

Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, January 14, 2024

Ordain / Install New Church Officers

GATHERING US IN

PRELUDE

Trumpet Tune
J. Stanley, arr. S. Wolff
Trumpet Tune in B-flat
T. Albinoni, arr. S. Wolff

Jane Nienaber, organ
Lynn Deichert, trumpet

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

GATHERING MUSIC *Joshua Fit The Battle Of Jericho*
Arr. Jochen Rieger

Peter Buller
saxophone

OPENING SENTENCES

Mae Rudeen, Leo Kummer
Cate Parks, Henry Grosshuesch

HYMN #649

Amazing Grace (verses 1—3)

*Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.*

*'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!*

*Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come.
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. David Phillips

God of justice, we confess that in the pursuit of our own dreams and desires, we have not always been open-minded, and not always right. Guided by your Spirit, we would like to change the world—make it a little simpler for people to feed, clothe, and shelter themselves.

So we ask you, as your followers, to help us to be your witnesses, by fighting for better conditions, by calling for the rights of the workers, the poor, and the oppressed, so that we can be your disciples in this world. Enlarge our hearts to love each other, and to love our neighbors, so we may live out your call and claim on our lives. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Nancy Phillips

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

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

RESPONSE TO THE GOOD NEWS #465

*What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit; O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!*

*Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer!*

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

I Feel the Spirit Moving
Arr. Mark Hayes

Jamie Marshall, tenor

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Samuel 3:1-20

Rev. Kate O'Brien Soltau

SERMON

*Energy, Intelligence,
Imagination, and Love*

Rev. Richard Buller

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN #69

I The Lord of Sea and Sky (verses 1 & 3)

*I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?*

Refrain:

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

*I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? (Refrain)*

ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

LITANY OF GIFTS

Rev. Bill Davnie

ORDINATIONS

INSTALLATIONS

ELDERS

ELDER

Kelsie Hagelin

Pat Daily

Sarah Fadell

DEACONS

DEACON

Gwyn Lang

Jackie Goiffon

Roger Michael

Sara Perry

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Jim Cook

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
OFFERTORY

Racial & Intercultural Sunday
Hymn to Freedom
Oscar Peterson, arr. Kirby Shaw

Julie Westerlund
Valley Choir

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev. Rebecca Tollefson

God of justice and love, we dream of a world made new, where together we shout for fairness, and as your people, we fight against oppression. May our gifts be put to work, seeking your righteousness, and singing your praise. Inspire us to help those who struggle to climb to the mountaintop and enter the promised land. Lead us and guide us as we proclaim the good news of your kingdom, so that we may join our hearts together and live in peace, and abundance, and love. Amen.

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

Pastor Arthur Cooper
Rev. Alika & Ralph Galloway

SENDING US OUT

HYMN #354 *Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory* (verses 1 & 2)

*Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;
he is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
he has loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword.
God's truth is marching on.*

Refrain:

*Glory, glory hallelujah! Glory, glory hallelujah!
Glory, glory hallelujah! God's truth is marching on.
God has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat
and is sifting out all human hearts before the judgment seat;
O be swift, my soul, to answer; O be jubilant my feet!
Our God is marching on. (Refrain)*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Finale
F. Manfredini, arr. S. Wolff

The Worship Has Ended. The Service Begins.

Chancel Flowers

Sunday, January 14

Sponsored by **Brian & Rachel Hole.**

In memory of Rachel's father, Rev. Howard.
He would've been 80 on the 16th.

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.

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!

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 14

9:30 am Worship Service

Ordain/Install New Church Officers

10:30 am Fellowship Hour

Monday, January 15

Office Closed—MLK Day

8:30 am Habitat for Humanity

Tuesday, January 16

11:30 am Men's Lunch

6:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal

Wednesday, January 17

Thursday, January 18

10:00 am Bible Fellowship

7:00 pm Gentle Yoga

Friday, January 19

Saturday, January 20

10:00 am Craft Day

Sunday, January 21

9:30 am Worship Service

Rev. Jim Cook Preaching

10:30 am Fellowship Hour

Valley Staff

Ministers

All 406 members of this congregation.

Pastor & Head of Staff

Rev. Richard D. Buller

Educational Ministries Director

Sheila Sheldon

Office Administrator

William Glasper

Program & Communications

Coordinator

Mariah Messer

Music Coordinator

Rachel Williams

Choral & Handbell Director

Janet M.T. Carlson

Sunshine Room Leader

James Decker

Custodian

Hunter Sheldon

PARISH ASSOCIATES

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

Jan 7: 277 (166 in-person)

Dec 31: 231 (115 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!

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.



Valley Community

**2024
PER CAPITA**

\$38.50

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

Valley Craft Club!

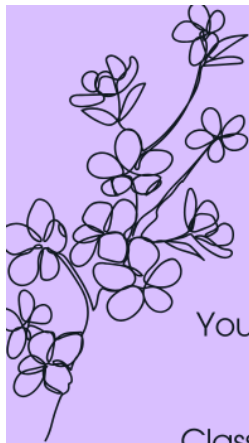
It's time for the first Craft Day of 2024!

Spend the day crafting without distractions! Enjoy the company of new and old Valley friends.

Bring a project (or projects!) to work on and a dish to share.

Sign up in the Fellowship Hall!

JANUARY 20, 2024
10 AM - 2 PM



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 18, 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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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 | 763 588 0831



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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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