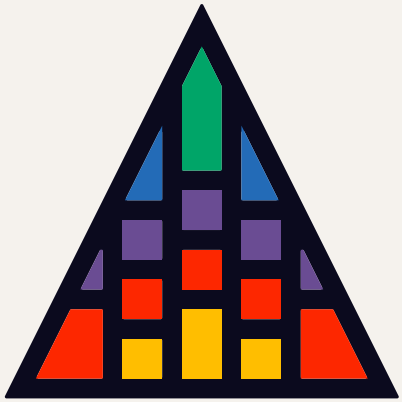

Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, November 24, 2024

GATHERING US IN

PRELUDE *Prelude and Fugue in C Major* Jane Nienaber, organ
J.S. Bach

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

GATHERING MUSIC *Praise and Thanksgiving*
arr. Paul Manz

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: What brings us here today?

All: To gather as a community that cares!

One: What brings us here today?

All: To give thanks to God for all we have been given!

One: What brings us here today?

All: To worship Christ who loves us!

One: Let us worship God!

† **Hymn #37** **Let All Things Now Living**

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
to God our Creator triumphantly raise; who fashioned and made us,
protected and stayed us, by guiding us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us; pure light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night: till shadows have vanished,
all fearfulness banished, as forward we travel from light into light.

By law God enforces, the stars in their courses,
the sun in its orbit obediently shine; the hills and the mountains,
the rivers and fountains, the depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration, a song let us raise, till all things now living
unite in thanksgiving: to God in the highest, hosanna and praise!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Sheila Sheldon , CRE

Lord, however much you give to us, we do not express our gratefulness enough. We take your generous gifts for granted and abuse what you've given us. You have given us the beauty of creation, but we harm the land and pollute the sea. You give us neighbors to love, but we reach out with indifference at best and hatred at worst. Forgive us, Lord, and renew us with your Holy Spirit. 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.

† Please rise in body or spirit.

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 *Fantasy on All Creatures of Our God and King* Valley Handbells
Arr. by Sandra Eithun

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 17:11-19

SERMON *Give Thanks* Rev. Jim Cochrane

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

t Hymn #22 ***God of the Sparrow***

God of the sparrow, God of the whale, God of the swirling stars.
How does the creature say Awe. How does the creature say Praise.

God of the earthquake. God of the storm, God of the trumpet blast.
How does the creature cry Woe. How does the creature cry Save.

God of the rainbow, God of the cross, God of the empty grave.
How does the creature say Grace. How does the creature say Thanks.

God of the hungry, God of the sick, God of the prodigal.
How does the creature say Care. How does the creature say Life.

God of the neighbor, God of the foe, God of the pruning hook.
How does the creature say Love. How does the creature say Peace.

God of the ages, God near at hand, God of the loving heart.
How do your children say Joy. How do your children say 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 MISSION *Thanksgiving Offering* Nancy Phillips

OFFERTORY *Allegro*
G. F. Handel

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy One, we pray that you accept these gifts of our labor, wealth, time, and our lives. Use them to express your everlasting reign of love in this world. In Christ we pray. Amen.

SENDING US OUT

† **Hymn #305** ***Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!***

Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has led us through the ages long!

Refrain:
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now
and praise the Lord!

Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns supreme,
empowering us to catch the vision, dream the dream! (Refrain)

Let courage be our friend; let wisdom be our guide,
as we in mission magnify the Crucified! (Refrain)

Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has triumphed o'er the ages long! (Refrain)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Recessional on "Come Sing, O Church, in Joy"*
arr. Charles Callahan

The Worship Has Ended. The Service Begins.

Chancel Flowers
Sunday, November 24
Sponsored by Peggy Neibling
In honor of the LaBelle family.
Sign up for Chancel flowers in Fellowship Hall.

† Please rise in body or spirit.

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of joy for **Mariah & Pete's** son, **Walter Peter** who turned 4 years old on 11/19! To know him is to love him and his parents thank God every day for his sweet and adventurous spirit.

Jan Sacco asks for prayers of peace to those who are worried about family in Ukraine, Palestine and Afghanistan.

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 currently struggling with dehydration and gastrointestinal issues. 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 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

Monday, November 25
6:30 pm Session Meeting
7:00 pm 12-Step Meeting

Tuesday, November 26
1:00 pm Bible Fellowship
6:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, November 27

Thursday, November 28
Office is Closed
10:00 am Meals on Wheels
12:30 pm VCPC Thanksgiving Potluck
5:30 pm 12-Step Unity

Friday, November 29
Office is Closed

Saturday, November 30

Sunday, December 1
1st Sunday in Advent
Hanging of the Greens
9:30 am Worship Service
10:30 am Fellowship Hour
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.

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

SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE
November 10 : 248 (140 in-person)
November 17: 238 (133 in-person)

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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.

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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

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

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.

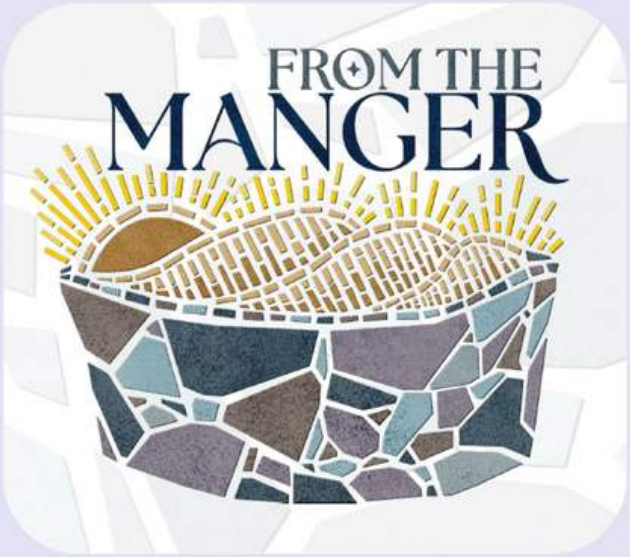
SATURDAY
DECEMBER 7, 2024
10 AM - 2 PM
LUNCH AT 12 PM

POINSETTIA SALE

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.

Save the Date!

CHRISTMAS DINNER
SUNDAY, DEC. 8
5:30 PM

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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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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