



# Valley Community

## FROM THE MANGER



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Sunday, December 22, 2024

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Fourth Sunday in Advent

# GATHERING US IN

## PRELUDE

*O Come All Ye Faithful*  
arr. by Holmes/Line

Rachel Williams, piano

## LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

### CALL TO WORSHIP

*One: Come, let us sit around the table, telling stories of God's goodness—the stories of love that brought us together.*

***All: Let us nourish our friendships with encouragement and appreciation, leaving petty matters behind.***

*One: Come, let us sing the songs of our faith, a love song to God, for all the beauty that has accompanied our journeys.*

***All: We sing songs of praise in times of trial and triumph, for we know that in the singing, we are fortified with courage.***

*One: Come, let us worship the One who loved us from creation, from liberation, from exile, from the manger, from the mountaintop, from the cross, and from the empty tomb.*

***All: Let the love of God be the center of our worship today.***

*One: Let us worship God!*

## GATHERING MUSIC

*Still, Still, Still*  
arr. by Carrie Kraft

Valley Handbells

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE: Hope, Peace, Joy, Love

Margie Deutsch  
Gwyn Lang  
Mary & Greg Rom

## ADVENT PRAYER

Holy God, you are our provider and you sustain us through our entire lives. Your love is unconditional, surrounding us through every stage of development, relationship, heartbreak, disappointment, and accomplishment. As we gather today in worship, we reach out to you once again. You greet us all in a personal way, but your character is unchanging and your table is ready for us. Open our hearts and minds today to your words of wisdom, spoken and unspoken. Loving God, awaken us to the needs around us and how we partner with you in attentiveness and love. In Christ we pray. Amen.

Love has come: a light in the darkness! Love shines forth in the Bethlehem skies.  
 See, all heaven has come to proclaim it; hear how their song of joy arises:  
 Love! Love! Born unto you, a Savior! Love! Love! Glory to God on high.

Love is born! Come, share in the wonder. Love is God now asleep in the hay.  
 See the glow in the eyes of his mother; what is the name her heart is saying?  
 Love! Love! Love is the name she whispers. Love! Love! Jesus, Emmanuel.

Love has come and never will leave us! Love is life everlasting and free.  
 Love is Jesus within and among us. Love is the peace our hearts are seeking.  
 Love! Love! Love is the gift of Christmas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sheila Sheldon, CRE

Ever-loving and compassionate God, you have shown us how to love. Love requires us to care for others, and we confess we have turned our eyes away from suffering. Love abounds in shared meals and conversation, but we confess we have avoided interaction and common tables. Love reflects a rainbow of authentic expressions, but we confess we have limited love to familiar boxes and boundaries. From the manger, you have shown us love that visits the humble and powerless, but we confess we have aimed our affections toward the popular and powerful. Teach us to love, that we might be true disciples of the one who showed us how to love. May the world be fed with love. 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 GOD'S PROMISE IN ADVENT

### *Light Shines in the Darkness*

by Dakota Road

Oh the light shines in the darkness and the light will not be overcome.  
 In this world broken and scattered, the light will not be overcome.

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

### PRAYER OVER THE WATER & BAPTISM

#### WELCOME

Today we celebrate the baptism of Briella Kenna Nyongkah.  
 Briella is the daughter of Frankline Nyongkah and Miranda Bangu.

Sheila: ...Let us welcome this newly-baptized children of God.

**All: With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's church to share with us in Christ's ministry, for we are all one in Christ. Amen.**

## TIME WITH YOUNG WORSHIPPERS

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

## HEARING THE WORD

### SPECIAL MUSIC

*Little Drummer Boy*  
Katherine K. Davis, arr. by Douglas E. Wagner

Valley Handbells  
Taiko Drums

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### SCRIPTURE READING

*Luke 1:46-56*

### SERMON

*Love Grows*

Rev. Jim Cochrane

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### † Hymn #100

***My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout*** (vs. 1, 2, 4)

My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great,  
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait.  
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight, and my weakness you did not spurn,  
so from east to west shall my name be blest. Could the world be about to turn?

#### **Refrain:**

My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn.  
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn.

Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me,  
and your mercy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be.  
Your very name puts the proud to shame, and to those who would for you yearn,  
you will show your might, put the strong to flight, for the world is about to turn. (Refrain)

Though the nations rage from age to age, we remember who holds us fast:  
God's mercy must deliver us from the conqueror's crushing grasp.

This saving word that our forebears heard is the promise which holds us bound,  
till the spear and rod can be crushed by God, who is turning the world around. (Refrain)

### 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.

OFFERTORY

Night of Silence  
Daniel Karson

Valley Handbells

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Generous God, your love compels us to give because you gave. We give to our loved ones, to our neighbors, to people we will never know, and to our church. We trust you will give us the wisdom to use these offerings to grow seeds of love in the world. Show us how best to steward the resources you have so graciously given us. Amen.

SENDING US OUT

† Hymn #137

**He Came Down** (Love, Light, Peace, Joy)

He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love;  
he came down that we may have love; hallelujah forevermore.

... that we may have light  
... that we may have peace  
... that we may have joy

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Go Tell it on the Mountain*  
arr. by Phillip Keveren

Valley Handbells  
Taiko Drums

*\*\*Please remain for congregational meeting.\*\**

**The Worship Has Ended. The Service Begins.**

**Chancel Flowers**  
 Sunday, December 22  
 Sponsored by Hunter, Ben & Sam Sheldon  
 Happy Birthday, Sheila/Mom! We love you!  
 Sign up for Chancel flowers in Fellowship Hall.



# Joys and Concerns

**Linda and Alan Wold** would like to thank Valley for everyone's prayers for their son-in-law **Lou**. His surgery went better than expected. He's already walking again and could be going home by Saturday!

Prayers of recovery for **Joel Freeberg's** son, **James**, who has returned home from college for a couple weeks. James is currently healing from a sprained ankle which ended up being a fractured fibula.

Prayers to **Connie Freeman's sister** as she faces liver failure. She is currently at Mayo Clinic undergoing evaluation for a transplant.

Prayers for the family of **Andy Westerlund**, as his mother passed away on Sunday.

Continued prayers for **Susie Potter** who began her third round of chemotherapy on December 10th. 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 on the mend. 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](mailto:chelsie.larsen@valleychurch.net) to set up withdrawals directly from your account. You can always adjust the amount.

## **This Week at Valley**

### **Sunday, December 22**

Handbell Sunday & Taiko Drums

9:30 am Worship Service

10:30 am Fellowship Hour

### **Monday, December 23**

7:00 pm 12-Step Meeting

### **Tuesday, December 24**

**4:30 pm Christmas Eve Service**

**9:30 pm Candlelight Christmas Eve**

### **Wednesday, December 25**

**Office Closed**

### **Thursday, December 26**

**Office Closed**

10:00 am Meals on Wheels

5:30 pm 12-Step Meeting

### **Friday, December 27**

### **Saturday, December 28**

### **Sunday, December 29**

9:30 am Worship Service

10:30 am Fellowship Hour

**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**

Natalie Peña-Gallegos

### **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**

December 8: 244 (129 in-person)

December 15: 231 (120 in-person)



# 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



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

# Officers to be Ordained or Installed

## ELDERS

### **Terry Goslinga, Mission Possible\*\***

I retired about a year ago from the printing industry, most recently with Caterpillar Paving Products. My wife, Bonnie, and I have three children: Jessica, Rachel, and Ryan. We have been members of Valley Church since 1985, and our children grew up here. I am especially proud that our first grandchild was baptized here in September. I have previously served as both a deacon and an elder.

### **Brandon Novy, Technology\*\***

My wife, Melissa, and I joined Valley in April 2013. I was a Deacon for six years at Valley. I have been helping run the sound board and video since the start of the pandemic. I've been serving as Technology elder for the past 3 years and I'm happy to continue in the role. I have 20 years of experience working in the computer technology field. I used to travel the world teaching software and hope to do that again in the future. I enjoy attending orchestra performances, plays, and operas (anywhere with a comfy chair suits me).

### **Jay Perry, Fellowship\*\***

My wife Sara and I joined Valley in 2009 looking for something not too big, nor too small. I have previously served as a Deacon and I'm the leader of Valley's award-winning Brew Crew. Sara and I have two children – Grace and Jack – who you will see running the halls at Valley to the doughnuts. I work with Best Buy's business division, and in the summer help with the Minneapolis Park Board sailing lessons at Lake Harriet.

### **Charlie Rudeen, Education\*\***

My wife, Missy, and I have been members of Valley Church for the past 10 years. We started attending while searching for a church home before the birth of our daughter, Mae (10), and have since been blessed with two sons, Miles (8) and Big Sam (4). Although I was born and raised Catholic, I have greatly enjoyed being a part of the Valley community.

### **Samantha Schellhaas, Fellowship\*\***

Jon and I joined Valley Church in September 2015, just before welcoming our daughter, Lilianna. We also have a son, Arnold, and are proud to be part of the Valley community. I work as an account manager in employee benefits for a broker in the Twin Cities and enjoy volunteering at my children's school. Our family loves swimming, eating pizza (except for Lili), and spending time with friends and family. I'm looking forward to many more years with Valley as an integral part of their family.

\* = One Year; \*\* = Three Years; \*\*\* = Five Years

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## DEACONS

### **Lyn Boyd\***

My husband Darren and I have been members since 1984. Our children Crystal and Brian were active in the youth programs growing up. I am a member of the Valley Handbell Choir and most recently I have served on the Land Acknowledgement Committee, focusing on reparations and relationships with Indigenous Community surrounding Valley.

### **Karen Harms\*\***

My name is Karen Harms, and I have been a member of Valley Church for over 20 years. I have four children: Jonathan, Travis, Darien, and my youngest, Jillene. I am also a proud grandmother to many. I deeply love Valley, and serving the church is truly fulfilling for me.

### **Sara Perry\*\***

My husband Jay and I, joined Valley in 2009. We loved the welcome we received when first visited and decided to stay. We have two children, Grace and Jack. I work as a full-time educator with the Robbinsdale School District. I have served Valley as both an elder and a deacon in past year. I excited to be able to continue serving as a Deacon.

### **Scott Robinson\*\***

My wife, Valerie, and I began visiting Valley Church around 2005 when our daughter, Sheila, joined with her family. We decided to join Valley and became members on July 26, 2009. Prior to coming to Valley, we were members at Highland Park, where I served as a deacon, elder, and member of the PNC. Valerie and I have two children, Sheila and Phillip, and five grandchildren who keep us busy with their sporting and school events.

### **Hunter Sheldon\*\***

With over 20 years in the Bike industry, I've spent the last 14 years as the service manager at Perennial Cycle in Uptown Minneapolis. The best part of my job is working with the VA and the Courage Center to help veterans and those with unique physical requirements to get biking again. I also work at Valley as the building maintenance lead. My wife Sheila and I have been married for 20 years and live in Saint Paul with our 2 sons Ben and Sam. In my free time, I lead our TEAMS program here at Valley, and enjoy volunteering with Habitat for Humanity. I believe in helping others whenever possible by abundantly giving of my time and talents.

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## **Kurt Wheeler\*\***

I've been a dedicated member of VCPC for over 20 years, originally joining the church after being invited by Andy and Julie Westerlund. I'm a former deacon and navigating life as a recent widower following the passing of my beloved wife, Vicki, last year. After a 33-year career at Boston Scientific as a technical manager, I retired earlier this year. As an avid cyclist, I'm looking forward to getting back on my bike following knee replacement surgery in January—an injury stemming from my many years of playing volleyball. Currently, I'm contributing to the church community as a member of the stream team, supporting the audio board for services and memorials.

## **ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE**

### **Andy Freeberg\***

My wife, Veronica, and I, along with our two young children, Ana and Andrés, became part of the Valley community in 2005. Prior to that, I attended VCPC as a youth and actively participated in various church activities, which were both enriching and formative experiences. Returning to Valley to raise our children has been deeply fulfilling. Over the years, I've enjoyed serving as a youth mentor and volunteer leader. Since 1999, Veronica and I have called South Minneapolis home, where we cherish our neighborhood and the beautiful lakes and parks in the area

### **Chuck Ulmer\*\*\***

My wife, Bonnie, and I have been members of Valley Church since 1989. We have one daughter, Kate, who is married, has two children, and resides in Chanhassen. I have served three terms as an Elder and have chaired the Properties Committee, Mission Committee, and Building Committee for the Atrium and Elevator addition.

## **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

### **Tom Wasmoen, Chair\***

### **Janelle Carlson\***

### **Deb Poynter\***

### **Jan Sacco\***

### **Janet Triplett\***

## **FINANCE OFFICERS**

### **Chelsie Larsen, Financial Secretary**

### **Greg Rom, Treasurer**

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## PASTORAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE

### **Ray Anderson**

I was raised Lutheran and became a member of the Presbyterian Church when Carolyn and I joined VCPC about 12 years ago, gaining a wonderful, caring church family. I have been enjoying retirement for the past 16 years, filling my time with family, exercise, woodworking, fishing, travel, relaxation, and whatever else comes my way. I am honored to have been elected to the PNC and look forward to fulfilling this responsibility.

### **Jan Fedora**

I joined Valley in 1982 and have been here ever since that day! Valley's warm welcome, mission-oriented focus, caring and supportive staff, wonderful music programs, and an emphasis on inclusiveness, children, and housing initiatives have inspired me to become involved in the church. I have participated in vocal choir, handbell choir, teaching Sunday School, and being a Wedding Coordinator. I have served on Personnel, Adult Education, Growth Team and PNC (Pastoral Nominating Committee). I have served as an Elder and Deacon for several terms and as Clerk of Session.

### **Joel Freeberg**

I am a long-time member of Valley Church, having gone through confirmation and been actively involved in the youth group throughout my high school years. Mission trips with the Valley youth were a key part of my faith journey. I have a daughter, Mari, who works for PetSmart, and a son, James, who is a freshman at UMD.

### **Bennett Goiffon**

My wife, Jackie, and I began visiting VCPC with our children, Landon (10) and Sullivan (almost 7), prior to COVID. We continued attending services virtually before becoming members shortly after returning to in-person worship. I am an actuary for Mercer, specializing in government healthcare consulting. I enjoy outdoor activities, particularly skiing and cycling, and have been a volunteer adaptive alpine ski instructor for Courage Kenny for almost 20 years.

### **Jessica Goslinga**

I've been a life long Valley member ever since she I was a baby. Baptized, confirmed, heavily involved with youth group and now I help lead the TEAMS program. I consider Valley to be my second home.

Over the past 20 years I've taught young child and love every moment! In my free time I love to hike, hang out with family and friends and also enjoy running and competing in races, yes even now in this snow and cold! I'm looking forward to serving Valley as a member of the PNC.

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## **Craig Gottschalk**

Melissa and I have been members of Valley Church for 17 years, having joined in 2007. Our sons, Connor (14) and Gabe (9), enjoy participating in Youth Group and TEAMS. I have been involved with the Mission Possible: Peace and Justice committee since 2013 and recently completed six consecutive years of service as one of the Mission Possible Elders on Session. Additionally, I am passionate about music and enjoy sharing my musical gifts during Sunday worship.

## **Rachel Hole**

My name is Rachel Hole, and my husband, Brian, and I have been members of Valley Church since March 2015. We have one son, David, who just turned 18, and a cute little dog named Gypsy. I am currently in my 11th year as a special education para in the southeast metro. I'm excited to be on the other side of searching for a pastor, as I'm a pastor's kid. My late father, Howard, was an ELCA Lutheran pastor, and we moved three times during my childhood.

## **Jacob LaBelle**

My family—my wife and two children—and I have been members of Valley for nearly a year. I am thankful for the opportunity to experience the community under the prior leadership and have embraced our current transitional period. With the blessing and support of the congregation, I am grateful to be part of the process of selecting such a vital piece of our future as a church community.

## **Paul Minter**

My wife, Jennie, and I spent 24 years as Bible translators in Papua New Guinea, helping the Iyo people produce a New Testament in their native language. After retiring, we moved to Robbinsdale two years ago to be closer to Jennie's family, including her mother, Mandy Lund, and brothers, Jeff and Jeremy. We have five children, who live in various parts of the world, with our youngest living with us here. Shortly after arriving in Minnesota, we joined Valley, the church where Jennie grew up and where we were married 41 years ago.

## **Sara Schiebout**

Fridays in the Valley concerts brought Sara to our community, and after receiving a warm welcome on Sunday mornings she joined Valley on November 18, 2018. Sara serves on our Personnel Committee and by day works as a psychotherapist at Fairview Health Services. Her many interests include speaking French, reading, writing, working with others, cooking, baking, and snowboarding.





## 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!**





# CHRISTMAS EVE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2024 | 4:30 PM

**REV. JIM COCHRANE, PREACHING**  
**SHEILA SHELDON, CRE, ASSISTING**

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**MUSIC:**

Donna Philippot, piano & vocals



Valley Community

# CHRISTMAS EVE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2024 | 9:30 PM

**Rev. Jim Cochrane, preaching**  
Sheila Sheldon, CRE, assisting

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**MUSIC:**

Sue Ruby, piano  
Rachel Williams, piano & cello  
Valley Handbell Choir



Valley Community



# 2025 OFFERING ENVELOPES

**PICK UP AT CHURCH**

**MONDAY - FRIDAY 9AM-3PM - OR - SUNDAYS BEFORE/AFTER WORSHIP**

Help the church save on postage by picking up your envelope box  
and another member's box who lives near you!

## **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2024**

# **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

Election of New Church Officers and  
Pastoral Nominating Committee  
Following Worship

Valley   
Community

PC(USA)



# SNOW CAMP 2025

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

*Snow  
Flakes  
in His  
Hands*



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](mailto: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



# Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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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