

Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, January 26, 2025

GATHERING US IN

PRELUDE

Let the Whole Creation Cry
Paul Manz, Johann Pachelbel

Jane Nienaber, organ

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

GATHERING MUSIC

Invocation
Alexandre Guilmant

Jane Nienaber, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The heavens are telling the glory of God,

All: And the earth proclaims God's handiwork.

One: The laws of the Lord are true and righteous,

All: And they are to be desired more than gold.

One: Let us worship God!

† Hymn #401

Here in This Place (verses 1, 2, 4)

Here in this place the new light is streaming; now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you in the light of this day.

Gather us in, the lost and forsaken; gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken; we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young; our lives are a mystery. We are the old who yearn for your face.
We have been sung throughout all of history,
called to be light to the whole human race.

Gather us in, the rich and the haughty; gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly; give us the courage to enter the song.

Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away:
here in this place the new light is shining; now is the kingdom, and now is the day.

Gather us in and hold us forever; gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sheila Sheldon, CRE

God of justice, we confess that in the pursuit of our own dreams and desires, we have not always been open-minded, and not always right. Guided by your Spirit, we would like to change the world—make it a little simpler for people to feed, clothe, and shelter themselves. So we ask you, as your followers, to help us to be your witnesses, by fighting for better conditions, by calling for the rights of the workers, the poor, and the oppressed, so that we can be your disciples in this world. Enlarge our hearts to love each other, and to love our neighbors, so we may live out your call and claim on our lives. 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 #110

Love Has Come (verse 3)

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!

HEARING THE WORD

TIME WITH YOUNG WORSHIPPERS

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

Where the Song of the Angels is Stilled
Howard Thurman/Elizabeth Aleander

Valley Choir

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 4:14-21

SERMON

Where We're From & Where We're Going

Rev. Jim Cochrane

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† Hymn #69

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain:

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? (Refrain)

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? (Refrain)

ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

To Be Ordained

Jay Perry, Elder
Charlie Rudeen, Elder
Samantha Schellhaas, Elder
Lyn Boyd, Deacon
Scott Robinson, Deacon
Hunter Sheldon, Deacon

To Be Installed

Terry Goslinga, Elder
Brandon Novy, Elder
Karen Harms, Deacon
Sara Perry, Deacon
Kurt Wheeler, Deacon

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

Sarah Fadel

OFFERTORY

Jesus We Want to Meet
Arr. by Charles E. Perry

Valley Handbells

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of justice and love, we dream of a world made new, where together we shout for fairness, and as your people, we fight against oppression. May our gifts be put to work, seeking your righteousness, and singing your praise. Inspire us to help those who struggle to climb to the mountaintop and enter the promised land. Lead us and guide us as we proclaim the good news of your kingdom, so that we may join our hearts together and live in peace, and abundance, and love. Amen.

SENDING US OUT

† Hymn #772

Live Into Hope

Live into hope of captives freed, of sight regained, the end of greed.
The oppressed shall be the first to see the year of God's own jubilee!

Live into hope! The blind shall see with insight and with clarity,
removing shades of pride and fear, a vision of our God brought near.

Live into hope of liberty, the right to speak, the right to be,
the right to have one's daily bread, to hear God's word and thus be fed.

Live into hope of captives freed from chains of fear or want or greed.
God now proclaims our full release to faith and hope and joy and peace.

The Worship Has Ended. The Service Begins.

Chancel Flowers

Sunday, January 26, 2025

Sponsored by Cheryl Smith

In honor of my son Cameron's & brother Ken's birthdays.

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of comfort for the **Malecha** family. Jennifer Malecha's mom, **Marilyn Eckerle**, passed away peacefully this week surrounded by her loved ones.

Continued prayers for **Susie Potter** as she began immunotherapy on January 7th. To visit Susie's Caring Bridge go to: <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/susiepotter>

Continued prayers for **Taichi Chen** whose test results remain stable. To visit Taichi's Caring Bridge site go to: <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/taichichen>

Continued prayers for **Rick Carlson** as he works with his care team to keep him healthy. 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, January 26

New Officer Ordination & Installation

9:30 am Worship Service

10:30 am Fellowship Hour

Monday, January 27

6:30 pm Session Meeting

7:00 pm 12-Step Meeting

Tuesday, January 28

1:00 pm Bible Fellowship

6:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, January 29

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 30

5:30 pm 12-Step Unity

Friday, January 31

Saturday, February 1

11:00 am Briarwood Annual Meeting

Sunday, February 2

Annual Meeting - Following Service

9:30 am Worship Service - Necrology

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

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Sheila Sheldon, CRE

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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

January 12: 270 (111 in-person)

January 19: 231 (91 in-person)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2025
IN-PERSON

2024 ANNUAL MEETING AFTER WORSHIP



2025
CONFIRMATION CLASS
GRADES 9 & 10

BEGINS FEBRUARY 23, 2025

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



Clearwater Chrysalis Women's Retreat

FEBRUARY 21-23, 2025
PRESBYTERIAN CLEARWATER FOREST

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

TO REGISTER VISIT

CLEARWATERFOREST.ORG/CLEARWATER-CHRYsalis

OR CLICK THIS AD IF VIEWING ONLINE

CONTACT 218-678-2325

Save The Date!

Youth Education
Scholarship Tea

Saturday, March 22
2 pm

HOSTESSES NEEDED!!

Please talk to or email Sheila Sheldon if you are interested in hosting a table this year! (Sheila.Sheldon@valleychurch.net)



VALLEY YOUTH
Baking Day
WITH KATIE DECKER



Valley kids in **Youth Group and TEAMS** have some baking to do!



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8 @ 2:00 PM
COME BAKE COOKIES AND MAKE TREATS
FOR THE YOUTH COOKIE SALE!

 Valley Community

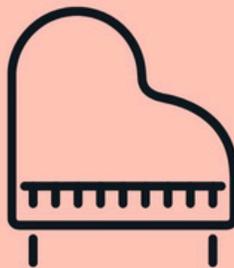


FEBRUARY 9
NARTHEX

Youth Cookie Sale

- * COOKIES \$5/BAG (1/2 DOZ)
- * COOKIE TRAYS \$5/\$10/\$20
- * VALENTINE BASKETS \$10-30
- * YOUTH SNACK MIX \$5/BAG

**Fridays in
the Valley
Presents:**



Lauren Senden
&

Mindy Eschedor

Friday, February 14, 2025 | 7:00 PM

FREE-WILL OFFERINGS BENEFIT
MEALS ON WHEELS

 Valley Community



• DRIVERS NEEDED •

Meals on Wheels

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

**3RD & 4TH THURSDAY
OF EVERY MONTH**

ROUTES INCLUDE:

Crystal
New Hope
Robbinsdale
Golden Valley



CONTACTS:

Gail Smith
Marge Thurston
use your directory
or call the office



Valley Community



Happy Birthday Valley Family!



Kerrie Deef
Alannah McCarthy
David Kopischke
Kurt Wheeler
Matt Barbero
Miranda Bangu
Sammuel Decker
William Gonsior
Andrew Desarmeaux
Janette Gove
Gerald Kramer
Nanette Sears
Ashley Bi
Karen Ripley
Keri Wasmoen
Samantha Schellhaas
Joseph Sears
Aurora Brooker
Quinn Winter
Sullivan Goiffon
Richard Sauter

Ken Smith
Andy Freeman
Hunter Sheldon
Roy Michael
Adam Chancellor
Rev. Deborah Fortel
Tom Wasmoen
Lois Berhow
Jonathan Marshall
Diane McCunn
Cameron Smith
Diane Cook
Ziggy Barbero
Sadie Macias
Arianna Slack
Susie Potter



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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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