

Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, November 10, 2024

GATHERING US IN

PRELUDE

Concerto in D Major for four violins, Allegro
Telemann

Chens & Marshalls
strings

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

GATHERING MUSIC

Concerto in D Major for four violins, Grave
Telemann

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The earth is the Lord's, for God made it:

All: Come, let us worship God!

Leader: Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:

All: Come, let us worship God!

Leader: The mercy of the Lord is everlasting:

All: Come, let us worship God!

† Hymn #716

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store,
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door:
gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
all at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone.
Born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at your throne.

Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through powers your grace conferred:
ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel word.
Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call,
healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sheila Sheldon

Loving God, you have given us so many gifts we cannot even begin to name them all. Even though you know our every need, we still feel as if we need to store up our own treasures. Give us hearts filled with gratitude so we might step out in faith and give all of ourselves to you so that our time, talents, and treasures might be a blessing to you and all of your Creation. 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 #188

Jesus Loves Me! (verse 1)

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong. They are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

HEARING THE WORD

TIME WITH YOUNG WORSHIPPERS

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

Holberg Suite, Sarabande
Grieg

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 12:38-44

SERMON

What Shall We Give?

Rev. Jim Cochrane

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† Hymn #367

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come (verses 1, 2, & 4)

Come, ye thankful people, come; raise the song of harvest home.

All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin.

God, our Maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied.

Come to God's own temple, come; raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God's own field, fruit in thankful praise to yield,

wheat and tares together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown.

First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear.

Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.

Even so, Lord, quickly come to thy final harvest home.

Gather thou thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin,

there forever purified, in thy presence to abide:

come, with all thine angels, come; raise the glorious harvest home!

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 STEWARDSHIP

Nancy Husnik

OFFERTORY

Holberg Suite, Gavotte

Grieg

DEDICATION OF PLEDGES

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy God, these offerings are only a portion of all that you have given us. We gratefully present these gifts and entrust them to your work in this world. May our gifts share the Good News of the gospel to those who are in need. May these gifts help unburden those with the heaviest of loads. Amen.

SENDING US OUT

† Hymn #726

Will You Come and Follow Me (verses 1, 2, 3 & 5)

“Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
 Will you go where you don’t know and never be the same?
 Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
 will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?”

“Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
 Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
 Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
 Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?”

“Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
 Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
 Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
 and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?”

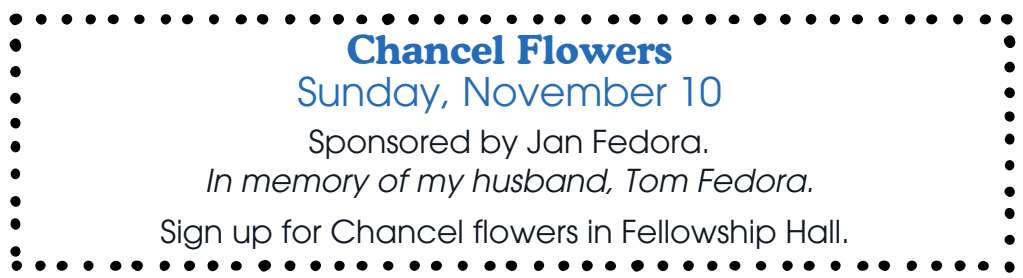
Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
 Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
 In your company I’ll go where your love and footsteps show.
 Thus I’ll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Concerto in D Major for four violins, Allegro
 Telemann

The Worship Has Ended. The Service Begins.



Chancel Flowers
 Sunday, November 10
 Sponsored by Jan Fedora.
In memory of my husband, Tom Fedora.
 Sign up for Chancel flowers in Fellowship Hall.

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of joy to **Les** and **Arlene Freeburg** as they celebrate their 61-year wedding anniversary!

Prayers of recovery to **Jay Tracy** who underwent back surgery on Monday.

Prayers of recovery for **Mary Roback's daughter**, as she is recovering from surgery and experiencing additional complications.

Prayers of comfort for **Jill Reiswig and family** as they mourn the loss of **Myrle Reiswig** who passed on October 23. A memorial service will be held at Valley on Tuesday, November 19th at 11:00 am, with a reception to follow.

Continued prayers for **Susie Potter** on her cancer journey. She began chemotherapy on Monday, the 28th. She is feeling good and filled with gratitude. To visit Susie's Caring Bridge go to: <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/susiepotter>

Continued prayers for **Taichi Chen** whose test results remain stable and continues to live in gratitude for the love everyone has shared each and every day. To visit Taichi's Caring Bridge site go to: <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/taichichen>

Continued prayers for **Rick Carlson** who is back home and doing well. His numbers are consistent, and he will continue to have regular blood tests for a while to ensure his rejection markers stay in range. He continues to remain in good spirits. 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, November 10

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

Monday, November 11

7:00 pm 12-Step Meeting

Tuesday, November 12

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

Wednesday, November 13

5:30 pm Briarwood Meeting
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 14

5:30 pm 12-Step Unity

Friday, November 15

Saturday, November 16

9:00 am Bridging Dresser Build
10:00 am Craft Club!
1:00 pm Brew Crew

Sunday, November 17

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 382 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 27: 204 (99 in-person)
November 3: 204 (103 in-person)



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Adult Education | November 10 | 11:00 AM

FROM FORK TO FOREST: THE CLIMATE CRISIS AND HOW WE EAT

ANNA LARSSON AND NICOLA PHILPOTT

Even if we stopped using fossil fuels today, emissions from our food system would still cause the earth to exceed targets. This lively presentation will discuss the under-appreciated impact our food system has on climate and the environment. Learn actions you can take at your very next meal to start changing things for the better.

Hosted in The Cornerstone Room



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 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
NOVEMBER 16, 2024
10 AM - 2 PM
LUNCH AT 12 PM



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Adult Education | November 17 | 11:00 AM

UPDATES FROM LIBERTY COMMUNITY CHURCH

REV. DR. ALIKA GALLOWAY

Rev. Dr. Arika Galloway will share updates about Liberty Community Church's 21st century program, Northside healing space and other projects in the community. Come learn how you can support their work and vital ministries in North Minneapolis and beyond.

Hosted in The Cornerstone Room



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: Please reserve your spot by registering in
fellowship hall or 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.



YOU'RE INVITED!
**TO VALLEY'S
THANKSGIVING POTLUCK**
Thursday, Nov. 28th
at 12:30 PM

We are hosting a Thanksgiving Potluck for those looking for a place to gather for the holiday. Come to Valley, share a delicious meal & gratitude for our Valley family. There is a sheet in Fellowship Hall to sign up for what you will bring and how many from your family will be joining you.

SIGN UP IN FELLOWSHIP HALL OR CALL THE OFFICE.



Poinsettia Order Form

Order a plant for the poinsettia tree or designate that your plant be given to a homebound Valley member. You may take your plant home after the 4:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship Service.



Poinsettias cost \$13 each.

Orders may be placed through December 1.



Complete this form and put it in the offering plate in the Narthex with your check marked "poinsettia" on the memo line. You can also pay online by selecting "Give to Flowers-Christmas Poinsettia."

If you have questions about ordering, contact Sheila. 763-588-0831
sheila.sheldon@valleychurch.net.

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Name: _____ Phone: _____

Number of plants purchasing: _____ Total Amount Due: _____

Pay by (check one): Cash Check Online Giving

I want the plant(s) I order to be included in the bulletin:
"In Memory of" or "In Honor of" (circle one)

I want my poinsettia(s) to go to a homebound member. check here



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**Thank You for
your order!**



**Please place your Poinsettia
order form in the offering
bowl in the Narthex or in the
box in Fellowship Hall.**



**Fridays in
the Valley
Presents:**



ABOVE AVERAGE TUBA QUARTET

Friday, December 13, 2024 | 7:00 pm

FREE-WILL OFFERINGS BENEFIT
PRISM HOLIDAY TOY SHOPPE

 Valley Community



DECEMBER 14 | VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

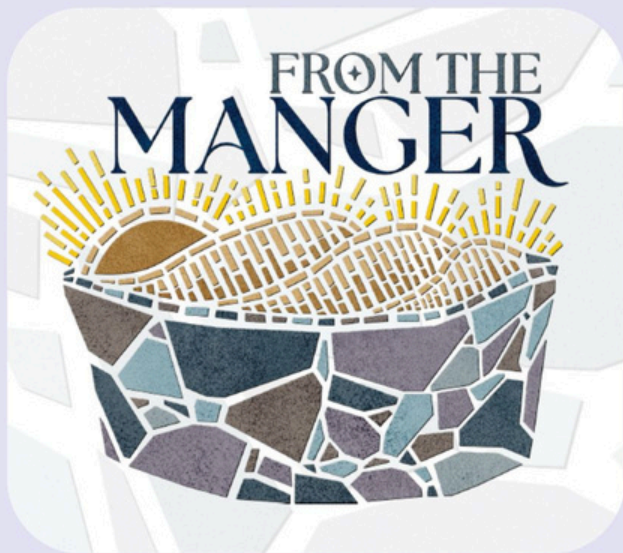
**PRISM HOLIDAY
TOY SHOPPE**

AT VALLEY CHURCH

20 SLOTS AVAILABLE
SIGN UP IN FELLOWSHIP HALL



2024 CHRISTMAS PAGEANT



The VCPC Christmas Pageant dress rehearsal is **Saturday, December 7th:**

- **2 PM** - kids with speaking parts
- **3 PM** - full cast dress rehearsal

The pageant will be performed during worship at 9:30 AM on **Sunday, December 8th. Cast report at 8:45 am!**

Let Sheila or Mariah know if you would like to be in the Pageant this year! There are speaking and non-speaking roles.



We will be joining together on **December 8 at 5:30 p.m.** for socializing followed by dinner and entertainment. **Tickets available in Fellowship Hall!**

DINNER WILL BE CATERED!

MENU:

- Fresh baked rolls with butter
- Field greens berry salad with Feta
- Roasted root vegetables
- Au gratin potatoes
- Holiday Baked Ham/Pineapple Sauce
- Oven roasted chicken w/garlic parmesan sauce

VEGETARIAN AND KIDS MEALS ALSO AVAILABLE



Happy Birthday Valley Family!



Monique St. John
Evan Miller
Carolina Michael
Ryan Chancellor
Jack Halverson
Joel Larsen
Sara Perry
Larry Dunham
Miranda Graham
Lotti Matkovits
Sue Modert
Diane Shenk
Jessica Smith
Vicki Eklund
Gary Roback
Allison Wandmacher
Chuck Thurston
Everett Hagelin

Landon Goiffon
Megan Parks
Vonnie Olson
Mary Dunham
Larry Melander
Mabel Willey
Walter Messer
Jasmyn Swanson
Lisa Tracy
Hsu-hui Wang
Lyn Boyd
Mary Roback
Anne Veldhuisen
Madeline Wandmacher
Angela Zywicki
Janelle Carlson
Karen Chancellor
Brad Pleimling



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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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Scan to give online!