



**Valley Community
Presbyterian Church**

Second Sunday of Advent: PEACE
Children's Pageant
Sunday, December 10, 2023

PAGEANT SUNDAY

God's Light, God's Love

GATHERING US IN

PRELUDE

Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine
Arr. Lorie Line

Rachel Williams

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

GATHERING MUSIC

O Holy Night
Adolphe Adam, arr. Jim Schustedt

Matt Weiss
Missy Rudeen
Craig Gottschalk

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE: HOPE, PEACE

Ben, Sarah & Duncan Fadell
David, Erin, Lucas & Eleanor Kopischke

Dear God, we know that Jesus is the Prince of Peace. He was born in a quiet manger surrounded by peaceful animals. His parents, Joseph and Mary, were kind and loving people. They trusted that God would lead them on peaceful paths as they raised their family in Nazareth. We pray that you will help all of us to build bridges of connection in the world. We pray in the name of the Child who was born on the first Christmas Night. Amen.

CAROL #93

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

*Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates; behold the King of glory waits;
the King of kings is drawing near; the Savior of the world is here.*

*Fling wide the portals of your heart; make it a temple, set apart
from earthly use for heaven's employ,
adorned with prayer and love and joy.*

*Redeemer, come! I open wide my heart to thee; here, Lord, abide.
Let me thy inner presence feel; thy grace and love in me reveal.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Richard Buller

We give thanks, O God, that you are steadfast in your concern for justice and righteousness. Because of your love for us, you came in human form to teach us how to be your followers. As we prepare for your coming, we ask you to help us listen for your call and claim on our lives.

Forgive us for the times when we have heard the gospel but followed a different path. Forgive us when we look backwards instead of forward and resist your call to move ahead in a life of service and love. Help us remember how hope was born in a stable in Bethlehem and that we can share that good news with the world. We ask you to set our feet on the path to peace. Heal, restore, and bless us, we pray. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

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

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

RESPONSE TO THE GOOD NEWS

*Oh, the light shines in the darkness, and the light will not be overcome.
In this world broken and scattered the light will not be overcome.*

HEARING THE WORD

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Today we celebrate the baptism of Sam Rudeen.

Sam was born 2/23/20. He is the child of Charlie & Missy Rudeen,
and the brother of Mae & Miles Rudeen.

Sheila: ...Let us welcome this newly-baptized child.

All: With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's church to
share with us in Christ's ministry, for we are all one in Christ. Amen.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

ACT 1

Born in a Stable

SPECIAL MUSIC

Away in the Manger (verses 1 & 2)

Kids & Musicians

ACT 2

Surprising Messengers

SPECIAL MUSIC

Bethlehem Star
Edith Tillotson & William Moore

Musicians

ACT 3

Visitors from Far

ACT 4

God's Gift, God's Light

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CAROL #114

Away in a Manger
(verse 1: cast | verse 3: everyone)

*Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.*

*Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay
close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.*

MINUTE FOR MISSION *And a Little Child Shall Lead Them* Sharon Pleimling
PRISM Holiday Toy Shoppe

OFFERTORY

Joy to the World
G. F. Handel

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.

SENDING US OUT

CAROL #113 *Angels We Have Heard on High*

*Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

*Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heavenly song?
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

*Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Away in a Manger
James Murray, arr. Phillip Keveren

The Worship Has Ended. The Service Begins.

Chancel Flowers

Sunday, December 10

Sponsored by **Chuck & Marge Thurston**

In loving memory of their grandson James E. Bailey's
11th heavenly birthday.

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

Joys and Concerns

Prayers for **Lois Schmidt** who is in rehab at Redeemer Residence after falling and fracturing her pelvis.

Prayers for the family and friends of **Louise Driver** who passed away on Nov 27 at the age of 93. Funeral service will be at Valley Dec 11 at 11am.

Prayers for **Becky Brooking** as she recovers from shoulder surgery she had on Dec 6 at North Memorial Hospital in Maple Grove.

Prayers for **Carolyn Kaehr** who was rushed to HCMC by ambulance on Nov 21 because she fell. She had a small stroke with a mild concussion. They are running various tests.

Prayers for **Charlotte Davnie** who was diagnosed with breast cancer. She had a port put in on Dec 4 and started her first chemotherapy infusion on Dec 6.

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 be effective. Lisa's next chemotherapy infusion starts Dec 28.

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 recovers from a heart and kidney transplant he had at Abbott Hospital on Nov 28. Rick moved from the ICU to the regular heart unit.

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.

2023 CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

CAST

ZIGGY BARBERO _____ NARRATOR #4/SHEPHERD
LANDON GOIFFON _____ NARRATOR #8/SHEPHERD
SULLIVAN GOIFFON _____ COW
CONNOR GOTTSCHALK _____ NARRATOR #10/TOWNSPERSON
GABRIEL GOTTSCHALK _____ NARRATOR #6/ANGEL
ELSIE GROSSHUESCH _____ ANGEL
HENRY GROSSHUESCH _____ NARRATOR #2/WISEPERSON
EVERETT HAGELIN _____ SHEEP
IRIS HAGELIN _____ ANGEL
LILLIE LABELLE _____ ANGEL
AUBRIE LARSEN _____ NARRATOR #1/INNKEEPER
JACK LARSEN _____ CHICKEN
RORY MESSER _____ NARRATOR #12/TOWNSPERSON
WALTER MESSER _____ DONKEY
CHRISDEL NYONGKAH _____ ANGEL/STAR
SYNDY NYONGKAH _____ NARRATOR #5/TOWNSPERSON
GRACIE PERRY _____ NARRATOR #11/TOWNSPERSON
JACK PERRY _____ SHEPHERD
ANNABELLE ROBINSON _____ ANGEL
CLAIRE ROBINSON _____ MARY
MAE RUDEEN _____ NARRATOR #7/ANGEL
MILES RUDEEN _____ NARRATOR #9/WISEPERSON
SAM RUDEEN _____ SHEEP
ARNOLD SCHELLHAAS _____ SHEPHERD
LILIANNA SCHELLHAAS _____ NARRATOR #3/WISEPERSON
SAMUEL SHELDON _____ JOSEPH
EMMETT SOLTAU _____ SHEEP





2023 CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

CREDITS

A HUGE THANK YOU TO:

JANET CARLSON _____ HANDBELL & CHOIR DIRECTOR
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CRAIG GOTTSCHALK _____ GUEST MUSICIAN
MISSY RUDEEN _____ GUEST MUSICIAN

TO OUR VALLEY FAMILIES ~

A huge thank you goes out to all of our Valley grown-ups. Your support of Educational Ministries programming makes performances and events like this possible. Thank you for always loving and encouraging Valley kids!

TO OUR VALLEY KIDS ~

Your hard work and enthusiasm are a light in our congregation. Thank you for worshipping and sharing your knowledge and joy with us.

REV. RICHARD BULLER _____ PASTOR
SHEILA SHELDON _____ EDUCATIONAL MINISTRIES DIRECTOR
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COORDINATOR





2023 Poinsettia Tree



Peggy Neibling & Brooking Family
 Betsy Nichols
 Janet & Len Biggs
 Roger Michael

Greg & Mary Rom

Ruth & Aron Wilterding
 Ben & Lisa Kummer
 Margie Deutsch
 Carole & Rick Martens

Jill Toering
 Thomas & Stacy Ondov
 Jan Sacco

Sharon & Brad Pleimling
 Barb & Tom Wasmoen

Richard & Jean Ann Buller
 Roger Graphenteen

Mandy Lund
 Jim Parks & Family

Jim & Diane Cook
 Lyn Boyd & Family
 Mark & Shirley Toering
 Juliana Vogel
 Rick & Janet Carlson

Becky Grosshuesch

In memory of Betty Brooking
 In memory of Doug & Trudy Nichols
 In memory of our parents
 In memory of Marian Michael
 Fred & Blanch Benner, and Earl & Dorothy Michael
 In memory of Michael Hnatko, Elizabeth Hnatko Hicks
 Ray & Barbara Rom, and Paul Hicks
 In memory of our daughter JoAnna
 In memory of Dave Turany
 In memory of Manfred Deutsch
 In honor of our Martens, Schmidt,
 and Wendorf family
 In memory of Richard Hegle
 In honor of our loving parents
 In memory of Carol & Jack Rock
 In memory of Jean & Tom Sacco
 In honor of a peace-loving world
 In memory of Patricia & Lu Wasmoen
 In honor of John & Patricia Ingmand
 In honor of our beloved Valley Community
 In memory of my parents Palmer & Dorothy Graphenteen
 and Daughter Allyson Rose
 In memory of Donovan & Julie Lund
 In memory of Karla Parks, Delbert & Lorraine Parks,
 and Melbert & Shirley Holzer
 In honor of Friendship Group
 In memory of Arvel & Marilyn Koehn
 In honor of our children & grandchildren
 In memory of Juliana's mother Carolyn Habert
 In honor and gratitude of everyone who
 prayed and continues to pray for the Carlson family
 In memory of Betty Allabough



2023 Poinsettia Tree



Valerie Robinson
Mark Freeman

In honor of Sheila's birthday
In memory of Eldon Mastin, Donald Freeman,
and Karen Pratt-Freeman

Rachel, Brian & David Hole

In memory of Tyler Hole, Rev. Howard Skulstad,
and Bob Kreutzian

Mary & Larry Dunham

In honor of Richard, Jean Ann, Peter, & Martin Buller

In memory of Kenny & Janet Fox,
Ray Fox, Terry Fox, and Dale Dunham

Gwyn Lang
Mary Ann Winter

In honor of my mom Margaret Faber

In honor of my grandchildren
In memory of Isabel Leaf

Jerry & Chris Phelan

In memory of Chris' parents
John & Helen Kromel

Bonnie Nelson
Les & Arlene Freeberg
Deb Poynter

In memory of Vicki Wheeler and Violet & Harold Nelson

In honor of our grandchildren

In memory of my parents Rev. & Mrs. William Niles
In honor of Valley youth

Karen Harms
Gwen Rouleau & John Zieska

In memory of my heavenly family celebrating Valley Church

In honor of our parents and grandparents

Todd & Katie Decker

In memory of our grandparents

Jay & Sara Perry
Gail & Doug Smith

In memory of Steve Copenhaver

In memory of Gail's parents

Dr. & Mrs. F. W. Lanand, and Gail's sister Nancy Warner

Terry & Bonnie Goslinga

In memory of Terry's sister Sharon Swanson

Becky Brooking

In honor of Peggy Neibling

Susie Potter

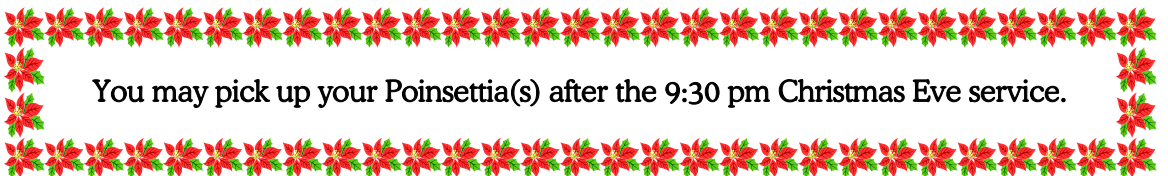
In memory of my parents Jan & George Potter

Lois Robinson

In memory of Gordon Robinson

Lynn Thier

In memory my dad Lloyd Pedersen, my sister Kristy Oakley,
and grandpa George Spencer



You may pick up your Poinsettia(s) after the 9:30 pm Christmas Eve service.

This Week at Valley

Pageant Sunday, December 10

9:30 am Worship Service

Second Sunday of Advent—Peace

10:30 am Fellowship Hour

4:00 pm Youth & TEAMS

Monday, December 11

5:30 pm All Officer Christmas Dinner

Tuesday, December 12

6:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal

Wednesday, December 13

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 14

10:00 am Bible Fellowship

Friday, December 15

Saturday, December 16

8:30 am PRISM Toy Shoppe

Sunday, December 17

9:30 am Worship Service

Third Sunday of Advent—Joy

Christmas Music Sunday

10:30 am Fellowship Hour

11:00 am Cookie Exchange

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 403 members of this
congregation.

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Rev. Nancy Phillips

Rev. Rebecca Tollefson

Rev. Aron Wilterding

SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

December 3: 276 (150 in-person)

November 26: 270 (114 in-person)

CHRISTMAS OFFERING



Two Giving Opportunities This 2023 Season

Each year the Valley Community offers an opportunity to support both local and denomination mission ventures. 2023 is no exception. THE VALLEY COMMUNITY special offering will be divided equally between two of our mission partners: Meals on Wheels and PRISM. Both partners remain active through the holiday season, both experiencing an increase in benevolent activity. THE CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING is our denominational opportunity, and our contribution is also equally divided.

Recipients are the retired church professional & dependents or clergy families in crisis and Presbyterian related schools & colleges preparing leaders for communities of color. Both offerings will be received at Christmas, the local being designated VALLEY CHRISTMAS and the denominational being designated CHRISTMAS JOY.

PRISM 2023 HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE

VALLEY IS COLLECTING NEW,
UNWRAPPED TOYS AND GIFTS FOR
PRISM'S HOLIDAY TOY SHOPPE

MOST NEEDED ITEMS

- ACTION FIGURES
- TODDLER TOYS
- SPORTS ATTIRE
- BLANKETS
- NERF TOYS
- LEGOS
- GAMES
- **GIFT WRAP SUPPLIES**
- TEEN GIFTS (HEADPHONES, GAMING KEYBOARDS, HAIR TOOLS, SLIPPERS)
- \$25 GIFT CARDS (TARGET, AMAZON, VISA, ETC.)

QUESTIONS
CONTACT THE
CHURCH OFFICE

DROP OFF
GIFTS AT
VALLEY BY

**SUNDAY,
DECEMBER 10**





Cookie Exchange

Sunday,
December 17
11:00 am

Fellowship Hall



ATTENTION COOKIE BAKERS!

BAKE 6+ DOZEN OF YOUR FAVORITE COOKIE(S) AND
BRING THEM TO FELLOWSHIP HALL FOR THE BIG SWAP!

Sign up in the Fellowship Hall or email Katie Decker (katiebdmn@gmail.com)
or Sheila Sheldon (sheila.sheldon@vallechurch.net).



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Sunday, December 24, 2023

9:30 am | Fourth Sunday of Advent

4:30 pm | Christmas Eve Family Service | **Music 4:15 pm**

9:30 pm | Christmas Eve Candlelight Service | Communion



VCPC CHOIR

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

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.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 2024: MLK JR. DAY



8-12 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

8:30 AM - 3:30 PM

1605 Douglas Drive North
Golden Valley, MN 55422

Contact **Andrew Pitan** or **Valley**
for sign-up instructions.



Chancel Flowers Sign-up



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THESE DAYS

Daily Devotions for Living by Faith



JANUARY | FEBRUARY | MARCH | 2024

Physical copies of *These Days* can be mailed upon request.
Contact the office: office@valleychurch.net | 763 588 0831



Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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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