



Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, February 23, 2025

GATHERING US IN

PRELUDE

Opening Voluntary - James Beckel
Great is Thy Faithfulness - Dan Miller

Jane Nienaber, organ

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

GATHERING MUSIC

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us
Dale Wood

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Remember the story of our faith.

All: We are the people God has delivered.

One: Rejoice in the hope of our faith.

All: God goes with us, step by step.

One: Cling to the promise of our faith.

All: Our God will not abandon us.

† Hymn #39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. (Refrain)

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! (Refrain)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God Most High, thank you for revealing to us signs of your power and grace, shown to us when we find ourselves wandering in the wilderness. We confess that at times our faith wavers and we may even doubt your presence in our lives. Give us courage to stand firm in your Word during times of trial and uncertainty. May we enter the land of your freedom and receive the salvation you so generously give; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 #435

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

Northern Lights
Margaret Tucker

Valley Handbells
Beth Carlson, flute

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16; Romans 10:8-13

SERMON

Finding Faith in Uncertainty

Sheila Sheldon, CRE

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† Hymn #43

You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in his shadow for life,
say to the Lord, "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"

Refrain:

And he will raise you up on eagles' wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
and famine will bring you no fear:
under his wings, your refuge, his faithfulness your shield. (Refrain)

You need not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day;
though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come. (Refrain)

For to his angels he's given a command to guard you in all of your ways;
upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you dash your foot against a stone. (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.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

PRISM: Minnesota FoodShare

Sara Perry

OFFERTORY

Basse et Dessus de Trompette
L.N. Clérambault

Jane Nienaber

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Generous God, creator, redeemer, sustainer, may these gifts that we give this morning be a symbol of the work you have given us to do; use it, use us, in the service of your world to the glory of your name. Amen

SENDING US OUT

† Hymn #318

In Christ There Is No East or West

In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.

In Christ shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord close-binding humankind.

Join hands, disciples of the faith, whate'er your race may be.
All children of the living God are surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet south and north.
All Christly souls are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Allegro Maesoso (Sonata II)
Felix Mendelssohn

Jane Nienaber

The Worship Has Ended. The Service Begins.

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• **Chancel Flowers** •
• Sunday, February 23 •
• Sponsored by Sheila Sheldon •
• Gratitude for our Valley family, for all the love you have •
• shown to us as my brother waits for his heart. •
• Sign up for Chancel flowers in Fellowship Hall! •
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† Please rise in body or spirit.

Joys and Concerns

Continued prayers for **Phillip Robinson** who is waiting in the ICU at the U of M hospital for a heart transplant. Please keep his wife **Amy** and their three children, **Rowan, Claire** and **Annabelle** in your prayers as well. To visit his Caring Bridge go to:

<https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/philliprobinson>

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. 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** as he works with his care team to keep him healthy. 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 23

Clearwater Chrysalis Women's Retreat

9:30 am Worship Service

10:30 am Fellowship Hour

3:00-4:00 pm Confirmation Class

4:00 pm Youth & TEAMS Group

Monday, February 24

7:00 pm 12-Step Meeting

Tuesday, February 25

1:00 pm Bible Fellowship

6:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, February 26

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 27

10:00 am Meals on Wheels

5:30 pm 12-Step Unity

6:00 pm City of Golden Valley

Friday, February 28

Clearwater Couple's Retreat

2/21-3/2

Saturday, March 1

Sunday, March 2

Adult Ed Spring Semester Begins

9:30 am Worship Service

10:30 am Fellowship Hour

2:00 pm Confirmation

4:00 pm Youth & TEAMS Group

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

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All 381 members of this congregation.

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Rev. Nancy Phillips

Rev. Rebecca Tollefson

SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

February 9 : 231 (108 in-person)

February 16 : 197 (118 in-person)



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Adult Education | March 2 | 11:00 AM

FAITH IN ACTION
REV. JIM COCHRANE

Join Valley's Transitional Pastor, Rev. Jim Cochrane, for the kick-off of the Spring Adult Ed session. Through proposed changes to the Book of Order, we will discuss the role our faith plays in how we interact with the world.

Hosted in The Cornerstone Room

Ash Wednesday 2025

JOIN US FOR
ASH WEDNESDAY
MARCH 5 | 7:00 PM

*Service will be available in-person
and live-streamed.*

**A worship service with communion
and marking of the ashes.**



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WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

MARCH 12 - APRIL 9

6:00-7:15 PM

Join us in-person or virtually for our Wednesdays in Lent Fellowship time.

Join us for Wednesdays in Lent! We will enjoy a potluck meal together, followed by a short worship service and time for fellowship and discussion.



Valley Community



• DRIVERS NEEDED •

Meals on Wheels

3RD & 4TH THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

• FEB 20 & 27 •

ROUTES INCLUDE:

Crystal
New Hope
Robbinsdale
Golden Valley



CONTACTS:

Gail Smith - 3rd Thur
Marge Thurston - 4th Thur
use your directory
or call the office.



Valley Community

Tickets On Sale Now!

Youth Education Scholarship Tea

**Saturday, March 22
2 pm**

Adults \$35

Kids (10 & under) \$20

Purchase tickets in Fellowship Hall or contact Sheila by email
Sheila.Sheldon@valleychurch.net or call her at 763-588-0831

Easter Flowers

Order by March 24 | Fellowship Hall

Easter Lily (white) \$12 each
Asiatic Lily (pink) \$12 each
Azalea (bicolor) \$25 each
Tulip \$12 each
(purple, pink, yellow)
Mum (yellow) \$12 each



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.

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

**Fridays in
the Valley
Presents:**



Boom Island String Quartet

Friday, March 14, 2025 | 7:00 PM

FREE-WILL OFFERINGS BENEFIT
MINNESOTA FOODSHARE

 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

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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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