



# Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, September 22, 2024

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# GATHERING US IN

## PRELUDE

*They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love*  
by Peter Scholtes, Arr. by Mark Hayes

Rachel Williams, piano

## LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

## GATHERING MUSIC

*This Little Light of Mine*  
Arr. by Calvin Taylor

## CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it;

**All: The world, and those who live in it.**

One: O praise the Lord with me,

**All: Let us exalt God's name together!**

One: Let us worship God!

## † Hymn #729 (verses 1, 2, 4) **Lord, I Want to Be a Christian**

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart;  
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart. In my heart, in my heart,  
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart;  
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart. In my heart, in my heart,  
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart;  
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.  
In my heart, in my heart, Lord,  
I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sheila Sheldon

Almighty God, you love us but we have not always loved you. You call, but we have not listened. We walk away from our neighbors in need, wrapped up in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of grace, help us to admit our sin so that as you come to us in mercy, we may turn to you and remember our forgiveness. Through Jesus Christ our Lord 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.

***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**

**TIME WITH YOUNG WORSHIPPERS**

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

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*Children of the Heavenly Father*

Valley Choir

**SCRIPTURE READING**

*Mark 9: 30-37*

**SERMON**

*Beloved Children of God*

Rev. Jim Cochran

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**† Hymn #372**

***O for a World***

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.

The poor are rich; the weak are strong; the foolish ones are wise.  
Tell all who mourn: outcasts belong, who perishes will rise.

O for a world preparing for God's glorious reign of peace,  
where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

**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.

**OFFERTORY**

*By the Cradle, Op. 68, No. 5*  
by Edvard Grieg

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

God of all mercies, we give you our thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all living things. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life. Accept these offerings we give you and multiply them so they might enact your intention in the world. Through Christ we pray. Amen.

**SENDING US OUT**

**† Hymn #547** (verses 1 & 3) **Go, My Children, with My Blessing**

Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.  
 Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.  
 In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.  
 Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.

Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.  
 Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.  
 Here my Spirit's power filled you; here my tender comfort stilled you.  
 Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*He Hideth My Soul*  
by William J. Kirkpatrick, Arr. by Mark Hayes

**The Worship Has Ended. The Service Begins.**

**Chancel Flowers**  
 Sunday, September 22  
 Karen Harms  
 In honor of Valley church  
 Sign up for Chancel flowers in Fellowship Hall.

# Joys and Concerns

Joys to **Jamie & Laura Marshall** as they welcomed a baby girl on September 15th!

**Ben Kummer** wants to lift up that **Lisa's** previous workplace recently renamed their leadership award "The Lisa Kummer Leadership Award" in her honor.

Prayers for our neighbors in **Springfield, Ohio** currently facing discrimination and violence due to harmful rhetoric.

Prayers for **Vonnie Olson** who recently broke her collarbone and is recovering at home.

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

Continued prayers for **Ruth Wilterding** as she grieves Aron's passing. A service of celebration for his life was held on September 7th at Valley.

Prayers for **Carole Bright** who is grieving the loss of her grandson, **Daniel Bright**. His memorial service will be held at Valley on 9/19 at 11:00 am.

Prayers of comfort for **Peggy Meyer** and family as they grieve the loss of **Chuck Meyer**. A memorial service for Chuck was held at Valley on September 16th.

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](mailto:chelsie.larsen@valleychurch.net) to set up withdrawals directly from your account. You can always adjust the amount.

# This Week at Valley

## Sunday, September 22

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

## Monday, September 23

6:00 pm Session Meeting  
7:00 pm 12 Step Meeting

## Tuesday, September 24

1:00 pm Bible Fellowship  
6:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

## Wednesday, September 25

## Thursday, September 26

### Office Closed - Staff Development

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

## Friday, September 27

### Men's Retreat

## Saturday, September 28

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### NAMI Walk

## Sunday, September 29

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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.

## Transitional Pastor

## Head of Staff

Rev. Jim Cochran

## Educational Ministries Director

Sheila Sheldon, CRE

## Office Administrator

Savannah Martinez

## 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

## SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

September 8: 262 (145 in-person)  
September 15: 182 (114 in-person)



# Valley Community

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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**



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Adult Education | September 29 | 11:00 AM

## HOW AMERICA BECAME GOD'S FAVORITE COUNTRY REV. BILL DAVNIE

For centuries, Americans have picked particular parts of the Bible to emphasize, and found ways to identify themselves with the original people of God, the Hebrews. This has shaped our politics, our social structures and our foreign policy, for good and for ill.

**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.



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# 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!**

[Click here to register.](#)

**Fridays in  
the Valley  
Presents:**



## The Metro Brass Quintet

WITH DAN JULSON (TRUMPET),  
STEVE ECKLUND (FRENCH HORN), GARY BIRD (TUBA)

**Friday, October 11, 2024 | 7:00 PM**

FREE-WILL OFFERINGS BENEFIT  
**MISSIONS INC & HOME FREE**

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OCTOBER 19, 2024

# ḤAḥĀ WAKPÁDAN LOOPET LOPPET

JOIN THE VALLEY 5K WALKING TEAM!

Scan the QR code  
to learn more  
and register!

REGISTRATION FEE FOR  
5K FUN RUN/WALK: \$32



**9:00 AM - 2:00 PM** Indigenous People's Festival  
*(FREE! All are welcome!)*

**9:00 AM** 5K Fun Run/Walk begins

**10:30 AM** Little Loopet  
*(FREE for all kids, no pre-registration required)*

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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