

Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, May 25, 2025

GATHERING US IN

PRELUDE *Two Preludes on Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty* Jane Nienaber, organ
Arr. Neil Harman, Paul Manz

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

GATHERING MUSIC *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*
Wayne Wold

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy;

All: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

One: You judge the people with equity and guide the entirety of the earth;

All: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

One: God, our God has blessed us;

All: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

One: Let us worship God.

† Hymn #403

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

Open now thy gates of beauty, Zion, let me enter there,
where my soul in joyful duty waits for God who answers prayer;
O how blessed is this place, filled with solace, light, and grace.

Gracious God, I come before thee; come thou also unto me;
where we find thee and adore thee, there a heaven on earth must be;
to my heart O enter thou; let it be thy temple now.

Speak, O Lord, and I will hear thee; let thy will be done indeed;
may I undisturbed draw near thee, while thou dost thy people feed.
Here of life the fountain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sheila Sheldon, CRE

Lord, you know how easy it is for us to sit here, tethered to our darkness and fear. We get bound up by chains of mistrust. We dare not to hope, for so many times before we have been disappointed. So we sit here and wonder where you are. We are not unlike the disciples who wondered also, who feared.

Lord, come to us in our darkness. Flood us with your powerful light of love and mercy. Help open our eyes to the good news of your eternal glory. Give to us visions of the place in which love and hope will reign. Forgive our stubborn resistance to your mercy and your love. We ask this in Jesus' name. 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.

God Is So Good (vs. 1)

God is so good; God is so good
God is so good; God's so good to me.

HEARING THE WORD

TIME WITH YOUNG WORSHIPPERS

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now
J.G. Walther

Jane Nienaber

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 16:9-15; Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

SERMON

Spread and Sprawl

Rev. Jim Cochrane

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† Hymn #375

Shall We Gather at the River

Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod,
with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?

Refrain:

Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

On the margin of the river, washing up its silver spray,
we will walk and worship ever, all the happy golden day. (Refrain)

Ere we reach the shining river, lay we every burden down;
grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown. (Refrain)

Soon we'll reach the shining river; soon our pilgrimage will cease;
soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace. (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

Vacation Bible Camp

Sheila Sheldon, CRE

OFFERTORY

Sarabande
G.F. Handel

Jane Nienaber

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of grace, you provide for us in amazing ways. May our offerings be blessed and multiplied by you, and used for the furthering of our ministry and mission in the world. Amen.

SENDING US OUT

† Hymn #12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might:
thy justice, like mountains high soaring above;
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small. In all life thou livest, the true life of all.
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.

Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light. Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Finale Jubilante
Healey Willan

Jane Nienaber

The Worship Has Ended. The Service Begins.

Chancel Flowers

Sunday, May 25

Sponsored by Marge & Chuck Thurston

In memory of our fathers, Elsworth L. Thurston & Stanley W. Christ

Sign up for Chancel flowers in Fellowship Hall!

Joys and Concerns

Continued prayers for **Valley Members** in their ongoing health journeys. Updates can be found here as they are made. To stay up-to-date be sure to follow their Caring Bridge profiles here:

Chelsea Gusek: <https://www.caringbridge.org/site/81a19644-2489-11f0-9b0d-15ed645a936d>

Taichi Chen: <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/taichichen>

Rick Carlson: <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/rickcarlson101>

Susie Potter: <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/susiepotter>

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

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, May 25

9:30 am Worship Service
10:30 am Fellowship Hour

Monday, May 26

Office is Closed

7:00 pm 12-Step Meeting

Tuesday, May 27

1:00 pm Bible Fellowship

Wednesday, May 28

Thursday, May 29

5:30 pm 12-Step Unity

Friday, May 30

Saturday, May 31

Sunday, June 1

9:30 am Worship Service
10:30 am Fellowship Hour

Monday, June 2

11:30 am Lunch Bunch @ 50's Grill

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

Communications Director

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

May 11 : 210 (110 in-person)
May 18 : 226 (116 in-person)



VALLEY COMMUNITY
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Closed

in observation of
Memorial Day

Monday 5/26

Valley Staff will be
back in the Office
on Tuesday 5/27

• 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.



Valley Community

WE'LL BE GETTING CRAFTY AT VBC... DO YOU HAVE ANY "BUILDING" MATERIALS?

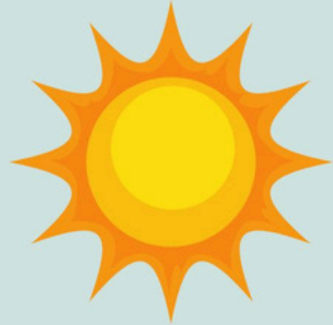


- plastic bottles of all sizes
- egg cartons
- toilet paper & paper towel rolls
- milk cartons (please rinse)
- packing/shipping materials
- cardboard boxes
- shoe boxes
- styrofoam

Bring your donations to church
and drop them in the wagon by
the info center downstairs

REGISTER NOW!

VBC 2025



JUNE 10-13
9 AM - 12 PM

**SCAN TO
REGISTER**



Valley Lunch Bunch

MONDAY, JUNE 2ND
11:30 AM

50^s
GRILL

First Monday of every month!



7th ANNUAL GOLDEN VALLEY PRIDE FESTIVAL!

SATURDAY, JUNE 7TH
12:00 - 6:00 PM
BROOKVIEW PARK

200 Brookview Pkwy N,
Golden Valley, MN 55426

The festival is family-friendly with music, food vendors, bounce houses, inflatable obstacle courses, games, and MORE!

Mark your calendars and come support this amazing event in our GV community.



PC(USA)

PENTECOST SPECIAL OFFERING



A significant portion of the Pentecost Offering supports educational and inspirational events for our youth on a national level.

Seeking to unify in service those who attend these events has the aim of making our church stronger at the earliest possible generation.

In addition, our gifts will reach a helping hand and heart to children at risk, who struggle just to survive and often make it because of a simple, "we can help."

May your giving be as generous as possible as you mark your contribution PENTECOST to be received June 8, 2025.

Remember to wear your RED!

ALL-CHURCH PICNIC & FITV CONCERT

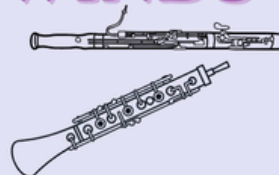
SUNDAY, JUNE 8 | 5:00 PM -8:00 PM

We're trying something new! Join the Fellowship Committee in celebrating the start of summer by attending the **Valley Church Picnic & FITV Concert!** This is a family friendly event & all are welcome. **Fellowship** will provide **hotdogs/brats** & **Education** will provide dessert, **you bring a side dish/salad to share.**

Please join us rain or shine to welcome the summer!



**DOLCE
WINDS**





Happy Birthday Valley Family!



Gregory Rom

Phil Romine

Crystal Boyd

Bob Tripet

Walt Hanson

Annette Nichols

William Dudley

Ana Freeberg

Jackie Goiffon

Earl Shenk

Shirley Toering

Brian Hassel

Susan Tracy

Lucas Kopischke

Elizabeth Brooker

Vivian Bi

Suzan Gibson

Len Biggs

Kevin Hagelin

Amy Matthews

Haley Brooker

Thomas Schuette

Lloyd Olson

Jan Sacco

Herb Nichols

Jennifer Soens

Dan Priem

Carolyn Anderson

Sandra McCarthy

Kiersten Rude

Lynn Thier

Mariah Gautsche

Lillian LaBelle

Alex Gillett

Ellis Mead



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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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