

# Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, October 22, 2023  
Stewardship Kick-Off

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# GATHERING US IN

## PRELUDE

*Come, Ye Disconsolate*  
Arr. Bradley Sowash

Rachel Williams

## LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Richard Buller & Sheila Sheldon

## GATHERING MUSIC

*Brandenburg Concerto #5*

Taichi & Robin Chen

J.S. Bach

Richard & Melinda Marshall

## OPENING SENTENCES

### HYMN #757 *Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples* (verses 1 & 3)

*Today we all are called to be disciples of the Lord,  
to help to set the captive free, make plowshare out of sword,  
to feed the hungry, quench their thirst, make love and peace our fast,  
to serve the poor and homeless first, our ease and comfort last.*

*Pray justice may come rolling down as in a mighty stream,  
with righteousness in field and town to cleanse us and redeem.  
For God is longing to restore an earth where conflicts cease,  
a world that was created for a harmony of peace.*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, your Spirit urges us to practice compassionate justice with those we meet along the way. When we look to Jesus, we are given a vision born from his love. As we live out our call to discipleship, we understand there are days of disappointment and days of joy.

We know it is easy to fear the future and the unknown, but we find strength in being together. By doing justice and loving kindness, we press on to work for an inclusive life for all people. When we see only dimly, may we look to you for guidance and direction. As we pledge our lives to serve you, may we live out each day loving one another. 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 #69

*I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?  
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.*

# HEARING THE WORD

## TIME WITH YOUNG WORSHIPPERS

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

## SPECIAL MUSIC

*Take Now My Voice*  
Douglas Nolan

Valley Choir

## TWO PERSPECTIVES

Rev. Jim Cook

- 1) Luke from Part II of his Gospel called  
"Acts of the Apostles" Acts 2:37-47
- 2) From the Community in the Valley  
If not community, what?

# RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN #729      *Lord, I Want to be a Christian* (verses 1, 2 & 4)

*Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart;*

*Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.*

*In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.*

*Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart;*

*Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.*

*In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.*

*Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart;*

*Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.*

*In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.*

## 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.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT      *Where Gratitude is Paid Forward*

Lisa Kummer

## OFFERTORY

*Concerto Grosso No. 4 in D, Allegro*  
Archangelo Corelli

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We give because we can. We serve because it is our call. We are thankful for this community of faith that inspires us, wherever we are, to witness to the One who calls us to love. In the name of Jesus, bless these offerings, bless our lives, and help us, Spirit, to bless others as we are able. Amen.

## SENDING US OUT

HYMN #726 *Will You Come and Follow Me* (verses 1, 4 & 5)

*"Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;  
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"*

*"Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,  
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"*

*Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.*

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

*My Faith Looks Up to Thee*  
Arr. Melody Bober

The Worship Has Ended. The Service Begins.

# Chancel Flowers

Sunday, October 22

Sponsored by **Carole & Rick Martens**  
In honor of their grandchildren  
Jordan, Jasmyn, Angel, Eric, and Emily!

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

# Joys and Concerns

Prayers for **Beverly Mattin and family** as they mourn the death of **Charles Mattin** who passed away at age 88 on Oct 15.

Prayers for **Peggy & Chuck Meyer** as Chuck prepares for colon surgery on Oct 23 at Methodist Hospital.

Prayers for **Charlotte Davnie** who has been diagnosed with breast cancer and is recovering from surgery she had 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** who started his clinical trial without experiencing any side effects, His next scan is Nov 6.

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](mailto:chelsie.larsen@valleychurch.net) to set up withdrawals directly from your account. You can always adjust the amount.

## This Week at Valley

Sunday, October 22

9:30 am Worship Service

Stewardship Kick-Off

Rev. Jim Cook Preaching

10:30 am Fellowship Hour

Monday, October 23

6:30 pm Session Meeting

Tuesday, October 24

5:00 am Endowment Meeting

6:30 pm Hand Bell Rehearsal

6:30 pm Finance Meeting

Wednesday, October 25

Thursday, October 26

10:00 am Bible Fellowship

10:00 am Meals on Wheels

Friday, October 27

Saturday, October 28

9:00 am Fall Clean-Up

Sunday, October 29

9:30 am Worship Service

10:30 am Fellowship Hour

11:00 Adult Ed

4:00 pm TEAMS & Youth Group

4:00 pm Trunk-or-Treat

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 413 members of this  
congregation.

### Pastor

Rev. Richard D. Buller

### Educational Ministries Director

Sheila Sheldon

### Office Administrator

William Glasper

### Program & Communications

#### Coordinator

Mariah Messer

### Music Coordinator

Rachel Williams

### Hand Bell Choir Director

Janet M.T. Carlson

### Sunshine Room Leader

James Decker

### Custodian

Hunter Sheldon

### PARISH ASSOCIATES

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

October 15: 228 (116 in-person)

October 8: 201 (80 in-person)

# Valley Church Fall Cleaning

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28  
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Exterior cleaning of the  
church grounds



## Valley Community

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Adult Education | October 29 | 11:00 AM  
WHITE NATIONALISM

**Brandon Schorsch from Jewish Community Action** will return to Valley to lead us in a discussion of white nationalism. This concept has been with us since the Civil War and is seeing a current and dangerous resurgence. We need to be aware and learn how to name and disrupt it.

**Hosted in The Cornerstone Room**



Valley Community 

PC(USA)

• Hosted by  
Valley Youth

**Oct  
29  
4-5 PM**



Candy



A  
Community  
Event  
with a  
Cause!

**Bring pantry items for PRISM and help us fill the trailer  
at our annual Trick or Treat for PRISM drive.**

**Can't wait to see you there!**

Valley Community Parking Lot



Rehearsals on  
Wed. 7:00 pm

## VCPC CHOIR

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

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.





# CPR/AED Refresher Class



**Have you ever thought about what you would do if you found someone unconscious and not breathing?** Would you know how to call for help, start CPR and use an AED, if available? This class is designed to give you lots of hands-on practice with the manikins so that you will leave with the knowledge and skills to be able to help in an emergency. **Instructor: Jan Fedora**

**NOVEMBER 4 | 9AM - 11AM | CORNERSTONE ROOM**  
SIGN-UPS FOR THE CLASS WILL BE IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

CLASS SIZE IS LIMITED TO 12 PARTICIPANTS.



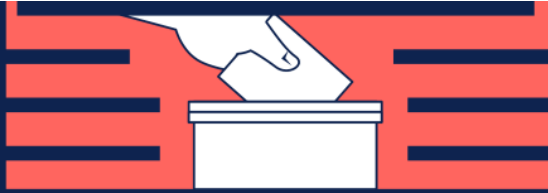
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## DAYLIGHTS SAVINGS ENDS

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2023**

Set your clocks  
one hour back!



VALLEY COMMUNITY  
GOLDEN VALLEY, MN 55422

# POLL GREETERS & VOLUNTEERS

Valley needs its volunteers to sign up to help during the upcoming election on **Tuesday, November 7, 2023.**

**SIGN UP IN FELLOWSHIP HALL**

**REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR LEFTOVER HALLOWEEN CANDY!**




*Chancel Flowers  
Sign-up*



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**SUGGESTED \$30 MINIMUM**

Sign-up in Fellowship Hall  
or click this ad!



# 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





# Valley Community

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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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