



Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, February 4, 2024

GATHERING US IN

PRELUDE

First Arabesque
Claude Debussy

Rachel Williams, piano

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

GATHERING MUSIC

Try A Little Tenderness
Woods/Campbell/Connelly, arr. G. Shearing

OPENING SENTENCES

HYMN #301

Let Us Build a House (verses 1, 3 & 5)

*Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:*

Refrain:

all are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

*Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine, and wheat;
a banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: (Refrain)*

*Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace;
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: (Refrain)*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sheila Sheldon

You sent your Spirit to dwell in us, and you set us apart to witness your great love. At times we forget that, and we act as though you have no claim on our lives. We hoard your blessings rather than bless others, we choose what is comfortable and safe rather than listen to the concerns of others, and we sit quietly rather than speak out for justice and peace. Forgive us and transform our hearts so our lives may show your justice, kindness, and humility. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE TO THE GOOD NEWS #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

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

African Psalm
Patrick Lievergen

Valley Choir

SCRIPTURAL LESSON

Mark 1:29-39

SERMON

First Impressions

Rev. Jim Cochrane

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN #372

O for a World (verses 1, 2 & 3)

*O for a world where everyone respects each other's ways,
where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.*

*O for a world where goods are shared and misery relieved,
where truth is spoken, children spared, equality achieved.*

*We welcome one world family and struggle with each choice
that opens us to unity and gives our vision voice.*

MINUTE FOR MISSION

World Interfaith Harmony

Craig Gottschalk

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

Draw Me Close

Kelly Carpenter, arr. Mark Hayes

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Bless these gifts of time, talent, and resources that we offer to the ministries of the Valley Community. We are grateful for the ability to pay it forward so the world may see the love you have for all of creation. May our gifts embrace those who need care and give voice to those who need justice. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

HYMN #837 *What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine* (verses 1 & 3)

Refrain:

POSTLUDE

The Worship Has Ended. The Service Begins.

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

Joys and Concerns

Prayers for the family and friends of **Carol McCarter** who passed away on 1/29/24 at the age of 99. Memorial service is pending for spring 2024.

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** who came home 1/25/24. He is in good spirits because the team found the infection, took action and it is currently under control with the hope that it won't come back! He thanks his Valley family for all the prayers and phone calls while isolating in his hospital room.
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, February 4

9:30 am Worship Service

With Communion

Rev. Jim Cochrane Preaching

Youth Cookie Sale

10:30 am Fellowship Hour

Monday, February 5

11:30 am Lunch Bunch

Tuesday, February 6

Wednesday, February 7

Thursday, February 8

10:00 am Bible Fellowship

7:00 pm Gentle Yoga

Friday, February 9

7:00 pm Fridays in the Valley

Saturday, February 10

10:00 am Craft Day

1:00 pm Brew Crew at Valley

Sunday, February 11

9:30 am Worship Service

Annual Meeting After Worship

Youth Cookie Sale

10:30 am Fellowship Hour

Valley Staff

Ministers

All 402 members of this congregation.

Transitional Pastor

Head of Staff

Rev. Jim Cochrane

Educational Ministries Director

Sheila Sheldon

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Mariah Messer

Music Coordinator

Rachel Williams

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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

January 28: 233 (116 in-person)

January 21: 204 (118 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!



**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**



**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 8 and 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)**



Valley Brew Crew

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10 | 1:00-6:00 PM

AT VALLEY CHURCH!

Hope you can make it for a fun afternoon!

Snacks are always welcomed. Please bring some cookie dough if you can to help bake and replenish the Youth Cookie Sale (sales on 2/4 and 2/11).

CONTACT JAY PERRY FOR DETAILS:

763-438-2476 | j_perry3@yahoo.com



Valley Craft Club! FAMILY EDITION!!

Mark your calendar for the February 10 Craft Day! Our special project this month is **Bowl Painting**.

From 10 AM - 12 PM all ages are invited to come paint a bowl to donate to the **Empty Bowls Event in March**. Suggested donation \$10 per bowl.

Our time from 12-2 PM will be for adult crafters who wish to continue working on their other projects for awhile longer. **Bring a dish to share.**

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 10
10 AM - 2 PM
BOWL PAINTING 10 AM-12 PM



2023 ANNUAL MEETING AFTER WORSHIP

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2024
IN-PERSON





**Click here
to register!**



Valley Community

Parents' Night Out!

FEBRUARY 16 • 6:00-8:30 PM

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

Mom and Dad enjoy a night out!

**NO SNOW, SO WE'RE HAVING A GLOW
PARTY! GLOW TAG, DANCE PARTY AND
MORE! BRING YOUR OUTDOOR GEAR.**

\$5 PER CHILD



Clearwater Chrysalis Women's Retreat

**FEBRUARY 23-25, 2024
PRESBYTERIAN CLEARWATER FOREST**

**REGISTRATION NOW OPEN
VISIT [CLEARWATERFOREST.ORG/RETREATS/](https://clearwaterforest.org/retreats/) TO REGISTER
OR CLICK THIS AD IF VIEWING ONLINE
CONTACT 218-678-2325**



Happy Birthday Valley Family!

Bonnie Goslinga 2/1	Connor Craven 2/19
Bill Holman 2/2	Juanita Loubert 2/19
Cheyenne Smith 2/2	Sharon Olson 2/19
Mike Herring 2/3	Karen Gillett 2/20
Joan Chenoweth 2/4	Veronica Freeberg 2/21
Katie Hestness 2/4	Bennett Goiffon 2/21
Connie Freeman 2/5	Sarah Fadell 2/22
Pat Hoehn 2/5	Beverly Collins 2/23
Diane (Stueven) Knox 2/5	Doug Malecha 2/23
Warren Linc 2/5	Don Roach 2/23
Egbe Nti 2/6	Sam Rudeen 2/23
Anna Parks 2/7	David Dechaine 2/25
Donna Hewitt 2/10	Anna Zieska 2/25
Carolyn Kaehr 2/10	Richard Gibson 2/26
John Zieska 2/10	Diane Morningstar 2/26
Dawn Hill 2/12	Judy Rathje 2/26
Craig Gottschalk 2/14	John Nyongkah 2/27
Valerie Robinson 2/14	Colston Rude 2/27
Evan Smith 2/16	Charles Kovacovich 2/29
Scot Michael 2/17	
Jay Tracy 2/17	
Todd Decker 2/18	





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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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