

# Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, March 2, 2025

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# GATHERING US IN

## PRELUDE

*Sheep May Safely Graze*  
J. S. Bach, Transcribed by Mary Howe

Rachel Williams, piano  
Sue Ruby, piano

## LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

## GATHERING MUSIC

*Meditation*  
Frank Bridge

Rachel Williams, cello  
Sue Ruby, piano

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*One: Wherever we come from, whoever we are,*

**All: Come, let us worship the God of all.**

*One: With hearts that are broken or full of joy,*

**All: Come, let us worship the God of all.**

*One: Whether we have doubts, fears, or faults,*

**All: Come, let us worship the God of all.**

*One: Truly God is with us. Let us worship God.*

## † Hymn #66

### ***Every Time I Feel the Spirit***

#### **Refrain:**

Every time I feel the Spirit  
moving in my heart I will pray.  
Yes, every time I feel the Spirit  
moving in my heart I will pray.

Upon the mountain, when my Lord spoke,  
out of God's mouth came fire and smoke.  
Looked all around me, it looked so fine,  
till I asked my Lord if all was mine. (Refrain)

Jordan River, chilly and cold,  
it chills the body but not the soul.  
There is but one train upon this track.  
It runs to heaven and then right back. (Refrain)

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, our rock and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors, and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In your great mercy, forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; 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 #288

### *Spirit of the Living God*

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

## HEARING THE WORD

### TIME WITH YOUNG WORSHIPPERS

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

### SPECIAL MUSIC

*Welcome Table*  
Arr. by Mark Hayes

Valley Choir

### SCRIPTURE READING

*Luke 9:28-36*

### SERMON

*See the Change!*

Rev. Jim Cochrane

# RESPONDING TO THE WORD

## † Hymn #193

### **Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain** (verses 1,2,3,5)

Jesus, take us to the mountain, where, with Peter, James, and John,  
we are dazzled by your glory, light as blinding as the sun.  
There prepare us for the night by the vision of that sight.

What do you want us to see there, that your close companions saw?  
Your divinity revealed there fills us with the selfsame awe.  
Clothed in flesh like ours you go, matched to meet our deadliest foe.

What do you want us to hear there, that your dear disciples heard?  
Once again the voice from heaven says of the Incarnate Word,  
"Listen, listen, everyone: this is my beloved Son."

We who have beheld your glory, risen and ascended Lord,  
cannot help but tell the story, all that we have seen and heard;  
say with Peter, James, and John: "You are God's beloved Son!"

## MINUTE FOR MISSION

*Lent in the Valley 2025*

Jan Fedora

# 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

*To Spring*

Op. 43, No. 6 by Edvard Grieg

Rachel Williams, cello

Sue Ruby, piano

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Gracious God, we hear your Word and eat at your table and receive abundant life. We pray to recognize that you are the source of all that is good. We take this brief moment to worship and return our thanks to you and to this beloved community. May you transform us into instruments of your peace and use us to make your peace, justice, and love known to all people. We pray this in Christ's name. Amen.

# SENDING US OUT

## † Hymn #192 *Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining (Shine, Jesus, Shine)*

Lord, the light of your love is shining,  
in the midst of the darkness, shining;  
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us;  
set us free by the truth you now bring us.  
Shine on me; shine on me.

### Refrain

Shine, Jesus, shine; fill this land with the Father's glory.  
Blaze, Spirit, blaze; set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river, flow; flood the nations with grace and mercy.  
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

Lord, I come to your awesome presence,  
from the shadows into your radiance;  
by the blood I may enter your brightness.  
Search me; try me; consume all my darkness.  
Shine on me; shine on me. (Refrain)

As we gaze on your kingly brightness,  
so our faces display your likeness;  
ever changing from glory to glory,  
mirrored here may our lives tell your story.  
Shine on me; shine on me. (Refrain)

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

*Glorious Things Of Thee Are Spoken*  
F. J. Haydn, Arr. by John Kraus

Rachel Williams, piano  
Sue Ruby, piano

### Chancel Flowers

Sunday, March 2

Sponsored by Rachel Skulstad Hole  
*Remembering Brian's brother, Tyler John Hole,*  
*who would have been 36 on March 3rd.*

*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 **Gerry Kramer** who underwent open heart surgery on Tuesday 2/25. His surgery was a successful and he has now begun recovering.

Prayers for **Gwyn Lang** who is in Stevens Point, WI with her mom who has recently recovered from pneumonia. They have now begun hospice care at home.

**Peggy Meyer** asks us to pray for **Jan Olfe**, a member of the garden group, who was recently diagnosed with Stage 4 breast cancer.

Prayers for **Jeff Lund** who is home and will be moved to hospice care this week.

Continued prayers for **Phillip Robinson** who is awaiting a heart transplant. He will remain in the ICU at the U of M hospital until a heart becomes available. 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](mailto:chelsie.larsen@valleychurch.net) to set up withdrawals directly from your account. You can always adjust the amount.

# This Week at Valley

## Sunday, March 2

### Couple's Retreat

9:30 am Worship Service

10:30 am Fellowship Hour

11:00 am Adult Ed

2:00 pm Confirmation Class

4:00 pm TEAMS & Youth Group

## Monday, March 3

11:30 am Lunch Bunch

7:00 pm 12-Step Meeting

## Tuesday, March 4

1:00 pm Bible Fellowship

6:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

## Wednesday, March 5

### Ash Wednesday

7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service

## Thursday, March 6

5:30 pm 12 Step Unity

## Friday, March 7

2:00 pm Richard Davison Memorial Service

## Saturday, March 8

## Sunday, March 9

9:30 am Worship Service

10:30 am Fellowship Hour

11:00 am Adult Ed

11:00 am Deacon Meeting- Library

2:00 pm Confirmation Class

4:00 pm TEAMS & Youth 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

## Ministers

All 381 members of this congregation.

## Transitional Pastor

## Head of Staff

Rev. Jim Cochrane

## 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

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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

February 16: 197 (118 in-person)

February 23: 227 (109 in-person)



# 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.

**DINNER BEGINS: 6:00 PM**  
**PROGRAM BEGINS: 6:45 PM**

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.

**Members are encouraged to bring  
sides and desserts!**  
Last names A-L Dessert | M-Z Side dish



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# 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





# PACK THE PEWS FOR PRISM

The Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches (GMCC) has announced its 43rd March Campaign in partnership with Minnesota FoodShare.

That means it's time to **PACK THE PEWS, VALLEY!**

Donation deadline: **MARCH 26**

## SUGGESTED WEEKLY SHOPPING CATEGORIES

### WEEK 1 (March 1-5)

#### CANNED GOODS

canned fruits,  
vegetables,  
meats/fish, soups

### WEEK 2 (March 6-12)

#### BAKING

flour, sugar, baking  
soda, oils, boxed  
cake/bread mixes

### WEEK 3 (March 13-19)

#### PANTRY STAPLES

rice, pasta, sauces,  
cereal, boxed dinners,  
mac n' cheese

### WEEK 4 (March 20-26)

#### LUNCHBOX

nut butters, jelly, fruit  
snacks, granola bars,  
juice boxes,  
raisins/dried fruit, nuts

\*Shopping categories are meant to be helpful. Needless to say, any and all donations are needed and will be accepted at any time!



**Fridays in  
the Valley  
Presents:**



## Boom Island String Quartet

**Friday, March 14, 2025 | 7:00 PM**

FREE-WILL OFFERINGS BENEFIT  
**MINNESOTA FOODSHARE**

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Adult Education | March 9 | 11:00 AM  
WEST METRO WATER ALLIANCE & HENNEPIN COUNTY  
WITH RACHEL DUNLAP,  
MN POLLUTION CONTROL AGENCY (MPCA) GREENCORPS MEMBER

A partnership that is engaged in local efforts to protect water bringing information to communities. Reducing your use of deicing salts will help you keep your community members safe, save money, protect your landscaping, sidewalks and buildings, care for creation, and be a good steward of water.

**Hosted in The Cornerstone Room**



*23rd Annual  
Y.E.S. Tea*

Saturday  
March 22  
2:00-4:00 pm

**TABLE HOSTS NEEDED!!**

**All seats are currently filled!**

If you have ever considered hosting a table - what is stopping you?  
Reach out to Mariah to get more information. If we can add 1-2  
more tables, that will open up more seats!



# Happy Birthday Valley Family!



Juliana Vogel 3/1	Riley Brooker 3/18
Randee Melander 3/2	Lizzy Van Heest 3/18
Alvian Bi 3/3	Roberta (Bobbie) Watson 3/18
Roger Graphenteen 3/3	Gabriella Macias 3/19
Gary Malinowski 3/3	Cooper Graham 3/22
Marge Thurston 3/3	Chris Marshall 3/22
Katya Miakotina 3/5	Jennie Minter 3/23
Barbara Wasmoen 3/5	Julie Westerlund 3/23
Joe Sacco 3/6	James Robles 3/24
Soma Datta 3/7	Mark Toering 3/24
Karen Harms 3/7	Janet Carlson 3/25
Art LaPoint 3/7	Joanne Jenson 3/25
John Gonsior 3/8	Neil Jurgensen 3/25
Kyle Soens 3/8	Rev. Rebecca Tollefson 3/25
Abby Malecha 3/9	Kate Toering-Peters 3/26
Grace Perry 3/9	Jim Falbo 3/28
Mikey Vogel 3/9	Eleanor Johannsen 3/28
Alex Malecha 3/10	Gwyn Lang 3/28
Helen Dechaine 3/11	Atemafac Nti 3/28
Syndy Nyongkah 3/11	Nick Rude 3/28
Leah Zywicki 3/12	Jan Fedora 3/29
Judith McKay 3/13	Emily Gillett 3/29
Diane Schmidt 3/13	Neiko Griffin 3/29
Nikolas Fields 3/15	Chelsea Gusek 3/29
Gabriel Gottschalk 3/15	Brian Boyd 3/30
Rev. Kate O'Brien Soltau 3/15	Gerald Phelan 3/30
Abigail Toering-Peters 3/16	Tyler Priem 3/30
Jim Payne 3/17	Kendyl Graham 3/31



# 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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