



Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, October 29, 2023

GATHERING US IN

PRELUDE

Variations on "Azmon" Jane Nienaber, organ
Mark Smith & Robert Hobby

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

GATHERING MUSIC *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship*
Raymond Haan

OPENING SENTENCES

Landon Goiffon, Marit Willey,
Justin Toering, Aubrie Larsen, & Gabe Gottschalk

HYMN #1 ***Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*** (verses 1 & 2)

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!*

*Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Connor Gottschalk

God of strength and might, we confess that we see your commandments as a list of rules to follow. We watch our neighbors trying to walk humbly with you, then we criticize them if they fall short. We have failed to understand that the spirit of your commandments is to love.

Help us fully engage our hearts, our souls, our minds, and our strength as we do justice and love kindness and live out our call to follow you. Help us to be a friend to each neighbor we meet. 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 #188

*Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong. They are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.*

*Jesus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long ago,
taking children on his knee, saying, "Let them come to me."
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.*

HEARING THE WORD

TIME WITH YOUNG WORSHIPPERS

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

Devotions
Moira Boynton

Valley Hand Bells

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 22:34-40

John Toering

SERMON

What Will We Tell Our Children?

Rev. Richard Buller

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN #63

The Lord Is God (verses 1—3)

*The Lord is God, the Lord alone! Give honor, thanks, and praise
to God, the maker of all things and giver of our days.*

*With all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and might,
O people, love the Lord your God, the source of truth and light.*

*At night or day, at home, away, together and apart,
O children, take these holy words and keep them in your 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* Craig Gottschalk

OFFERTORY

Voluntary in F-Major
William Hine

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Syndy Nyongkah

O God, Jesus taught that where our treasure is, there will our hearts be also. Today, we come bringing our treasures—all that we have and all that we are. We come seeking your treasure—love that does not fade, decay, or disappoint. May we boldly share your love and compassion with our neighbors. Amen.

SENDING US OUT

HYMN #707 *Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord* (verses 1 & 4)

*Take thou our minds, dear Lord, we humbly pray;
give us the mind of Christ each passing day;
teach us to know the truth that sets us free;
grant us in all our thoughts to honor thee.*

Take thou ourselves, O Lord, heart, mind, and will;
through our surrendered souls thy plans fulfill.
We yield ourselves to thee: time, talents, all;
we hear, and henceforth heed, thy sovereign call.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Recessional on "Holy, Holy, Holy"*
Jerry Westenkuehler

The Worship Has Ended. The Service Begins.

Chancel Flowers

Sunday, October 29

Sponsored by **Larry Melander**
In honor of Valley family and others.

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

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of comfort for **Becky Grosshuesch and her family** as they mourn the death of her mother Betty Jean Allabough who passed away on Oct 20. Memorial service at Valley on Nov 4 at 11:00am.

Prayers for **Janet Carlson** as she prepares for neck surgery on Nov 2 at 3pm at Abbott Hospital. She will stay overnight.

Prayers for **Randee Melander** as she recovers from knee surgery she had on Oct 23.

Prayers for **Peggy & Chuck Meyer** as Chuck recovers from colon surgery he had on Oct 23 at Methodist Hospital.

Prayers for **Charlotte Davnie** who was diagnosed with breast cancer and is recovering from surgery she had on Oct 17.

Continued prayers for **Lisa Kummer** whose last CT scan was stable and some of the cancerous nodes even shrunk! Lisa continues 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 to set up withdrawals directly from your account. You can always adjust the amount.

This Week at Valley

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

Monday, October 30

Tuesday, October 31

Wednesday, November 1

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 2

10:00 am Bible Fellowship

Friday, November 3

9:00 am PRISM Retreat

Saturday, November 4

9:00 am CPR Class

Set Clocks One Hour Back Before Bed

11:00 am Betty Allabough Memorial
(Becky Grosshuesch's mom)

Sunday, November 5

9:30 am Worship Service

Stewardship Dedication Sunday

With Communion

10:30 am Fellowship Hour

11:00 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 413 members of this
congregation.

Pastor

Rev. Richard D. Buller

Educational Ministries Director

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William Glasper

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Mariah Messer

Music Coordinator

Rachel Williams

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Sunshine Room Leader

James Decker

Custodian

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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 22: 253 (109 in-person)

October 15: 228 (116 in-person)



Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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 Trunk or Treat for PRISM drive.**

Can't wait to see you there!

Valley Community Parking Lot



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.



Valley
Community

PC (USA)



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

Rehearsals on
Wed. 7:00 pm

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





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Adult Education | November 5 | 11:00 AM

RECALIBRATING OUR SPIRITUAL GPS

Our Presbytery has voted to accept the recommendations of the Institutional Race & Equity Self-Assessment Team. Come to this session to learn about the five recommendations for seeing our way forward and building our antiracist assets as a Matthew 25 Congregation. The Presbytery's Anti-Racism Institutional Assessment Coordinator, **Rev. Anna Kendig Flores** will lead the discussion.

Hosted in The Cornerstone Room



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

REMEBER TO BRING YOUR LEFTOVER HALLOWEEN CANDY!

A large, stylized musical staff with a treble clef and flowing musical notes is positioned on the left side of the poster. To the right of the staff, there are line drawings of various woodwind instruments, including a French horn, a clarinet, a saxophone, and a flute, arranged in a decorative, swirling pattern.

**Fridays in
the Valley
Presents: Carleton
Woodwind
Quintet**

~ MUSIC FACULTY FROM CARLETON COLLEGE ~

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2023 | 7:00 PM

FREE-WILL OFFERINGS BENEFIT **CLARE TERRACE**

 Valley Community

The background of the poster is a vibrant green with diagonal gold stripes. It is decorated with various holiday-themed elements: a large red Christmas ornament with white snowflake patterns in the upper left, several smaller gold and red starburst ornaments, and stylized snowflakes in gold and light blue. A large, red, textured tag with a white border is positioned diagonally across the center, featuring the event details in white text.

DEC 16 | 8:30-11:00AM

**PRISM HOLIDAY
TOY SHOPPE**

20 VOLUNTEERS | FELLOWSHIP HALL SIGN UP

SIGN UP BY NOV 12

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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Scan to give online!