



Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Epiphany Sunday

Sunday, January 7, 2024

GATHERING US IN

PRELUDE

Six Variations on *Fairest Lord Jesus*
Arr. Craig Courtney

Rachel Williams

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

GATHERING MUSIC

As With Gladness
Arr. Lorie Line

OPENING SENTENCES

Ben Kummer & Kelsie Hagelin

HYMN #121

O Little Town of Bethlehem (verses 1 & 4)

*O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.*

*O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us; abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sheila Sheldon

Radiant Morning Star, you are always our light and our guide. In this season of Epiphany, we confess that we have not always looked up to the heavens to experience your inspiration. We have often avoided the dark corners of your world, hoping that others will reach out and help.

So we ask you to visit our rest with disturbing dreams, and our journeys with new and creative companions. Introduce us to new faces and new places where we can bring your light to all people. Give us the gift of hospitality so we may open our hearts to fellow travelers. Inspire us to encounter new destinations where we can worship the coming of your love in new settings and unfamiliar ways. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

RESPONSE TO THE GOOD NEWS #147

*And by the light of that same star three wise men came from country far;
to seek for a king was their intent, and to follow the star wherever it went.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.*

HEARING THE WORD

TIME WITH YOUNG WORSHIPPERS

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

Psalm 23, My Shepherd Is the Lord
Joseph Gelineau

Jay Tracy
Craig Gottschalk

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 2:1-12

SERMON

Stepping Out With an Open Mind

Rev. Richard Buller

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN #142

'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime (verses 1 & 3)

*'Twas in the moon of wintertime, when all the birds had fled,
Great Spirit, Lord of all the earth sent angel choirs instead.
Before their light the stars grew dim and wandering hunters heard the hymn:
Jesus, your king, is born; Jesus is born. In excelsis gloria.*

*The earliest moon of wintertime is not so round and fair
as was the ring of glory on the helpless infant there.
The chiefs from far before him knelt with gifts of fox and beaver pelt.
Jesus, your king, is born; Jesus is born. In excelsis gloria.*

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Habitat for Humanity

Paul Minter

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

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.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

SHARING OF THE BREAD & CUP

MUSICAL REFLECTION

Light of the World
Daigle/Duncan/Mabury, arr. Dan Galbraith

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God of Light and Love, you have traveled to be with us on our journey of life. May the word of your grace guide our steps like the sun by day and the north star by night. As we travel into the gift of a new year, may the grace we have found at the table become a blessing for all who follow your light. In your love for us, we have been given the brightness of your dawn. Now help us be a light for all people. Amen.

SENDING US OUT

HYMN #136

Go, Tell It on the Mountain (verses 1 & 3)

Refrain:

*Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!*

*While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. (Refrain)*

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

*Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. (Refrain)*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

What Child Is This?
Arr. Philip Keveren

The Worship Has Ended. The Service Begins.

Chancel Flowers

Sunday, January 7

Sponsored by **Richard & Jean Ann Buller.**

In honor of our Valley family and our years of ministry together!

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

Joys and Concerns

Prayers for **Charlotte Davnie** who was diagnosed with breast cancer. She had a port put in on 12/4/23 and started her first chemotherapy infusion on 12/6/23.

Continued prayers for **Lisa Kummer** whose chemo drug Sassy has failed. Her cancer didn't respond to it, so they are moving on to find one that does. The CT scan showed that the cancer spots in her lungs, sternum, and neck lymph nodes had all grown, along with some new spots in her neck and lungs, and a spot on her back or spine. A spot on one of her ribs which has actually led to a fracture in that rib. Her biggest ask is for prayers that this new drug works, the cancer stops growing, and that she can manage the side effect.

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 7

9:30 am Worship Service

With Communion

10:30 am **Congregational Meeting to end the Pastoral Relationship with Rev Richard Buller**

10:30 am Fellowship Hour

3:00 pm Organ Concert

Chuck Meyer's Birthday

Monday, January 8

11:30 am Lunch Bunch

Tuesday, January 9

6:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal

Wednesday, January 10

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 11

10:00 am Bible Fellowship

7:00 pm Gentle Yoga

Friday, January 12

7:00 pm Fridays in the Valley

Saturday, January 13

Sunday, January 14

9:30 am Worship Service

Ordain/Install New Church Officers Richard's Last Sunday

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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SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Dec 31: 231 (115 in-person)

Dec 24 | 9:30am: 148 (101 in-person)

Dec 24 | 4:30pm: 250 (205 in-person)

Dec 24 | 9:30pm: 129 (107 in-person)

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!

Rev. Richard Buller's Last Sundays in the Valley



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

 Valley Community

**Fridays in
the Valley**

Presents:

TRE AMICI

Momoko Tanno, soprano
Joseph Longo, clarinet
Susan Hellerud, piano

Seven Decades of Great American Songs

FRIDAY, January 12, 2024 | 7:00 PM

FREE-WILL OFFERINGS BENEFIT
LIBERTY CHURCH NORTHSIDE HEALING SPACE

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.



TRANSITIONAL PASTOR

REV. JIM COCHRANE

Begins February 1, 2024

Rev. Jim Cook Preaches
January 21 & 28, 2024



Valley Community





GENTLE YOGA CLASS

WITH SAMANTHA SCHELLHAAS

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 11, 18, 25
FEBRUARY 1, 8, 15**

A dark blue graphic for a flower sign-up. It features the text "Chancel Flowers Sign-up" in a white, cursive font. The text is surrounded by several colorful flowers: a large orange flower, a pink flower, a blue flower, and several white daisies with yellow centers. The background is dark blue with floral patterns.

Chancel Flowers Sign-up

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Sign-up in Fellowship Hall
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—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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