



# **Valley Community Presbyterian Church**

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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*  
PRISM Holiday Toy Shoppe

Sharon Pleimling

## 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 Brookings** 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](mailto: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  
RACHEL WILLIAMS \_\_\_\_\_ MUSIC DIRECTOR  
MATT WEISS \_\_\_\_\_ GUEST MUSICIAN  
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  
MARIAH MESSER \_\_\_\_\_ PROGRAM & COMMUNICATIONS  
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

Rachel, Brian & David Hole

Mary & Larry Dunham

Gwyn Lang

Mary Ann Winter

Jerry & Chris Phelan

Bonnie Nelson

Les & Arlene Freeberg

Deb Poynter

Karen Harms

Gwen Rouleau & John Zieska

Todd & Katie Decker

Jay & Sara Perry

Gail & Doug Smith

Terry & Bonnie Goslinga

Becky Brooking

Susie Potter

Lois Robinson

Lynn Thier

In honor of Sheila's birthday

In memory of Eldon Mastin, Donald Freeman,  
and Karen Pratt-Freeman

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

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

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

In honor of my mom Margaret Faber

In honor of my grandchildren

In memory of Isabel Leaf

In memory of Chris' parents  
John & Helen Kromel

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

In memory of my heavenly family celebrating Valley Church

In honor of our parents and grandparents

In memory of our grandparents

In memory of Steve Copenhaver

In memory of Gail's parents

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

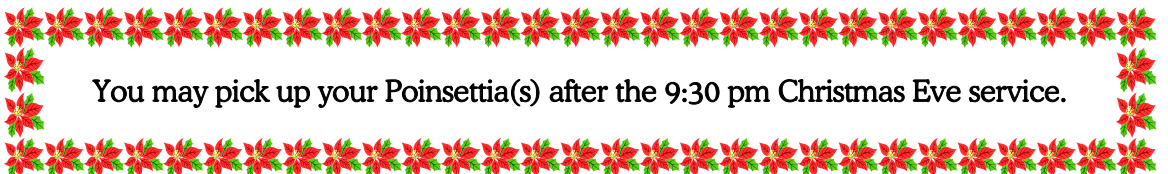
In memory of Terry's sister Sharon Swanson

In honor of Peggy Neibling

In memory of my parents Jan & George Potter

In memory of Gordon Robinson

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.

## 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

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## Choral & Handbell Director

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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

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](mailto:katiebdmn@gmail.com))  
or Sheila Sheldon ([sheila.sheldon@vallechurch.net](mailto: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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SUGGESTED \$30 MINIMUM

Sign-up in Fellowship Hall  
or click this ad!



## 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](mailto:office@valleychurch.net) | 763 588 0831

# Happy Birthday Valley Family!

12/1 John Chancellor	12/16 William Chancellor
12/1 Madeline Lund	12/16 Kurt Modert
12/2 Marilyn Merino	12/17 Pam Magill
12/2 Anders Tracy-Heinonen	12/17 Sylvan Tracy-Heinonen
12/2 Andy Wandmacher	12/18 Melissa Novy
12/3 Marisol Freeberg	12/19 Mary Rom
12/3 Betsy Malecha	12/21 Marjorie Deutsch
12/3 Aubrey Soens	12/22 Sheila Sheldon
12/4 Brian Parks	12/23 Michael Craven
12/5 Leigh Gautsche	12/23 Aurora Messer
12/5 Terry Goslinga	12/24 Sharon Pleimling
12/5 Jill Reiswig	12/24 Ellen Vannucci
12/5 Stephanie Toering-Peters	12/24 Lilice Yopp
12/6 David Hole	12/25 Virginia Day
12/6 Naomi Tracy-Hegg	12/26 Cynthia Malinowski
12/7 Leo Kummer	12/26 Beverly Mattin
12/7 Andrew Pitan	12/27 Evan Jurgensen
12/8 Melinda Marshall	12/27 Chuck Ulmer
12/11 Sydney Kara	12/28 Heather Griffin
12/11 Jennifer Malecha	12/28 K Marshall
12/11 Nikii Minter	12/28 Dave McCunn
12/12 Janet Biggs	12/29 Theo Morrow
12/13 Jim Tarbell	12/29 Sara Schiebout
12/13 Sarah Willey	12/31 Carrie Priem
12/14 Eda Inman	





# 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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