

Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, November 17, 2024

GATHERING US IN

PRELUDE

As the Deer
Martin Nystrom, arr. Bruce Greer

Rachel Williams, piano

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

GATHERING MUSIC

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart
arr. Mark Hayes

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Whether we are sure of God's work in the world or still waiting for a sign,

All: Let us worship the Lord, encouraging one another in hope.

One: Whether we are confident in what the future will bring or carry more questions than answers,

All: Let us worship the Lord, strengthening one another in faith.

† Hymn #39

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. (Refrain)

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! (Refrain)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sheila Sheldon, CRE

Eternal God, too often we settle for the way things are. We embrace what is comfortable and disengaged from the work of necessary change. We fail to hope for a new day and a new world because our present reality feels good enough. Forgive us. Have mercy upon us. Fill us with the passion to live and work towards a world made just and equitable and new. 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

Jubilate Deo
Dale Wood

Valley Choir

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 4

SERMON

The Broken Hearted

Rev. Dr. Alika Galloway

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† Hymn #292

As the Wind Song

As the wind song through the trees, as the stirring of the breeze,
so it is with the Spirit of God.
As the heart made strangely warm, as the voice within the storm,
so it is with the Spirit of God.
Never seen, ever known where this wind has blown
bringing life, bringing power to the world,
as the dancing tongues of fire, as the soul's most deep desire,
so it is with the Spirit of God.

As the rainbow after rain, as the hope that's born again,
so it is with the Spirit of God,
as the green in the spring, as a kite on a string,
so it is with the Spirit of God,
making worlds that are new, making peace come true,
bringing gifts, bringing love to the world,
as the rising of the yeast, as the wine at the feast,
so it is with the Spirit of God.

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

Matthew 25: Trans Day of Remembrance

Sarah Fadell

OFFERTORY

Intermezzo, Op. 118, No. 2
Johannes Brahms

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O God, maker and provider of all, you have blessed us with many gifts. Use us, and what we have gathered, to feed the world through your love; through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SENDING US OUT

† Hymn #352

My Lord! What a Morning

Refrain:

My Lord! what a morning; my Lord! what a morning;

O my Lord! what a morning, when the stars begin to fall, when the stars begin to fall.

You will hear the trumpet sound to wake the nations underground,
looking to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall. (Refrain)

You will hear the sinner cry, to wake the nations underground,
looking to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall. (Refrain)

You will hear the Christian shout, to wake the nations underground,
looking to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall. (Refrain)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Jesus Shall Reign
John Hatton, arr. Bill Wolaver

The Worship Has Ended. The Service Begins.

Chancel Flowers

Sunday, November 17

Sponsored by Tom and Virginia Day.

In celebration of 43 years!

Sign up for Chancel flowers in Fellowship Hall.

† Please rise in body or spirit.

Joys and Concerns

Linda & Alan Wold ask for prayers for their **son-in-law Lou** who was recently diagnosed with stage 4 metastatic liver cancer. A treatment plan has yet to be determined.

Prayers of recovery for **Jay Tracy** who underwent back surgery on Monday 11/4.

A memorial service for **Myrle Reiswig** 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 17

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

Monday, November 18

7:00 pm 12-Step Meeting

Tuesday, November 19

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

Wednesday, November 20

6:00 pm Respectful Conversations
Gathering

Thursday, November 21

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

Friday, November 22

Saturday, November 23

Sunday, November 24

9:30 am Worship Service
10:30 am Fellowship Hour
11:00 am Adult Ed ([Final Adult Ed class](#))
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

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Rev. Jim Cochran

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Hunter Sheldon

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Rev. Jim Cook
Rev. Bill Davnie
Rev. Kate O'Brien Soltau
Rev. David Phillips
Rev. Nancy Phillips
Rev. Rebecca Tollefson

SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

November 3: 204 (103 in-person)
November 10: 248 (140 in-person)



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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Adult Education | November 17 | 11:00 AM

UPDATES FROM LIBERTY COMMUNITY CHURCH

REV. DR. ALIKA GALLOWAY

Rev. Dr. Alika 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.

PRISM 2024 HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE

VALLEY IS COLLECTING NEW,
UNWRAPPED TOYS AND GIFTS FOR
PRISM'S HOLIDAY TOY SHOPPE

MOST NEEDED ITEMS

- ACTION FIGURES
- TODDLER TOYS
- SPORTS ATTIRE
- BLANKETS
- NERF TOYS
- LEGOS
- GAMES
- TEEN GIFTS (HEADPHONES, GAMING KEYBOARDS, HAIR TOOLS, SLIPPERS)
- \$25 GIFT CARDS (TARGET, AMAZON, VISA, ETC.)

**QUESTIONS
CONTACT THE
CHURCH OFFICE**

**DROP OFF
GIFTS AT
VALLEY BY**

**SUNDAY,
DECEMBER 8**



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Adult Education | November 24 | 11:00 AM

IT'S EVERYBODY'S PROBLEM
SAM AND JON SCHELLHAAS

Saving the planet is everyone's problem. And everyone can be part of the solution. Valley members Sam and Jon Schellhaas will discuss ways we can treat the planet better--from decisions to replace large appliances, to entertaining guests, to what we wear. We can make the world better everyday!

Hosted in The Cornerstone Room



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.



Valley
Community
PC(USA)



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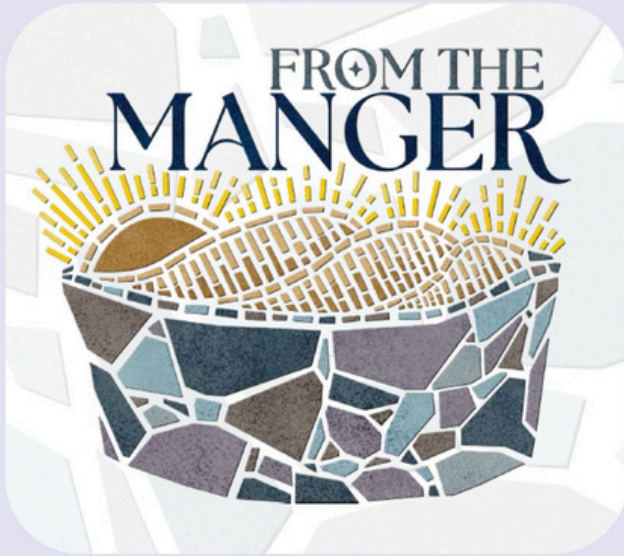


ORDER BY DECEMBER 1

Order forms in the Narthex, Fellowship Hall,
or email office@valleychurch.net



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.



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AND OJIBWAY)

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Scan to give online!