



# Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

---

Sunday, October 27, 2024

---

# GATHERING US IN

## PRELUDE

Two Preludes on: *A Mighty Fortress is Our God*  
Dietrich Buxtehude & Robert Hobby

Jane Nienaber,  
organ

## LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

## GATHERING MUSIC

*Meditation*  
Felix Mendelssohn

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever.

**All: With my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to every generation.**

Leader: I declare that your steadfast love is established forever,

**All: And your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.**

Leader: Let us worship God together!

## † Hymn #1

**Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!** (verses 1 & 4)

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.

Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.

Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sheila Sheldon

Eternal and merciful God, you love us in ways beyond our understanding and you have set us on paths of righteousness for your name's sake. Yet we have strayed from your way. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, through what we have done and what we have left undone. As we remember your gift of grace, O God, we praise you and give you thanks that you forgive us yet again. Grant us now the grace to rise to new life in Christ. In whose name 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 #654

***In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful***

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful; in the Lord I will rejoice! Look to God; do not be afraid.  
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near. Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.

# HEARING THE WORD

## TIME WITH YOUNG WORSHIPPERS

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

## SPECIAL MUSIC

*When We All Get to Heaven*  
Emily D. Wilson, Arr. by Tammy Waldrop

Valley Handbell Choir

## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

## SCRIPTURE READING

*Psalm 126*

## SERMON

*A Harvest of Joy*

Rev. Jim Cochran

# RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† Hymn #757 **Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples** (verses 1, 3, & 4)

Today we all are called to be disciples of the Lord,  
to help to set the captive free, make plowshare out of sword,  
to feed the hungry, quench their thirst, make love and peace our fast,  
to serve the poor and homeless first, our ease and comfort last.

Pray justice may come rolling down as in a mighty stream,  
with righteousness in field and town to cleanse us and redeem.  
For God is longing to restore an earth where conflicts cease,  
a world that was created for a harmony of peace.

May we in service to our God act out the living word,  
and walk the road the saints have trod till all have seen and heard.  
As stewards of the earth may we give thanks in one accord  
to God who calls us all to be disciples of the Lord.

## 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.

## STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

*We Are Valley - 100%!*

Craig Gottschalk

## OFFERTORY

*Psalm of Glory*  
Dorothy Wells

## 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 #65

### **Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah** (verses 1 & 3)

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,  
pilgrim through this barren land. I am weak, but thou art mighty.  
Hold me with thy powerful hand. Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside.  
Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.

Songs of praises, songs of praises  
I will ever give to thee; I will ever give to thee.

## BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

Recessional on *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*  
Wayne Wold

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

**Chancel Flowers**  
Sunday, October 27

Sponsored by Roger Michael.  
In honor of Scot & Carolina's wedding on 10/10/10.  
Sign up for Chancel flowers in Fellowship Hall.

# Joys and Concerns

Prayers of comfort for **Jill Reiswig and family** as they mourn the loss of **Myrle Reiswig** who passed on Wednesday morning, October 23. Service arrangements will be shared soon.

Continued prayers for **Elsie Grosshuesch** who was scheduled for surgery this past week but due to a new finding with her heart the team decided it was best to put that on hold for now. Prayers for Elsie, her family and doctors as they figure out next steps.

Continued prayers for **Susie Potter** on her cancer journey. She will begin chemotherapy on Monday, the 28th. She is feeling good and filled with gratitude.

Prayers for **Rick Carlson** who is at Abbott following a heart cath procedure on Thursday. His heart is looks good but they are keeping him to doing further testing to determine why his anti-rejection numbers are increasing. To visit Rick's Caring Bridge site go to: <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/rickcarlson101>

Continued prayers for **Taichi Chen** who 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>

## 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, October 27

9:30 am Worship Service  
10:30 am Fellowship Hour

### **No Adult Ed This Week**

4:00 pm **Trunk or Treat!**

## Monday, October 28

6:30 pm Session Meeting  
7:00 pm 12-Step Meeting

## Tuesday, October 29

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

## Wednesday, October 30

## Thursday, October 31

5:30 pm 12-Step Unity

## Friday, November 1

## Saturday, November 2

9:00 am Fall Clean-up

## Sunday, November 3

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 384 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

October 13: 210 (101 in-person)  
October 20: 228 (100 in-person)

# Fall Clean Up

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2  
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Exterior cleaning of the  
church grounds



VALLEY COMMUNITY  
GOLDEN VALLEY, MN 55422

## POLL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Valley needs its volunteers  
to sign up to help during the  
upcoming election on  
**Tuesday, November 5, 2024.**



**SIGN UP HERE!**

**REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR**

**LEFTOVER HALLOWEEN CANDY ON NOV. 3RD!**



Valley Community



## Emerson Village Cleaning Supply Drive



**-NOW THROUGH NOVEMBER 13-**

**VALLEY IS COLLECTING CLEANING SUPPLIES FOR RESIDENTS MOVING INTO  
BEACON INTERFAITH HOUSING'S EMERSON VILLAGE!**

### WHAT WE NEED:

- small wastebaskets
- broom/dust pan
- mop bucket
- 13 gal trash bags
- bowl cleaner
- cleaning towels
- dish soap
- toilet brush
- plunger
- hand soap
- hand sanitizer
- cleaning wipes

All items will be sorted and assembled into kits. One 13-gal kitchen trashcan will contain two (2) small wastebaskets and one of each of the rest of the items listed. Contact Carolyn Anderson if you'd like to help with kit assembly or call the Valley Office.





# Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Adult Education | November 3 | 11:00 AM

## DISMANTLING THE DOCTRINE OF DISCOVERY: REPAIR WORK IN MNI SOTA MAKOCE AND BEYOND

DOE HOYER, COALITION TO DISMANTLE THE DOCTRINE OF DISCOVERY & MAKOCE IKIKCUPI

Please join us for a conversation and presentation with Doe Hoyer, Repair Network Organizer of the national Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery and a local community organizer with the Twin Cities Repair Community for Makoce Ikikcupi (Dakota land recovery). Doe will share about the lasting impacts of the Christian Doctrine of Discovery, as well as the Coalition's model for change, campaigns with Indigenous partners, and Repair Network.

**Hosted in The Cornerstone Room**

5th grade  
& under



\$5/kid  
per day

**Valley Kids Club**

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

**NOV 3 | DEC 1**

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

**Mark your calendar now!**  
Sign up in Fellowship Hall.



**Fridays in  
the Valley  
Presents:**



# The Trio Lyrica

DANA MAEDA, OBOE; BECKY JYRKAS, FRENCH HORN;  
SUE RUBY, PIANO

**Friday, November 8, 2024 | 7:00 PM**

FREE-WILL OFFERINGS BENEFIT  
**CLARE HOUSING**

 Valley Community



MINNESOTA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

**RESPECTFUL** *Conversations*



**A RESPECTFUL CONVERSATION ABOUT THIS ELECTION  
HOSTED BY VALLEY COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**Wednesday, November 20, 2024, from 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm**  
(Dinner is provided.)

**Valley Community Presbyterian Church**  
3100 Lilac Drive North, Golden Valley, MN 55422

**Registration Opens October 24th!**

Please reserve your spot by registering online at <http://bit.ly/signupRC>



Minnesota faith communities invite their neighbors into a Respectful Conversation that will focus not on changing minds, but on softening hearts while discussing our future together.

The Respectful Conversations Project is a program of the Minnesota Council of Churches designed to strengthen civic life in Minnesota. We invite you to share this with your community and join us on November 20th.



# BRIDGING DRESSER BUILD

1730 TERRACE DR. ROSEVILLE, MN 55113

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16**  
**9:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

10 volunteers needed.  
Dress comfortably in clothes you can get dirty.  
Close-toed shoes required.

**SIGN UP IN FELLOWSHIP HALL**  
**VISIT [BRIDGING.ORG](https://bridging.org) FOR MORE INFO**  
**CONTACT ANDREW PITAN WITH QUESTIONS**



DECEMBER 14 | VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

**PRISM HOLIDAY  
TOY SHOPPE**

AT VALLEY CHURCH

20 SLOTS AVAILABLE  
SIGN UP IN FELLOWSHIP HALL





# Happy Birthday Valley Family!



Lisa Cawhorn  
Lonnie Johnson  
Brayden Rude  
Reid Nichols  
Margaret Sandberg  
Gail Smith  
Rachel Hole  
Brandon Novy  
Cathy LaPoint  
April Kovacovich  
Valerie Craven  
Nancy Husnik  
Aubrie Larsen  
Thom Reinert  
Madelyn Soens  
Alexander Kara  
Jack Perry  
Earl Robertson  
Max Westerlund  
Ginger Jackson  
Benjamin Gillett  
Myron Jones

Chrisdel Nyongkah  
Cheryl Smith  
Peggy Meyer  
Eli Matthews Doering  
Linda Wold  
Lilianna Schellhaas  
Andrew Freeberg  
Les Freeberg  
Ann Keen  
Earl Michael  
Alex Graham  
Nancy Olson  
Mary Ann Winter  
Janet Triplett  
Myrle Reiswig  
Catherine Paulson  
Norman Chervany  
Ann Van Heest



# Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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.



LOGO DESIGN BY WÓOKIYE WIN  
(SISSETON WAHPETON DAKHÓTA  
AND OJIBWAY)

3100 Lilac Drive North  
Golden Valley, MN 55422

[www.valleychurch.net](http://www.valleychurch.net)

Office: 763-588-0831

Pastoral Care: 763-445-9665

Phone Ministry: 763-220-1455



Scan to give online!