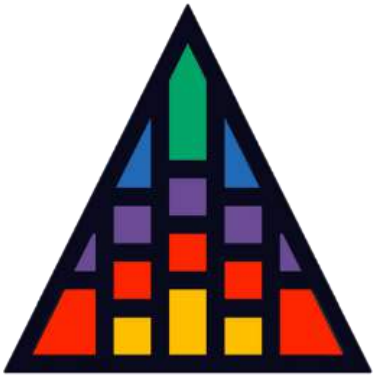

Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, January 28, 2024

GATHERING US IN

PRELUDE *Canon* Jane Nienaber, organ
George Chadwick
Come, Christians, Join to Sing
Raymond Haan

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY Rev. Jim Cook & Sheila Sheldon

GATHERING MUSIC *Holy, Holy, Holy*
Healey Willan

OPENING SENTENCES

HYMN #267 ***Come, Christians, Join to Sing*** (verses 1 & 2)

Come, lift your hearts on high: Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky: Alleluia! Amen!
He is our guide and friend; to us he'll condescend;
his love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again: Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain: Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore his goodness we'll adore,
singing forevermore: Alleluia! Amen!

AFFIRMING OUR COMMITMENT TO FOLLOW JESUS Rev. Jim Cook

When Jesus said, "Come, follow me," we said "Yes." That's why we are gathered here in the Valley on this last Sunday in January 2024. We trust Jesus. We trust that to follow his path is to be headed in the right direction. We trust that to tell his truth maintains the integrity of a true follower. We trust that Jesus leads us in living a life that sets us free.

We believe that following Jesus proclaims good news to the poor, release to the captives, blesses the children, cares for the sick, welcomes strangers and is not afraid to befriend those whom others have cast out. We believe we are to love one another, even our enemies, and to work together for peace and justice for all. We will do all we can to be a person and a community of faith that is true to this Gospel reality: life is meant to be good news for all. Amen.

RESPONSE TO OUR AFFIRMATION #314

Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

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 — *Jubilant Fanfare* — Valley Handbell Choir
Kevin McChesney

SCRIPTURAL READING — John 15:12-17
Matthew 5:14-16
(Paraphrased by Rev. Jim Cook)

PERSPECTIVE — *As Long as We've Come This Far...* — Rev. Jim Cook

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN #691 ***Lord, When I Came into This Life*** (verses 2 & 3)

Within the circle of the faith,
as member of your cast,
I take my place with all the saints
of future, present, past.

In all the tensions of my life,
between my faith and doubt,
let your great Spirit give me hope,
sustain me, lead me out.

A TIME FOR REMEMBERING — Jan Fedora

Barbara Johnston
Jeanne Reinhart
Vicki Wheeler
Betty Brooking
Toshiko Nishida
Charles Mattin
Louise Driver

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.

OFFERING HYMN #710 *We Are an Offering*

We lift our voices; we lift our hands;
we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.

Lord, use our voices; Lord, use our hands;
Lord, use our lives; they are yours: we are an offering.

All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be,
we give to you, we give to you.

We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you:
we are an offering; we are an offering.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Sheila Sheldon

May our offerings be evidence of our commitment to support the ministries of Valley Community. We pray they will be blessed with the benevolent hope in which they are given, as we are grateful for our ability to pay it forward. May our gifts bring joy and support to those in need. In Jesus name. Amen.

SENDING US OUT

HYMN #326 *For All the Saints* (verses 1 & 2)

For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Recessional on *For All the Saints*
Wayne Wold

"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 28

Sponsored by Rev. Aron & Ruth Wilterding
In honor of their 62nd wedding anniversary on 12/2/2023!

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 28
9:30 am Worship Service
Rev. Jim Cook Preaching
Necrology Report
10:30 am Fellowship Hour
11:00 am Youth Cookie Baking

Monday, January 29

Tuesday, January 30
6:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal

Wednesday, January 31
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 1
10:00 am Bible Fellowship
7:00 pm Gentle Yoga

Friday, February 2

Saturday, February 3

Sunday, February 4
9:30 am Worship Service
With Communion
Rev. Jim Cochrane Preaching
Youth Cookie Sale
10:30 am Fellowship Hour

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 Staff

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All 406 members of this congregation.

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Rev. Nancy Phillips
Rev. Rebecca Tollefson
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SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE
January 21: 231 (118 in-person)
January 14: 491 (240 in-person)

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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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**	**FEBRUARY 1, 8, 15**

Fridays in the Valley Presents:

10th Wave Chamber Collective

VIOLINS: ASHLEY NG & HANNAH KENNEDY
VIOLA: KELSEY FARR
CELLO: PATTY RYAN
PERCUSSION: ERI ISOMURA

Friday, February 9, 2024 | 7:00 PM

FREE-WILL OFFERINGS BENEFIT
EMPTY BOWLS (DISTRICT #281)

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!

Valley Community

$5 PER CHILD

Clearwater Chrysalis Women's Retreat

FEBRUARY 24-26, 2023

PRESBYTERIAN CLEARWATER FOREST

REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW!

Contact 218-678-2325 with questions

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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