

Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, November 5, 2023
Stewardship Dedication Sunday

GATHERING US IN

PRELUDE

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

Rachel Williams

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

GATHERING MUSIC

How Firm a Foundation
Arr. Craig Courtney

OPENING SENTENCES

Jacob & Lillie LaBelle, Peter Buller, Pat Daily

HYMN #295

Go to the World! (verses 1, 3 & 4)

*Go to the world! Go into all the earth.
Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,
baptizing as the sign of our rebirth. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

*Go to the world! Go struggle, bless, and pray;
the nights of tears give way to joyous day.
As servant church, you follow Christ's own way. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

*Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,
for I am with you till the age shall end,
when all the hosts of glory cry "Amen!" Alleluia. Alleluia.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sheila Sheldon

O God of the past and of the future, we praise you for this present moment. Through the ages you have called forth people — courageous, faithful, and steadfast. Forgive us when we leave behind the witnesses of those who have gone before us. We know there are times when our memories are dim, and our faith does not always burn with the passion that you have placed in our hearts.

Today we ask that you open us up to the wisdom of the past and to the bold ideas of our modern-day prophets who inspire us to dream today. May we learn how to live out the justice and compassion of Jesus Christ in our own time and with our fellow members of this Valley congregation. 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

What Shall I Offer My God?
Lloyd Larson

Valley Choir

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Joshua 3:7-17

SERMON

Looking Back, Looking Ahead

Rev. Richard Buller

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN #297

In Christ Called to Baptize (verses 1, 2 & 4)

*In Christ called to baptize, we witness to grace
and gather a people from each land and race.
In deep, flowing waters, we share in Christ's death,
then, rising to new life, give thanks with each breath.*

*In Christ called to banquet, one table we share,
a haven of welcome, a circle of care.
Although we are many, we share in one bread.
One cup of thanksgiving proclaims Christ, our head.*

*Unite us, anoint us, O Spirit of love,
for you are within us, around us, above.
Equip us for service with gifts you bestow.
In Christ is our calling. In Christ may we grow.*

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT *Where Gratitude is Paid Forward*

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 *He's Got the Whole World in His Hands*

Arr. Moses Hogan

Jamie Marshall

Gracious and loving God, you nourish our lives and refresh our spirits. On this Stewardship Sunday, we bring our gifts for today and our pledges for the future, asking for your blessing upon them and upon us this day. Transform these gifts, given from our hearts, so that in turn they might work to nourish and transform the world through our ministry. You have richly provided for this world and for your children; make us more ready, we pray, to share generously so that all children of God might be filled with the good things of life. Amen.

HYMN #65 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* (verses 1 & 3)

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside.
Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to thee;
I will ever give to thee.

POSTLUDE

The Worship Has Ended. The Service Begins.

Sponsored by **Tom & Virginia Day**
In honor of their 42nd wedding anniversary!

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

Joys and Concerns

Prayers for the family and friends of **Toshiko Nishida** who passed away on 6/26/23 at the rare age of 102.

Prayers for **Ann Roach** as she prepares for neck surgery on Nov10 and 13 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 has returned to Methodist Hospital due to dehydration and other complications 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 and continue to shrink cancerous nodes and evidence of the disease.

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

Dedication 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

Monday, November 6

11:30 am Lunch Bunch

Tuesday, November 7

Election Day

6:30 pm Hand Bell Rehearsal

Wednesday, November 8

Thursday, November 9

10:00 am Bible Fellowship

Friday, November 10

7:00 pm Fridays in the Valley

Saturday, November 11

9:00 am Presbytery Meeting

10:30 am Land Acknowledgement

Mission Sunday, November 12

9:30 am Worship Service

Rev. Aliko Galloway Preaching

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.

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Rev. Kate O'Brien Soltau

Rev. David Phillips

Rev. Nancy Phillips

Rev. Rebecca Tollefson

Rev. Aron Wilterding

SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

October 29: 268 (132 in-person)

October 22: 253 (109 in-person)



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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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

**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**



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Adult Education | November 12 | 11:00 AM
MISSION SUNDAY

In the Valley we believe strongly in making a difference in our local community and beyond. We don't just talk the talk, we walk the walk with our friends and neighbors. Come hear the latest news from our **local Mission Partners** as they share about their work over the past year and how they are continuing to serve the community today. Learn how you can get involved with our mission partners and participate in family friendly Doing Good Together service activities.

Hosted in Fellowship Hall

DEC 16 | 8:30-11:00AM
**PRISM HOLIDAY
TOY SHOPPE**
20 VOLUNTEERS | FELLOWSHIP HALL SIGN UP
SIGN UP BY NOV 12



PARENTS' NIGHT OUT!

SIGN UP BY
NOVEMBER 12TH!



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



Game Night

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

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

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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.



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.

Happy Birthday Valley Family!

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

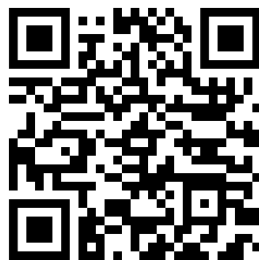
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Land Acknowledgement Statement

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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