

Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, January 21, 2024

GATHERING US IN

PRELUDE

Above All Rachel Williams, piano
Paul Baloché & Lenny LeBlanc, arr. Mark Hayes

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

GATHERING MUSIC

The Little Drummer Boy Donna Philippot, vocals
Davis/Onorati/Simeone

OPENING SENTENCES

Mariah Messer & Sheila Sheldon

HYMN #767

Together We Serve

*Together we serve, united by love,
inviting God's world to the glorious feast. We work and we pray
through sorrow and joy, extending God's love to the last and the least.*

*We seek to become a beacon of hope,
a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet. We learn, year by year,
to let love shine through until we see Christ in each person we meet.*

*We welcome the scarred, the wealthy, the poor,
the busy, the lonely, and all who need care. We offer a home
to those who will come, our hands quick to help, our hearts ready to dare.*

*Together, by grace, we witness and work,
remembering Jesus, in whom we grow strong.*

*Together we serve in Spirit and truth,
remembering love is the strength of our song.*

AFFIRMING OUR FAITHFUL HERITAGE

We are convinced that as Reformed Presbyterians, we have been entrusted with a tradition of inclusiveness and community that is essential. We know we are not the only community challenged to include "all who seek to enter here," and we hope to learn and to share the wisdom and insight given to traditions other than our own. We begin by affirming that the grace of Jesus is the foundation of our knowledge, love and life together as a community of servants.

We embrace the past but do not live there. We trust that those who preceded us will shine light on who we are, and as faithful disciples of Jesus, our light will shine on those yet to come. We believe our heritage informs and enables us to continue and seek to complete the ministry of Jesus, the one who came to serve. As his followers and in his name, we, the community in the Valley, make this affirmation.

RESPONSE TO OUR AFFIRMATION #700

*I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!*

HEARING THE WORD

TIME WITH YOUNG WORSHIPPERS

Sheila Sheldon

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

Impertinence Taichi & Robin Chen, strings
Handel

SCRIPTURAL COMPENAGE John 10:10; 15:10-11, 14-15

Matthew 20:27; 28:20
(Paraphrased by Rev. Jim Cook)

PERSPECTIVE

He Is Still With Us

Rev. Jim Cook

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC

Lean on Me / Imagine Donna Philippot
Bill Withers / John Lennon, arr. Donna Philippot

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

Per Capita Sunday

Mariah Messer

OFFERTORY

Let There Be Peace on Earth
Jill & Sy Miller

Taichi & Robin Chen
Donna Philippot

(Congregation Please Sing Along as Directed)

Let there be peace on Earth, and let it begin with me.

Let there be peace on Earth, the peace that was meant to be.

Since Earth is our homeland, family we could be,

If we lived with each other in loving harmony.

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.

With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:

To take each moment and live each moment with peace eternally.

Let there be peace on Earth, and let it begin with me.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Mariah Messer

We pray that our gifts give evidence that we believe in the ministries and missions in which our community of faith is engaged. We pray in gratitude for all the blessings we receive. May our prayer inspire our oneness, our strength and our responsiveness to the needs of others. We give thanks that we are able to pay it forward. Amen.

SENDING US OUT

HYMN #726 *Will You Come and Follow Me* (verses 1, 3 & 5)

*“Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don’t know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?”*

*“Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?”*

*Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I’ll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I’ll move and live and grow in you and you in me.*

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG

Ob-La-Di, Ob-La-Da
The Beatles

Taichi & Robin Chen

*“The new dawn blooms as we free it.
For there is always light,
If only we’re brave enough to see it,
If only we’re brave enough to be it.”*

—Amanda Gorman

Chancel Flowers

Sunday, January 21

Sponsored by Cheryl Smith

In honor of her brother Ken Smith Jr.’s birthday on January 22!

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

Joys and Concerns

Continued prayers for **Charlotte Davnie** as she continues her chemotherapy treatment for breast cancer. She had another infusion on 1/17/24, and will have her last one in three weeks (2/7/24) followed by radiation.

Continued prayers for **Lisa Kummer** as the lymph nodes on her neck are so smaller thanks to her new medication. 1.3 liters of fluid was removed from her right lung. And Lisa is now working with a new doctor who is the best oncologist in the state! Lisa started her chemo pills on 1/10/24.

Click [HERE](#) to visit Lisa's Caring Bridge site.

Continued prayers for **Taichi Chen** who had a scan on 12/18/23 and the results showed the trail drug is holding back the cancer. A small victory, but they're thankful. 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 is now recovering at home with physical therapy exercises. On 1/11/24, Rick noticed a bump over the new kidney. On 1/13/24, doctors drained the lump and will be testing the fluid for infection. Rick had a CT scan on 1/15/24 to determine any further infection.

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.

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

Sunday, January 21

9:30 am Worship Service

Rev. Jim Cook Preaching

10:30 am Fellowship Hour

Monday, January 22

6:30 am Session Meeting

Tuesday, January 23

Wednesday, January 24

Thursday, January 25

10:00 am Bible Fellowship

10:00 am Meals on Wheels

12:00 pm Presbytery Meeting

5:00 pm Endowment Meeting

7:00 pm Gentle Yoga

Friday, January 26

Saturday, January 27

Sunday, January 28

9:30 am Worship Service

Rev. Jim Cook Preaching

Necrology Report

10:30 am Fellowship Hour

11:00 am Youth Cookie Baking

Valley Staff

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All 406 members of this congregation.

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SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

January 14: 491 (240 in-person)

January 7: 277 (166 in-person)

A special thank you to our
Worship Stream Team
Katie Decker, Myron Jones,
Larry Johnson, Joel Larsen,
Janet Triplett, Brandon Novy,
Roger Graphenteen, and
Kurt Wheeler, for broadcasting
the services!



Valley Community

**2024
PER CAPITA
\$38.50**

Your per capita supports the larger church to do their ministry in the world.



GENTLE YOGA CLASS


You are invited to join us for a 6-week gentle yoga class at Valley beginning January 11 at 7 PM in the Community Room.

Class will be led by Valley member Samantha Schellhaas.

COST: Free-will donation

**THURSDAYS
7:00 PM**

**JANUARY 25
FEBRUARY 1, 8, 15**



VALLEY YOUTH
Baking Day
WITH KATIE DECKER

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28 @ 11:00 AM
WE'LL EAT LUNCH AND BAKE UP A STORM!

The Youth Bake Sale is set for Sunday, February 4th and Sunday, February 11th - so Valley kids in **Youth Group and TEAMS** have some baking to do!

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TRANSITIONAL PASTOR
REV. JIM COCHRANE

Begins February 1, 2024

Rev. Jim Cook Preaches
January 21 & 28, 2024

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**FEBRUARY 4 & 11
FELLOWSHIP HALL**

Youth Cookie Sale

- *COOKIES \$5/BAG (1/2 DOZ)
- *COOKIE TRAYS \$5/\$10/\$20
- *VALENTINE BASKETS \$10-30
- *YOUTH SNACK MIX \$5/BAG

**2023 ANNUAL MEETING
AFTER WORSHIP**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2024
IN-PERSON**



Parents' Night Out! ❄️

FEBRUARY 16 • 6:00-8:30 PM

Kids 5th grade and under ENJOY
a night of fun with Valley friends!

BRING YOUR WINTER GEAR! WE'RE HOPING TO
ENJOY SOME TIME OUTSIDE, WEATHER PERMITTING.

SIGN UP IN
FELLOWSHIP
HALL OR

❄️
CLICK
HERE
❄️

Mom and Dad
enjoy a night out!

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\$5 PER CHILD

Chancel Flowers Sign-up

* SPONSORS * PURCHASERS * ARRANGERS *

SUGGESTED \$30 MINIMUM

Sign-up in Fellowship Hall
or click this ad!



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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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