

Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, November 12, 2023
Mission Sunday

GATHERING US IN

PRELUDE

Heavenly Sunlight Rachel Williams, piano
George Cook, arr. Mark Hayes

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

GATHERING MUSIC

Lift Every Voice and Sing Donna Philipipot
J.W. Johnson/J.R. Johnson

OPENING SENTENCES

Emily Steffel & Jay Perry

HYMN

Jesus, Teach Us to be Neighbors (verses 1 & 2)
(sing to tune of hymn #250)

*Jesus, teach us to be neighbors, living, loving side by side,
Hands for helping one another, arms of welcome, open wide.
Ever learning, ever growing, Jesus, teach us all to be
Children of the new creation, joined in true community.*

*Jesus, teach us to be neighbors, giving, serving those in need,
Making peace and doing justice, sharing faith in word and deed.
Ever learning, ever growing, Jesus, teach us all to be
Children of the new creation, where we are one family.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sheila Sheldon

God of encounter and connection, we come to you for guidance and the courage to follow your teaching. As you came to us revealed in your Son, we saw you reach out to strangers and build up the bonds of love. You accepted all people, holding nothing back. You demonstrated respect and compassion to all you met. You spoke words of comfort. Your acts of healing acts offered new life in your love.

We confess that we often struggle to love our neighbors as ourselves. So today we ask you to guide us into paths of outreach and purpose. Help us to be true neighbors to those in need, living out your loving ways. 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 #203

*Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love;
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.
Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet,
Master who acts as a slave to them.*

*Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love;
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.*

HEARING THE WORD

TIME WITH YOUNG WORSHIPPERS

Valley Mission Partners

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

At This Table
Idina Menzel & Jonas Myrin

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 10:25-37

SERMON

Do Likewise

Rev. Dr. Alike Galloway

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN #410 *God Is Calling Through the Whisper* (verses 1 & 2)

*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?*

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.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Partnership Matters

Sarah Fadell

OFFERTORY

Tomorrow Will be Kinder
Lydia & Laura Rogers

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Ever-present God, we set our hopes on you and your faithful and tender care. You have given us a firm foundation for the future, so that we might grasp and live fully the life that you have given us. Help us to be generous and faithful neighbors as we pledge our lives to do your work. Amen.

SENDING US OUT

HYMN #408

There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit (verses 1 & 2)

*There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
there are sweet expressions on each face,
and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.*

Refrain:

*Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,
stay right here with us, filling us with your love;
and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived
when we shall leave this place.*

*There are blessings you cannot receive
till you know him in his fullness and believe;
you're the one to profit when you say,
"I am going to walk with Jesus all the way." (Refrain)*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship
William Moore, arr. Melody Bober

The Worship Has Ended. The Service Begins.

WELCOME REV. DR. ALIKA P. GALLOWAY

Reverend Dr. Alika P. Galloway is co-pastor at Liberty Community Church, PCUSA, creative visionary and co-founder of the Northside Healing Space, and founder of the 21st Century Academy. Nationally known as a Womanist Scholar and expert in health disparities impacting African American females, she earned a Master of Divinity from the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, Georgia, in Womanist Ethics and World Religions. She received a Doctorate from Virginia Union University.

Alika is dedicated to living by example and encouraging men and women to live up to their full potential in Christ, encouraging others with her natural warmth, deep faith and strength. Rev. Galloway leads the deacon board, the worship team and women's ministries.

Joys and Concerns

Prayers for **Dawn Hill** who was at North Memorial Hospital with shortness of breath. She is now recovering at home.

Prayers for **Ken Smith** who has been at North Memorial Hospital this whole week with COPD issues.

Prayers for **Ann Roach** as she recovers from neck surgery she had on Nov 10 at the Mayo Hospital in Rochester.

Prayers for **Janet Carlson** as she recovers from neck surgery she had on Nov 2.

Prayers for **Peggy & Chuck Meyer** as Chuck is recovering at home following his colon surgery.

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** who has changed chemotherapy regimens after her latest bloodwork and tests showed some disease progression. Lisa and her doctors are very confident that this new regimen will resume attacking her cancer. Click [HERE](#) to visit Lisa's Caring Bridge site.

Continued prayers for **Taichi Chen** whose scan results included the words stable and decrease! Taichi feels good with no side effects. Weekly appointments will continue for 6 weeks. We are grateful for all the support! 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.

Chancel Flowers

Sunday, November 12

Sponsored by **Les & Arlene Freeberg**
In celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary!

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

This Week at Valley

Mission Sunday, November 12

9:30 am Worship Service

Rev. Alike Galloway Preaching

10:30 am Fellowship Hour / Adult Ed

4:00 pm TEAMS & Youth Group

Monday, November 13

Tuesday, November 14

6:30 pm Hand Bell Rehearsal

Wednesday, November 15

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 16

10:00 am Bible Fellowship

Friday, November 17

6:00 pm Parents' Night Out

Saturday, November 18

10:00 am Craft Club

Sunday, November 19

9:30 am Worship Service

Baptism of Landon/Sullivan Goiffon

Officer Elections

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 412 members of this
congregation.

Pastor & Head of Staff

Rev. Richard D. Buller

Educational Ministries Director

Sheila Sheldon

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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

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

November 5: 326 (155 in-person)

October 29: 268 (132 in-person)



PARENTS' NIGHT OUT!

SIGN UP BY
NOVEMBER 12TH!

It's game time!!!
Bring your Nintendo
Switch and/or your
favorite board or
group game!!

Friday, November 17th
6:00 pm-8:30 pm

Kids 5th Grade & under.
\$5 per child, dinner included.

Valley Community

game Night



**HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE
IN ISRAEL/PALESTINE**

*"Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children
of God."*
(Matthew 5:9)

We have witnessed the millions of people caught in the middle of the devastating conflict between the government of Israel and Hamas. This is a dire humanitarian crisis and the loss of human life is unimaginable. Through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA), the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is providing assistance to those most vulnerable, and supporting partners in Palestine and Israel who are responding to the needs of their neighbors. Our biggest concern is the safety and care for those caught in the middle of this conflict and in need of humanitarian aid, no matter their religious beliefs, politics or nationality. Years of recovery lie ahead. Will you stand in the "GAP" for all affected by this conflict? — Give. Act. Pray.

Valley Craft Club!

The November Craft Day will be the last one of the year. **The featured craft of the month is ornament-making! Rachel Hole will demo starting at 11:00am. Bring along Christmas cards from past years.** We'll have all the other 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!

NOVEMBER 18, 2023
10 AM - 2 PM
CRAFT DEMO AT 11 AM



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2023 CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Election of New Church Officers
After the Worship Service.

Valley 
Community

PC(USA)



VCPC CHOIR

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

Sunday, Nov. 19 | Rehearsal Nov. 15

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

Sunday, Jan. 14 | Rehearsal Jan. 10



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

BRIDGING DRESSER BUILD

1730 TERRACE DR. ROSEVILLE, MN 55113

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2 | 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

8-12 volunteers needed.

Dress comfortably in clothes you can get dirty.

Close-toed shoes required.

SIGN UP IN FELLOWSHIP HALL | VISIT BRIDGING.ORG FOR MORE INFO
CONTACT ANDREW PITAN WITH QUESTIONS (507-475-0118)



ADVENT 2023 SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, 12/3

9:30 AM • 1st Sunday of Advent • Worship with communion

SUNDAY, 12/10

9:30 AM • 2nd Sunday of Advent

Christmas Pageant (during worship)

SUNDAY, 12/17

9:15 AM • 3rd Sunday of Advent • Christmas Music Sunday

11:00 AM | Christmas Cookie Exchange

SUNDAY, 12/24

9:30 AM • 4th Sunday of Advent • Worship Service

4:30 PM • Christmas Eve Family Service (music starts at 4:15 pm)

9:30 PM • Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with communion

Advent in
the Valley



Valley Community



Happy Birthday Valley Family!

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| Evan Miller 11/3 | Landon Golffon 11/16 |
| Carolina Michael 11/4 | Megan Parks 11/16 |
| Ryan Chancellor 11/5 | Vonnie Olson 11/17 |
| Jack Halverson 11/5 | Mary Dunham 11/18 |
| Joel Larsen 11/5 | Larry Melander 11/18 |
| Sara Perry 11/6 | Mabel Willey 11/18 |
| Larry Dunham 11/7 | Walter Messer 11/19 |
| Miranda Graham 11/9 | Jasmyn Swanson 11/21 |
| Jean Ann Buller 11/10 | Lisa Tracy 11/21 |
| Lotti Matkovits 11/11 | Hsu-hui Wang 11/21 |
| Sue Modert 11/11 | Lyn Boyd 11/23 |
| Diane Shenk 11/11 | Bob Ripley 11/23 |
| Jessica Smith 11/11 | Mary Roback 11/23 |
| Vicki Eklund 11/12 | Madeline Wandmacher 11/24 |
| Gary Roback 11/12 | Angela Zywicki 11/25 |
| Calvin Buller 11/13 | Janelle Carlson 11/26 |
| Allison Wandmacher 11/13 | Karen Chancellor 11/29 |
| Chuck Thurston 11/14 | Brad Pleimling 11/30 |
| Everett Hagelin 11/15 | |





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Open Hearts • Open Minds • Opening Lives to God

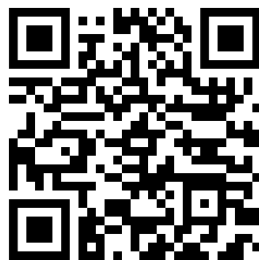
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Land Acknowledgement Statement

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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