

Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, February 2, 2025

GATHERING US IN

PRELUDE

Rachel Williams, piano

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

GATHERING MUSIC

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Our hearts are ready, O Lord, our hearts are ready!

All: We will sing and make melody! We will awaken the dawn!

One: We will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples, we will sing praises to you among the nations.

All: For your steadfast love is great above the heavens, and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

One: Let us worship the God!

† Hymn #770

I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table (verses 1, 3, 4)

I'm gonna eat at the welcome table;
I'm gonna eat at the welcome table, Alleluia.
I'm gonna eat at the welcome table;
I'm gonna eat at the welcome table, Alleluia.

I'm gonna join with sisters, brothers; . . .

Here all the world will find a welcome; . . .

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sheila Sheldon, CRE

Almighty God, you love us but we have not loved you. You call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns and condoning evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of love, help us admit our sin so that we may turn to you and your forgiving grace. Through Jesus Christ our redeemer 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.

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy (verse 1)

There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea.

There's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty.

There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven.

There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment given.

HEARING THE WORD

TIME WITH YOUNG WORSHIPPERS

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying
Ken Mendema, Arr. by Jack Schrader

Valley Choir

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 13:1-13; (The Message)
Luke 4:21-30 (NRSV)

SERMON

Abounding Love

Rev. Jim Cochrane

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† Hymn #693

Though I May Speak

Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire,
and have not love, my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess,
but not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control; our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship, and are freed.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

World Interfaith Harmony

Jessica Goslinga

A TIME FOR REMEMBERING

Rachel Williams, piano

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| Carol McCarter | Chuck Meyer |
| Sarah Davis | Rev. Aron Wilterding |
| Susan League | Marlys Hawkins |
| Lois M. Robinson | Dennis Hinkle |
| Lisa Kummer | Bob Ripley |
| Tom Davison | Marilyn Merino |
| Karen Sauter | Myrle Reiswig |

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

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.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

SHARING OF THE BREAD & CUP

MUSICAL REFLECTION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God of grace, you renew us at your table with the bread of life. May this food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SENDING US OUT

† Hymn #623

I've Got Peace like a River

I've got peace like a river; I've got peace like a river;
I've got peace like a river, in my soul. (repeat)

I've got joy like a fountain; I've got joy like a fountain;
I've got joy like a fountain, in my soul. (repeat)

I've got love like an ocean; I've got love like an ocean;
I've got love like an ocean, in my soul. (repeat)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Chancel Flowers
Sunday, February 2

Sponsored by Karen Harms
To all my children!

Sign up for Chancel flowers in Fellowship Hall.

The Worship Has Ended. The Service Begins.

† Please rise in body or spirit.

Joys and Concerns

Prayers for **Cynthia Malinowski's mother** who experienced a health scare last weekend.

Prayers for **Susie Potter's** cousin, and **Lois Schmidt's** son, **Andy Schmidt** who underwent a bypass surgery last Wednesday.

Prayers of comfort for **Keslie Hagelin's mother**, who fell and broke her lower leg on January 19th. She underwent surgery and was discharged last Friday. Let us also pray for Kelsie's **father**, whose aunt and uncle passed away last week.

Continued prayers for **Susie Potter** as she underwent a PET scan in December, the results of which were all clear! 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 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 currently fighting an infection and recently returned home from the hospital. He continues to give thanks for all the support and prayers he has received. 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, February 2

Annual Meeting

9:30 am Worship Service- Necrology

10:30 am Fellowship Hour

Monday, February 3

11:30 am Lunch Bunch

7:00 pm 12-Step Meeting

Tuesday, February 4

1:00 pm Bible Fellowship

6:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, February 5

Thursday, February 6

5:30 pm 12 Step Unity

Friday, February 7

Saturday, February 8

7:00 am PEO Bunco Event

2:00 pm Youth Cookie Bake

Sunday, February 9

Youth Cookie Sale

9:30 am Worship Service

10:30 am Fellowship Hour

5:00 pm Valley Super Bowl Party!

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 381 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

January 19: 231 (91 in-person)

January 26: 223 (126 in-person)

**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**

February 9, 2025

5:00 PM pregame

5:30 PM Kick Off

JOIN US!

Bring a snack to share!

**KANSAS
CITY
CHIEFS**

**PHILADELPHIA
EAGLES**

THE BIG GAME
SUPERBOWL

PARTY!

**2025
CONFIRMATION CLASS
GRADES 9 & 10**

BEGINS FEBRUARY 23, 2025

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

NEW!

**Bible
Study**

**2ND THURSDAY OF THE
MONTH AT 10 AM IN
THE LIBRARY**

Join Rev. Rebecca Tollefson
for *Let Justice Roll Down*,
a wonderful Bible Study
focused on creation justice.

2/13/25,
3/13/25

4/10/25
5/8/25

Let Justice Roll Down



God's Call to Care for
Neighbors and All Creation

By Patricia K. Tull



Clearwater Chrysalis Women's Retreat

FEBRUARY 21-23, 2025
PRESBYTERIAN CLEARWATER FOREST

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

TO REGISTER VISIT

CLEARWATERFOREST.ORG/CLEARWATER-CHRYSLIS

OR CLICK THIS AD IF VIEWING ONLINE

CONTACT 218-678-2325

Save The Date!

25th Annual
Y.E.S. 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)

• 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 - 3rd Thur

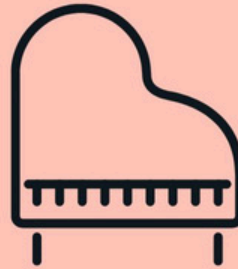
Marge Thurston - 4th Thur

use your directory
or call the office.



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**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



Happy Birthday Valley Family!



Bonnie Goslinga
Bill Holman
Alexander Malinowski
Kristin Oney
Joan Chenoweth
Katie Hestness
Connie Freeman
Pat Hoehn
Diane (Stueven) Knox
Warren Linc
Egbe Nti
Anna Parks
Donna Hewitt
Carolyn Kaehr
John Zieska
Dawn Hill
Craig Gottschalk
Valerie Robinson
Evan Smith
Scot Michael
Jay Tracy
Todd Decker

Connor Craven
Juanita Loubert
Sharon Olson
Karen Gillett
Veronica Freeberg
Bennett Goiffon
Sarah Fadell
Beverly Collins
Doug Malecha
Don Roach
Sam Rudeen
David Dechaine
Anna Zieska
Richard Gibson
Diane Morningstar
Judy Rathje
John Nyongkah
Colston Rude
Charles Kovacovich



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.



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