

Holy Night



GATHERING US IN

PRELUDE

The Little Drummer Boy/Do You Hear What I Hear
Arr. by Van Der Beek & Nelson

Rachel Williams, cello
Sue Ruby, piano

WELCOME

Rev. Jim Cochrane

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

The Wasmoen & Gusek Families
Tom, Barb, Steven & Keri
Chelsea & Neal

† 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!

PRAYER FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

Sheila Sheldon, CRE

Almighty God, tonight the stars and angels call us away from our daily lives to celebrate how you entered the world as a tiny child. At your birth, shepherds traveled far to worship you. Magi followed a bright star to discover your light and love.

We ask that you would speak to us again through the Child of Bethlehem. Continue in our lives the mystery of Christmas. Let your Son come to us, so that we may reveal you to our world all the days of our lives. Holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray. Cast out our sin and enter in. Be born in us today. Amen.

† 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.

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:8-14

Ty Miller

SPECIAL MUSIC

He is Born
 Arnold Sherman

Handbell Trio

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:15-20

Evan Miller

† 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)

MEDITATION

This Holy Time

Rev. Jim Cochrane

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

MUSICAL REFLECTION

O Come O Come Emmanuel
 Arr. by McDonald, Nelson, and Schmidt

Rachel Williams
 Sue Ruby

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

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.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD & CUP

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION

What Child Is This
Arr. by Van Der Beek, Schmidt, and Nelson

Rachel Williams
Sue Ruby

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We give You thanks, O God, that You have come to us through Jesus Christ, in the midst of time and history, in the city of Bethlehem, and in the gifts of bread and wine. Send us into the world rejoicing, ready to share Your love with the people we meet; through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

The church is darkened and the light from the Christ candle is passed around. Hold burning candles upright. Tip unlit candles towards lit candles to receive your neighbor's flame.

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.

Please extinguish your candles as the lights are turned on.

† 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
Arr. by Lani Smith

Rachel Williams
Sue Ruby



*You may bring your poinsettia(s)
home after worship tonight.*



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 Holzer
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 & Jack Larsen	In memory of grandpa Roger, grandpa Phil, & grandma Mary Lou "Granny"
Jan Fedora	In memory of Tom Fedora, husband and Richard Woodbury, brother
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



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 [HERE](#) to give online or scan the QR code!



WORSHIP SERVICE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2024

Rev. Jim Cochran, preaching

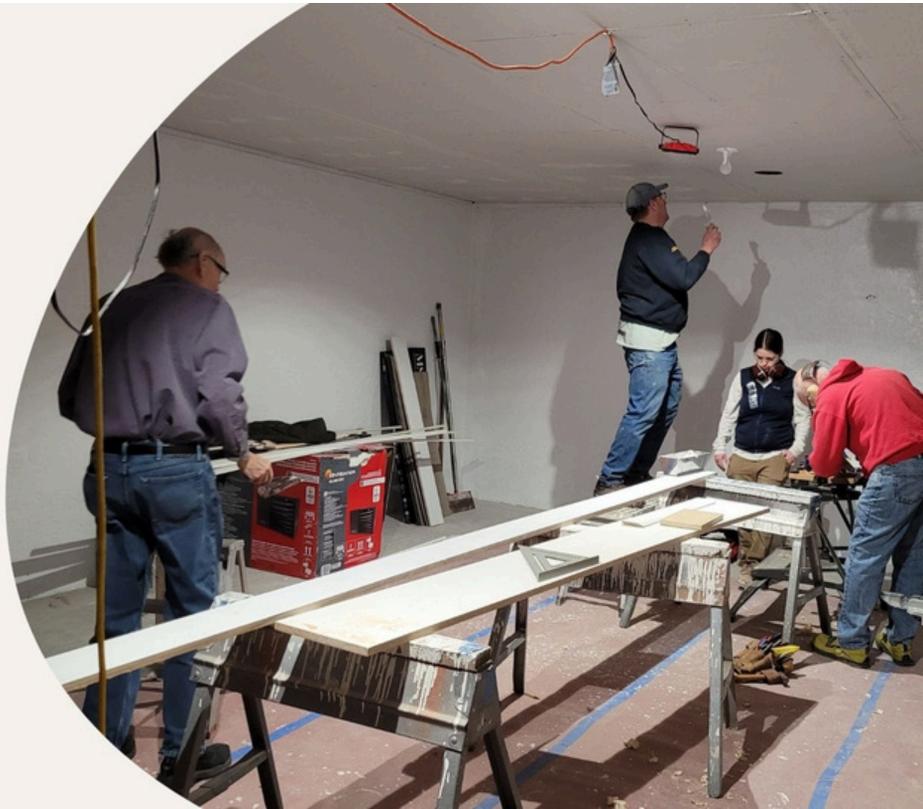
MUSIC:

FEATURING FAVORITE
CAROLS OF THE SEASON



Habitat for Humanity Work Day

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





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
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K Marshall
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Carrie Priem



Valley Community

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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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