

Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, February 9, 2025

GATHERING US IN

PRELUDE

He Leadeth Me
William B Bradbury, Arr. by Tracey Phillips Cooper

Rachel Williams, piano

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

GATHERING MUSIC

I am a Pilgrim
Folk Song

Matt Weiss, vocals/guitar

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: O Come let us sing to the Lord,

All: We will shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!

One: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving,

All: And we will sing joyful songs of praise!

One: Let us worship God.

† Hymn #336

We Gather Together

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
he chastens and hastens his will to make known;
the wicked oppressing now cease from distressing.
Sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.

Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine;
so from the beginning the fight we were winning;
thou, Lord, wast at our side; all glory be thine!

We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant,
and pray that thou still our defender wilt be.

Let thy congregation escape tribulation;
thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sheila Sheldon, CRE

Merciful God, we confess we have not loved you with our whole heart. We are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas, and the fears and jealousies we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. Have mercy on us. Heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your love in Jesus Christ. 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.

† Please rise in body or spirit.

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

Sweet By and By
Joseph Philbrick Webster

Matt Weiss

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 5:1-11

SERMON

Putting Ourselves Out There

Rev. Jim Cochrane

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† Hymn #721

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore (verses 1, 3, 4)

Lord, you have come to the lakeshore
looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones;
you only asked me to follow humbly.

Refrain

O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me,
and while smiling have spoken my name;
now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me.
By your side I will seek other seas.

You need my hands, full of caring,
through my labors to give others rest
and constant love that keeps on loving. (Refrain)

You, who have fished other oceans,
ever longed for by souls who are waiting,
my loving friend, as thus you call me: (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

How Deep the Father's Love for Us
Stuart Townsend, Arr. by James Koerts

Rachel Williams

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy God, you are the source of all love, power and justice. Our world is broken and in need of your light. Take these offerings and multiply them so they may bless others. Bless those who give and those who receive, that they may know you better. Amen.

SENDING US OUT

† Hymn #726

Will You Come and Follow Me (verses 1,2,3,5)

“Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don’t know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?”

“Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?”

“Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?”

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I’ll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I’ll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Do Lord
Traditional Spiritual

Matt Weiss

The Worship Has Ended. The Service Begins.



Chancel Flowers
 Sunday, February 9
 Sponsored by Peggy Neibling
 In honor of Jim & Diane Cook.
 Sign up for Chancel flowers in Fellowship Hall.

Joys and Concerns

Mark & Connie Freeman would like to thank their Valley family for their prayers and love following the passing of Connie's sister, **Pam**.

Prayers for the **Larsens'** grandma, **Deb**, who is now home after completing two weeks of radiation as she continues her treatment for breast cancer. Also, prayers for **Chelsie Larsen's** grandma, **Betty**, whose Alzheimer's is progressing rapidly.

Scott & Valerie Robinson & Sheila ask for prayers for their son/brother, **Phillip Robinson** who has genetic heart disease and is in heart failure, needing 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 to set up withdrawals directly from your account. You can always adjust the amount.

This Week at Valley

Sunday, February 9

Youth Cookie Sale

9:30 am Worship Service

10:30 am Fellowship Hour

Monday, February 10

7:00 pm 12-Step Meeting

Tuesday, February 11

1:00 pm Bible Fellowship

6:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

6:30 pm Mission Possible- Library

Wednesday, February 12

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 13

10:00 am Bible Study

5:30 pm 12-Step Unity

Friday, February 14

7:00 pm *Fridays in the Valley*

Saturday, February 15

Sunday, February 16

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!

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All 381 members of this congregation.

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SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

January 26 : 223 (126 in-person)

February 2 : 214 (98 in-person)



Clearwater Chrysalis Women's Retreat

FEBRUARY 21-23, 2025

PRESBYTERIAN CLEARWATER FOREST

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

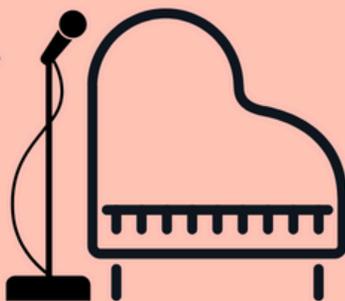
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CONTACT 218-678-2325

**Fridays in
the Valley
Presents:**



Love.
Love!
Love?

Lauren Senden, soprano

Mindy Eschedor, piano

Friday, February 14, 2025 | 7:00 PM

FREE-WILL OFFERINGS BENEFIT
CEAP MEALS ON WHEELS



Valley Community

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

2025 CONFIRMATION CLASS GRADES 9 & 10

BEGINS FEBRUARY 23, 2025

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

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)

**Fridays in
the Valley
Presents:**



**Boom Island
String Quartet**

Friday, March 14, 2025 | 7:00 PM

FREE-WILL OFFERINGS BENEFIT
MINNESOTA FOODSHARE

 Valley Community

Ash Wednesday 2024

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.**

 Valley Community

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





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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