

Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, October 20, 2024

GATHERING US IN

PRELUDE

Great Is the Lord
by M. and D Smith, Arr. by Rolin R. Mains

Rachel Williams, piano

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Jan Fedora

GATHERING MUSIC

Bright Morning Stars
Kentucky Folk Song, Arr. by Jay Althouse

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We will give thanks to you, O Lord, with our whole heart

All: We will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

Leader: We will be glad and exult in you;

All: We will sing praise to your name, O Most High!

Leader: Come, let us worship God!

† Hymn #694

Great God of Every Blessing

Great God of every blessing, of faithful, loving care, you are the fount of goodness,
the daily bread we share. How can we hope to thank you?
Our praise is but a start: sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.

Your Word is our salvation, the source of endless grace,
in death and life extending your covenant embrace.
In Christ we are one body; each member has a part:
sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.

Your Spirit is our teacher, the light that guides our search,
transforming broken people into the holy church.
For feeding us with mercy, for wisdom you impart:
sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jan Fedora

Holy One, Show us the way to fullness of life:
That we might respond to opportunities, we pray;
That we might be emboldened to face challenges, we pray;
That we might seek to respect and cherish each other, we pray;
That we might become the people we are called to be, we pray;
That our hearts might be filled with joy, hope and peace, we pray. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Friends believe the Good News of the Gospel.

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

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

Carolyn Anderson

Congregational Blessing:

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

Those Who Wait Upon the Lord
Gary Hallquist

Valley Choir

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 15:21-28

SERMON

The Syrophoenician Woman

Rev. Anna Kendig Flores

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† Hymn #697

Take My Life

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee; take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee, swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King;
take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee, filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold; take my intellect
and use every power as thou shalt choose, every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne, it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself and I will be ever, only, all for thee, ever, only, all for thee.

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

Jesus Loves Me
by William B. Bradbury, Arr. by Bill Wolaver

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Dear God, wherever we look, from next door to a world away, we see the places where your creation groans. May these gifts be multiplied and be a faithful response to those cries. In Christ we pray, amen.

SENDING US OUT**† Hymn #766*****The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound***

The church of Christ cannot be bound by walls of wood or stone.
Where charity and love are found there can the church be known.

True faith will open up the door and step into the street.
True service will seek out the poor and ask to wash their feet.

True love will not sit idly by when justice is denied.
True mercy hears the homeless cry and welcomes them inside.

If what we have we freely share to meet our neighbor's need,
then we extend the Spirit's care through every selfless deed.

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BENEDICTION**POSTLUDE**

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Arr. by Carol Tornquist

The Worship Has Ended. The Service Begins.

Chancel Flowers
Sunday, October 20

Arlene & Les Freeberg
In honor of October 22: A special day
Sign up for Chancel flowers in Fellowship Hall.

Introduction and Welcome to Valley

Rev. Anna Kendig Flores is an ordained minister who served for almost 10 years as a board certified chaplain in mental health and chemical dependency chaplaincy at the University of Minnesota hospital. Her current ministry is as the Antiracism Coordinator for the 55 congregations of the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area. Honoring the lineage of community engagement begun by her grandfather, a Mexican presbyterian pastor, Rev. Kendig Flores preaches and teaches about the connections between embodiment, eco-imagination, justice, and joy in the gospel of Jesus Christ. We welcome Rev. Anna Kendig Flores to Valley this morning and are honored to have her here with us.

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of recovery for **Jon** and **Sam Schelhaas'** nephew, **Fox** as he undergoes a bone marrow transplant and chemo for his second round of Lymphoma.

Prayers for the **Grosshuesch** family, especially **Elsie Grosshuesch**, who will be undergoing spinal surgery this Thursday.

Continued prayers for **Susie Potter** on her cancer journey. She will meet with the oncologist this week to discuss her treatment plan. She is feeling good and filled with gratitude.

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>

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, October 20

9:30 am Worship Service
10:30 am Fellowship Hour
11:00 am Adult Ed

Monday, October 21

7:00 pm 12-Step Meeting

Tuesday, October 22

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

Wednesday, October 23

Thursday, October 24

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

Friday, October 25

Saturday, October 26

5:00 pm Fall Festival

Sunday, October 27

9:30 am Worship Service- Stewardship
10:30 am Fellowship Hour
No Adult Ed This Week
3:30 pm Event Set Up
4:00-5:00 pm Trunk or Treat
5:15 pm TEAMS & Youth Pizza Party

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 6: 189 (65 in-person)
October 13: 210 (101 in-person)



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Adult Education | October 20 | 11:00 AM

MISSIONS INC. UPDATES

KARI HITCHCOCK (PROGRAM DIRECTOR, HOME FREE SHELTER)

Kari Hitchcock from Home Free Shelter, a program of Missions Inc, will be coming to speak about Domestic Violence. She will talk about the dynamics of abusive relationships and how to help.

Hosted in Fellowship Hall



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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 IKIKUPI

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

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! •

Valley 
Community

PC(USA)

Oct
27
4-5 PM

Hosted by
Valley Youth

Candy

A
Community
Event
with a
Cause!

Trunk
or
Treat
for PRISM



Bring pantry items for PRISM and help us fill the trailer at our annual Trick or Treat for PRISM drive. Can't wait to see you there!

3100 Lilac Drive North | Golden Valley MN 55422





Fall Clean Up

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



Exterior cleaning of the
church grounds



**DAYLIGHTS
SAVINGS ENDS**

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2024

Set your clocks
BACK one hour!



**5th grade
& under**

**\$5/kid
per day**

Valley Kids Club

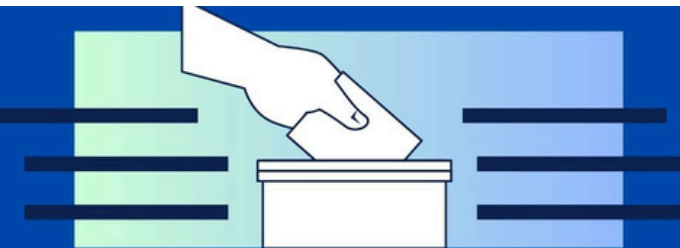
**FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH
11:00 AM - 2:30 PM**

NOV 3 | DEC 1

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



**Sign up in the
Fellowship Hall or scan
the QR code to register!**



POLL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**VALLEY COMMUNITY
GOLDEN VALLEY, MN 55422**

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

SIGN UP IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

**REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR
LEFTOVER HALLOWEEN CANDY!**





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



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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.



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

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