freeberg 10/22
Les Freeberg 10/22
Ann Keen 10/23
Earl Michael 10/24
Alex Graham 10/25
Nancy Olson 10/25
Mary Ann Winter 10/25
Janet Triplett 10/26
Myrle Reiswig 10/27
Catherine Paulson 10/28
Norman Chervany 10/29
Ann Van Heest 10/31





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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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