

Holy Night



Valley Community Presbyterian Church

Christmas Eve 2023 | 9:30 pm

PRELUDE

Rachel Williams, piano
Peter Buller, saxophone

WELCOME

Rev. Richard Buller

MUSICAL REFLECTION *Greensleeves*

Taichi Chen, violin

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

CAROL #133

O Come, All Ye Faithful

*O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem!
Come, and behold Him, Born the king of angels!*

Refrain:

*O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him Christ, the Lord!*

*Yea, Lord, we greet thee, Born this happy morning,
Jesus to Thee be all glory given; Word of the Father,
Now in flesh appearing. (refrain)*

*Sing choirs of angels, sing in exultation!
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest! (refrain)*

PRAYER FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

Almighty God, tonight the stars and angels call us away from our daily lives to celebrate how you entered the world as a tiny child. At your birth, shepherds traveled far to worship you. Magi followed a bright star to discover your light and love.

We ask that you would speak to us again through the Child of Bethlehem. Continue in our lives the mystery of Christmas. Let your Son come to us, so that we may reveal you to our world all the days of our lives. Holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray. Cast out our sin and enter in. Be born in us today. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Two French Carols
Brant Adams

Peter Buller, saxophone

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:1-7

Eric Wendorf

CAROL #115

Away In A Manger

*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.*

*The cattle are lowing, the poor baby wakes,
But little Lord Jesus no crying He makes
I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky,
And stay by my side until morning is night.*

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:8-14

Evan Miller

SPECIAL MUSIC

O Holy Night Janet, Janelle & Beth Carlson
Adolphe Adam

Brandon Novy

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:15-20

Ty Miller

CAROL #147

The First Nowell

*The first Nowell the angel did say,
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay,
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell.
Born is the king of Israel.*

MEDITATION

For Unto You is Born

Rev. Richard Buller

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

SPECIAL MUSIC

Gesu Bambino
Pietro Yon

Taichi & Robin Chen, violins

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER 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.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD & CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We give You thanks, O God, that You have come to us through Jesus Christ, in the midst of time and history, in the city of Bethlehem, and in the gifts of bread and wine. Send us into the world rejoicing, ready to share Your love with the people we meet; through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

The church is darkened and the light from the Christ candle is passed around. Hold burning candles upright. Tip unlit candles towards lit candles to receive your neighbor's flame.

CAROL #122

Silent Night

*Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright,
Round yon virgin mother and child!
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.*

*Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.*

*Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light;
With the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.*

THE CHRISTMAS PROCLAMATION

Len Biggs

TOLLING OF THE BELLS

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN 1:1-5, 14

CAROL #134

Joy to the World

*Joy to the world! The Lord is come:
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and heaven and nature sing.
He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders of His love.*

BENEDICTION

Please extinguish your candles as the lights are turned on.

POSTLUDE

Go, Tell it on the Mountain
Jochen Rieger



You may bring your poinsettia(s)
home after worship tonight.



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 & Joe 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
Valerie Robinson
Mark Freeman

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



2023 Poinsettia Tree



Rachel, Brian & David Hole

In memory of Tyler Hole, Rev. Howard Skulstad,
and Bob Kreutzian
In honor of Richard, Jean Ann, Peter, & Martin Buller

Mary & Larry Dunham

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

Gwyn Lang

In honor of my mom Margaret Faber

Mary Ann Winter

In honor of my grandchildren
In memory of Isabel Leaf

Jerry & Chris Phelan

In memory of Chris' parents
John & Helen Kromel

Bonnie Nelson

In memory of Vicki Wheeler and Violet & Harold Nelson

Les & Arlene Freeberg

In honor of our grandchildren

Deb Poynter

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

Karen Harms

In memory of my heavenly family celebrating Valley Church

Gwen Rouleau & John Zieska

In honor of our parents and grandparents

Todd & Katie Decker

In memory of our grandparents

Jay & Sara Perry

In memory of Steve Copenhaver

Gail & Doug Smith

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

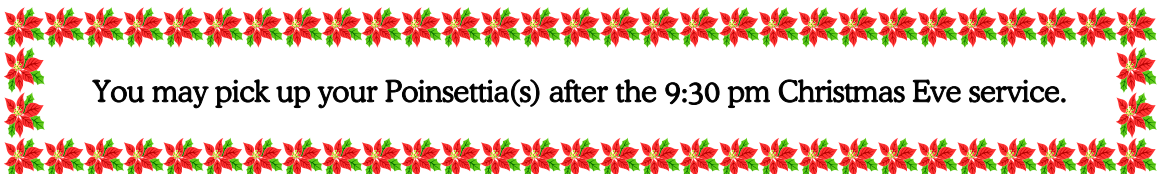
In memory my dad Lloyd Pedersen, my sister Kristy Oakley,
and grandpa George Spencer

Jackie & Bennett Goiffon

In memory of Bennett's grandparents
Marie & Lorrin Bullberg

Valley Community Presbyterian Church

In memory of Barbara Johnston



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



Two Christmas Offering Opportunities

Valley's Christmas Offering will be split between our mission partner **PRISM** and **Every Meal**. Our gifts at this time are critical for many, and we are grateful that the Valley family always responds with generosity! Checks should include "VCPC Christmas Offering" in the memo line, or you can use our online giving platform and select "Christmas Offering."

The PC(USA)'s Christmas Joy Offering is a denomination-wide undertaking that supports retired clergy and their families, as well as educational opportunities for Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC). Those who receive offering boxes from Valley can find a designated envelope for this offering. Checks sent to Valley should include "PCUSA Christmas Joy" in the memo line, or you can use our online giving platform and select "Christmas Joy."

Click [HERE](#) to give online or scan the QR code!

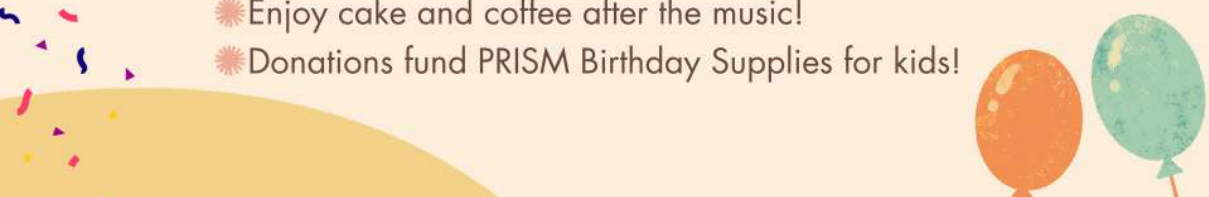




Sunday, January 7, 2024 | 3:00pm

ORGAN CONCERT

In honor of **CHUCK MEYER'S** 86th Birthday
Celebration at Valley

- ✿ Enjoy organ music from Jane & Bob Nienaber!
 - ✿ Enjoy cake and coffee after the music!
 - ✿ Donations fund PRISM Birthday Supplies for kids!
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Rev. Richard Buller's Last Sundays in the Valley

Valley 
Community
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2024:

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TO END THE PASTORAL RELATIONSHIP WITH
REV. RICHARD BULLER

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2024:

REV. RICHARD BULLER'S LAST SUNDAY IN THE VALLEY



2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES

PICK UP AT CHURCH

Help the church save on postage by picking up your envelope box
and another member's box who lives near you!

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.

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	



WELCOME TO VALLEY COMMUNITY

We are grateful for your presence and invite you to participate in worship, programs, and mission at Valley Community Presbyterian Church.

*Please join us for worship
Sunday, December 31 at 9:30 am*

Rev. Richard Buller Preaching
"An Old Man and a Baby"

Welcoming 3 New Members
3 Adult Baptisms | 2 Children Baptisms

Musicians

Kaia Sand, oboe

Rachel Williams, piano

Lots of Christmas carols!

Coffee, tea, hot chocolate, apple cider, and Christmas treats!

*Have a blessed Christmas season
from your friends at Valley*

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