



Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, September 15, 2024

GATHERING US IN

PRELUDE

"I Surrender All"
Winfield S. Weeden, Arr. by Victor Labenske

Rachel Williams, piano

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

GATHERING MUSIC

"More Love To Thee, O Christ"
William H. Doan, Arr. by Mark Hayes

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord

All: Let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation!

One: Let us come before the Creator with thanksgiving

All: We will extol our God with music and song.

One: Come, let us worship God!

† Hymn #409 (verses 1, 3, 4)

God Is Here!

God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.

Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
here, as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.

Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt
keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive:
we, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sheila Sheldon

Out of the depths we cry to you, O Lord. In baptism you have joined us to Christ that we might be raised in new life, but we cherish old ways and fail to embrace the risen life of righteousness, justice and love. In baptism you united us with all who confess your name, but we still refuse to live as one people, failing to witness to your reconciling love in the world. In your loving kindness, have mercy on us. Fulfill the promise of our baptism so that we may rise to new life and live together in grace. In Christ we pray. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

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 #659

Know That God Is Good

Know that God is good. Know that God is good.
Know that God is good; God is good; God is good.

Halle, hallelujah. Halle, hallelujah.
Halle, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah.

HEARING THE WORD

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

PRAYER OVER THE WATER

BAPTISM

WELCOME

Today we celebrate the baptism of Wayne Wallace Goslinga.
Wayne is the son of Ryan & Autumn Goslinga.

Jessica: ...Let us welcome this newly-baptized children of God.

All: With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's church to share with us in Christ's ministry, for we are all one in Christ. Amen.

TIME WITH YOUNG WORSHIPPERS

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

"My Jesus, I Love Thee"
Adoniram J. Gordon, Arr. by Tracey Phillips Cooper

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 8:27-38

SERMON

Divine Things

Rev. Jim Cochrane

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† Hymn #720

Jesus Calls Us

Jesus calls us: o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea;
day by day his sweet voice soundeth saying, "Christian, follow me."

Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us, saying, "Christian, love me more."

In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these."

Jesus calls us: by thy mercies, Savior, may we hear thy call,
give our hearts to thy obedience, serve and love thee best of all.

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

International Day of Peace

Jacob LaBelle

OFFERTORY

"O Love That Will Not Let Me Go"

Albert L. Peace, Arr. by Craig Courtney in the style of Mendelssohn

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Loving God, from whom comes everything that is good, we give you thanks for all your gifts: for the wondrous work of your creation, the blessing of your Spirit, and the saving mystery of faith. Help us share our gifts with others, to serve your mission in the world, and to tell the Good News day to day. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SENDING US OUT

† Hymn #741

Guide My Feet

Guide my feet while I run this race; (yes, my Lord!)
guide my feet while I run this race; (yes, my Lord!)
guide my feet while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain! (race in vain!)

Hold my hand . . .

Stand by me . . .

I'm your child . . .

Search my heart . . .

Guide my feet . . .

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"All Hail The Power Of Jesus' Name"
Oliver Holden, Arr. by Melody Bober

The Worship Has Ended. The Service Begins.

Chancel Flowers

Sunday, September 15

Bonnie & Terry Goslinga
In honor of our grandson's baptism

Sign up for Chancel flowers in Fellowship Hall.

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of comfort for **Peggy Meyer** and family as they grieve the loss of **Chuck Meyer**. A memorial service for Chuck will be held at Valley on September 16th at 2:00pm.

Prayers for **Mark Freeman** who is underwent surgery on Tuesday. This procedure decompressed the sensitive nerves causing pain in his leg. Please send prayers to the Freeman's grandson, **Tanner** as well. He has been experiencing seizures and all tests have been inconclusive.

Prayers for **Susie Potter** who has colon cancer and will have surgery on Friday, September 27th.

Continued prayers for **Taichi Chen** whose had a scan on Thursday, August 29th and the results continue to be positive. They express their gratitude for all the love and care from everyone. To visit Taichi's Caring Bridge site go to:

<https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/taichichen>

Continued prayers for **Rick Carlson**. Who is back to work and continuing to get stronger. To visit Rick's Caring Bridge site go to:

<https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/rickcarlson101>

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 visiting:
<https://valleycommunitypresbyterianchurch.breezechms.com/give/online>
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, September 15

9:30 am Worship Service
10:30 am Fellowship Hour
4:00 pm Youth Group & TEAMS

Monday, September 16

7:00 pm 12 Step Meeting

Tuesday, September 17

11:30 am Valley Men's Luncheon Group
1:00 pm Bible Fellowship
6:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, September 18

7:00 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, September 19

10:00 am Meals on Wheels
5:30 pm 12 Step Unity

Friday, September 20

Saturday, September 21

10:00 am AA District Workshop
10:00 am Craft Club

Sunday, September 22

9:30 am Worship Service
10:30 am Fellowship Hour
11:00 am Adult Ed
4:00 pm Youth Group & TEAMS

Notice of Recording: Please note that services are broadcasted via live stream and digitally recorded on our YouTube Channel.

Special thanks to our Stream Team: Katie Decker, Roger Graphenteen, Myron Jones, Larry Johnson, Joel Larsen, Brandon Novy, Janet Triplett, and Kurt Wheeler for broadcasting the services!

Valley Staff

Ministers

All 385 members of this congregation.

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Rev. Nancy Phillips
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SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

September 1: 160 (85 in-person)
September 8: 262 (145 in-person)



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Adult Education | September 22 | 11:00 AM

HOW'S THE WATER? JULIE WESTERLUND

Valley member Julie Westerlund will provide an overview of the health of Minnesota's lakes, rivers, and groundwater. She will describe some of the actions that state and local governments are taking to restore and protect our precious water resources. We will learn what we can do to help.

Hosted in The Cornerstone Room

• DRIVERS NEEDED •

Meals on Wheels

3RD & 4TH THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

• SEPTEMBER 19 & 26 •

ROUTES INCLUDE:

Crystal
New Hope
Robbinsdale
Golden Valley



CONTACTS:

Gail Smith - 3rd Thur
Marge Thurston - 4th Thur
use your directory
or call the office.



Valley Community

Valley Craft Club!

Spend the day crafting without distractions! Come catch up on a project, start something new or come see what others are working on for inspiration! There will be make and take crafts available. If crafting isn't your thing, come for the fellowship or bring a book to catch up on your reading.

Bring a dish to share for lunch at 12 PM.

SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 21, 2024
10 AM - 2 PM
LUNCH AT 12 PM



NAMI WALK

***National Alliance
on Mental Health***

5k Walk (3.1 miles)

**SIGN-UP TO WALK/DONATE
IN FELLOWSHIP HALL**

All together for mental health for all!

It's not how far we walk.
It's how far we have come.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28
Minnehaha Falls Regional Park

1:00pm - 3:00pm

Optional carpool from
Valley at 10:30am

5th grade
& under



\$5/kid
per day

Valley Kids Club

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

OCT 6 | NOV 3 | DEC 1

Valley kids have fellowship time with friends,
Valley grown-ups get to do their stuff!

Mark your calendar now!

Registration information coming soon.

SAVE THE DATE

FALL FESTIVAL

TIME TO MAKE A DEAL!

October 26 from 5 - 8 pm



- FOOD • SILENT AUCTION
- LIVE GAME SHOW GAMES •
- BOUNCE HOUSE •
- FUN FOR EVERYONE! •



Happy Birthday Valley Family!



Frankline Nyongkah

Lennox Mead

Alan Wold

Aaron Craven

Arnold Schellhaas

Pius Nti

Jeff Soltau

Hayden Gautsche

Claire Reinert

Pete Messer

Christine Phelan

Jonathan Schellhaas

Ted Arneson

Steve Bauer

Katie Decker

Gwen Rouleau

Evonne Kirchenwitz

Jeffrey Lund

SuAnn Bygd

Mark Freeman

Jamese Decker

Jameson Johannsen

Tom Jenson

Mariah Messer

Andrew Westerlund

Helmut Winter

Peter Brant

Paul Minter

Emily Steffel

Sarah Gonsior

Deborah Poynter

Jennifer Biggs

Bellinda Nti



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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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