

GATHERING US IN

GATHERING MUSIC

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel Traditional

WELCOME

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

The Toering Family Dave, Jill, Justin and John

t Carol #133

O Come, All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant; O come ye; O come ye to Bethlehem! Come, and behold him, born the King of angels! O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation; sing, all ye citizens of heaven above! Glory to God, all glory in the highest! O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to thee be all glory given; Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing! O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

CHILDREN ANNOUNCE THE COMING OF CHRIST

Aurora Messer, Gabe Gottschalk, Miles and Mae Rudeen

THE BIRTH OF JESUS

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:1-7

Valley Kids

Sheila Sheldon, CRE

Ziggy Barbero

t Carol #115

Away in a Manger (verses 1 & 2)

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head. The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing; the poor baby wakes, but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes. I love thee, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky, and stay by my side until morning is night.

THE SHEPARDS & THE ANGELS

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:8-14

Henry Grosshuesch

t Carol #147

The First Nowell (verses 1 & 6)

The first Nowell the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay, in fields where they lay keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain:

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.

Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heavenly Lord, that hath made heaven and earth of nought, and with his blood our life hath bought. (Refrain)

MUSICAL REFLECTION

Some Children See Him W. Hutson & A. Burt Donna Philippot

THE WORLD BECAME FLESH

MEDITATION

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE 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.

Rev. Jim Cochrane

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

A Baby Just Like You John Denver & Joe Henry Donna Philippot

AT THE MANGER

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:15-20

Sheila Sheldon, CRE

t Carol #122 Silent Night, Holy Night!

Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright `round yon virgin mother and child! Holy Infant, so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight; glories stream from heaven a far, heavenly hosts sing "Alleluia: Christ the savior is born; Christ the savior is born!"

Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light Radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light; with the angels let us sing Alleluia to our King:

Christ the Savior is born; Christ the Savior is born.

TOLLING OF THE BELLS

Landon Goiffon

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

John 1:1-5, 14

Leo Kummer

t Carol #134

Joy to the World (verses 1, 2, 4)

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king; let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Joy to the World G.F. Handel, arr. by Spencer Parsons Rachel Williams, piano

The Worship Has Ended. The Service Begins.

t Please rise in body or spirit.



Two Christmas Offering Opportunities

Valley's Christmas Offering will be split between our mission partner PRISM and Every Meal. Our gifts at this time are critical for many, and we are grateful that the Valley family always responds with generosity! Checks should include "VCPC Christmas Offering" in the memo line, or you can use our online giving platform and select "Christmas Offering."

The PC(USA)'s Christmas Joy Offering is a denomination-wide undertaking that supports retired clergy and their families, as well as educational opportunities for Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC). Those who receive offering boxes from Valley can find a designated envelope for this offering. Checks sent to Valley should include "PCUSA Christmas Joy" in the memo line, or you can use our online giving platform and select "Christmas Joy."

Click <u>HERE</u> to give online or scan the QR code!









2024 Poinsettia



Roger Michael	In memory of Marian Michael, Fred & Blanch Benner, and Earl & Dorothy Michael
Greg & Mary Rom	In memory of Michael Hnatko, Elizabeth Hnatko Hicks Ray & Barbara Rom, and Paul Hicks
Ben Kummer	In memory of Lisa Kummer & Dave Turany
Jan & Joe Sacco	In honor of August, Roman, Estelle & Leo Sacco
Barb & Tom Wasmoen	In honor of our parents & our children
Jim & Diane Cook	In honor of the Friendship Group Jeff, Jeremy, Bobby, Barb & James
Tim & Becky Grosshuesch	In memory of Maggie Grosshuesch & Betty Allabough
Valerie Robinson	In memory of our parents, Derald & June Sullivan, Gordon & Lois Robinson
Mary & Larry Dunham	In honor of Sally Dunham In memory of Dale Dunham, Janet Fox, Kenny Fox, Ray Fox & Terry Fox
Lisa Cawhorn	In memory of Ronald Lybeck & John Cawhorn
Beverly Mattin	In memory of Chuck Mattin
Samantha Schellaas	In honor of Homebound Members
Bonnie Carlson	In honor of Homebound Members
Peggy Neibling	In memory of Betty Brooking
Janet & Len Biggs	In memory of our parents
Dave & Helen Dechaine	In honor of our 4 wonderful grandchildren
Chuck & Bonnie Ulmer	In honor of our grandchildren
Mandy Lund	In memory of Donovan and Julie Lund
Mark & Shirley Toering	In honor of our children and grandchildren
David & Nancy Phillips	In memory of Victor & Nellie Phillips



2024 Poinsettia



Margie Deutsch	In memory of Manfred Deutsch
Jeanine Miakotina	In memory of Mayme and Robert Peters
Mary Ann Winter In	honor of Logan, Maeve, Quinn, Kyra and Annika Winter
Jim & Lisa Tarbell	In memory of Sherrill Mixer and Jim Tarbell Sr.
Jill Reiswig	In memory of Myrle Reiswig
Karen Harms	In memory of my family who's left us
Les & Arlene Freeberg	In honor of our grandchildren
Becky Brooking	In memory of Earl & Emilie Brooking and Henry & Mary Zinn
Betsy Nichols	In memory of Doug & Trudy Nichols
Milosh & Nevena Hougen	In memory of my family
Jim Parks	In memory of Karla Parks, Delbert & Lorraine Parks, and Melbert & Shirly Holze
Ruth Wilterding	In memory of Aron, JoAnna & Mark Wilterding
Kerrie Deef	In memory of grandparents, Martie & Bob Siegler and in-laws Marge & John Deef
Roger Graphenteen	In memory of parents, Palmer & Dorothy and daughter Allyson Rose
Cheryl Smith	In memory of my parents, Ken & Gay Smith
Joel, Chelsie, Aubrie & Jac	k Larsen In memory of grandpa Roger, grandpa Phil, & grandma Mary Lou "Granny"
Jan Fedora	In memory of Tom Fedora, husband and Richard Woodbury, brothe
Gwyn Lang	In honor of my mom, Midge Faber
Brad & Sharon Pleimling	In honor of peace to all the world
Kelsie Hagelin	In honor of Valley

WORSHIP SERVICE SUNDAY, DECEMEBER 29, 2024

FEATURING FAVORITE CAROLS OF THE SEASON

Rev. Jim Cochrane, preaching

MUSIC: Rachel Williams, piano

Habitat for Humanity Work Day

MONDAY, JANUARY 20, 2025 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM





SNOW CAMP 2025 GRADES 3RD - 12TH \$175 per camper (youth and adult)



Email Sheila or Mariah for a special coupon code to save \$50!

2025 CONFIRMATION CLASS GRADES 9 & 10

BEGINS MARCH 2, 2025

Contact Sheila to learn more and sign up! sheila.sheldon@valleychurch.net

Happy Birthday Valley Family!

John Chancellor Madeline Lund Anders Tracy-Heinonen Andy Wandmacher **Marisol Freeberg Betsy Malecha** Aubrey Soens Brian Parks Leigh Gautsche Terry Goslinga Jill Reiswig **Stephanie Toering-Peters** David Hole Naomi Tracy-Hegg Leo Kummer Andrew Pitan Melinda Marshall Sydney Kara Jennifer Malecha Nikii Minter Janet Biggs Jim Tarbell Sarah Willey Eda Inman

William Chancellor Kurt Modert Pam Magill Sylvan Tracy-Heinonen Melissa Novy Mary Rom Marjorie Deutsch Sheila Sheldon Michael Craven Aurora Messer Sharon Pleimling Ellen Vannucci Virginia Day Cynthia Malinowski **Beverly Mattin** Evan Jurgensen **Chuck Ulmer** Heather Griffin **K** Marshall Dave McCunn Theo Morrow Sara Schiebout Carrie Priem

A Valley Community

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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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