



# Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, August 3, 2025

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# GATHERING US IN

## PRELUDE

*All Good Gifts (from Godspell)*  
by S. Schwartz & M. Claudius

Donna Philippot  
piano, vocals

## LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

## GATHERING MUSIC

Day by Day (from Godspell)  
by S. Schwartz

## 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 #31

### **Let Us with a Gladsome Mind**

Janet Triplett, piano

Let us with a gladsome mind  
praise the Lord who is so kind:  
for God's mercies shall endure,  
ever faithful, ever sure.

God, with all-commanding might,  
filled the new-made world with light:  
for God's mercies shall endure,  
ever faithful, ever sure.

All things living God does feed;  
with full measure, meets their need:  
for God's mercies shall endure,  
ever faithful, ever sure.

Let us with a gladsome mind  
praise the Lord who is so kind:  
for God's mercies shall endure,  
ever faithful, ever sure.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, sometimes our lives have such little focus: we have so much to do, we possess so much stuff, and we're driven by the need for still more – and it easily controls us. We are sorry, Lord, for how distracted we've become and for losing our way without even realizing it. Forgive us and help us to know that you are the only one we need. Through Christ 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.

## SUNG RESPONSE #48

### *Rain Down*

Rain down; rain down; rain down your love on your people.  
Rain down; rain down; rain down your love, God of life.

## HEARING THE WORD

### TIME WITH YOUNG WORSHIPPERS

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

## SPECIAL MUSIC

Thankful  
by D. Foster & C. Bayer Sager

## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

### SCRIPTURE READING

*Psalm 107:1-9, 43; Luke 12:13-21*

## SERMON

*You Can't Take It With You*

Sheila Sheldon, CRE

# RESPONDING TO THE WORD

## † Hymn #44

### ***Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us***

Like a mother who has borne us,  
held us close in her delight,  
fed us freely from her body,  
God has called us into life.

Like a father who has taught us,  
grasped our hand and been our guide,  
lifted us and healed our sorrows,  
God has walked with us in life.

Though as children we have wandered,  
placed our trust in power and might,  
left behind our brothers, sisters,  
God still calls us into life.

When we offer food and comfort,  
grasp our neighbor's hand in love,  
tread the path of peace and justice,  
God still walks with us in life.

## MINUTE FOR MISSION

*Endowment Legacy Giving*

Brandon Novy

# 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

*Not Too Far From Here*  
by J. Kavanaugh & M. Heisler

## 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 #822

### ***When We Are Living***

vss. 1, 2, 4

When we are living, it is in Christ Jesus,  
and when we're dying, it is in the Lord.

Both in our living and in our dying,  
we belong to God; we belong to God.

Through all our living, we our fruits must give.

Good works of service are for offering.

When we are giving, or when receiving,  
we belong to God; we belong to God.

Across this wide world, we shall always find  
those who are crying with no peace of mind,  
but when we help them, or when we feed them,  
we belong to God; we belong to God.

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

*Wash My Eyes*  
by Greg Brown

**The Worship Has Ended. The Service Begins.**

### **Chancel Flowers**

Sunday, August 3

Sponsored by Ruth Wilterding  
*Remembering Rev. Aron Wilterding - one year in heaven  
and celebrating 84 years on earth.*

*"Keep your face to the sunshine and you cannot see the  
shadows. It's what the sunflowers do." ~ Helen Keller*

*Sign up for Chancel flowers in Fellowship Hall.*

# Joys and Concerns

Continued prayers for **Tom Magill**, who started his cancer medication and will meet with the oncologist August 8 to discuss radiation.

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:

**Taichi Chen:** Taichi's next scan is August 31st.  
<https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/taichichen>

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

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

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

## 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, August 3**

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

### **Monday, August 4**

11:30 am Lunch Bunch  
7:00 pm 12-Step Meeting

### **Tuesday, August 5**

### **Wednesday, August 6**

6:00 pm OA Group

### **Thursday, August 7**

5:30 pm 12-Step Unity

### **Friday, August 8**

### **Saturday, August 9**

2:30 Valley Golf Event at Brightwood Hills

### **Sunday, August 10**

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!

## **Valley Staff**

### **Ministers**

The entire Valley Community!

### **Transitional Pastor**

### **Head of Staff**

Rev. Jim Cochrane

### **Educational Ministries Director**

Sheila Sheldon, CRE

### **Summer Office Administrator**

Rachel Hole

### **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**

July 20: 200 (75 in-person)  
July 27: 189 (84 in-person)

# CALL FOR FOOD DONATIONS!

**FOOD  
DRIVE**

thank you for your donation



**This summer, confirmand Evan will be collecting food donations for the food shelf at PRISM!**

He has set a goal of 5-6 bags/week, and needs your help to reach his goal. Fill up an extra grocery bag with pantry staples next time you are at the grocery store and bring it with you to church.

## Back to School Drive 2025



It's Summertime.  
That means it's time to  
**STOCK UP ON SCHOOL SUPPLIES, VALLEY!**  
**Donation Deadline: AUGUST 4**

### SHOPPING LIST

**Backpacks (high quality)**

Crayola colored pencils

**Crayola markers**

Dry erase markers

Ticonderoga #2 pencils

**Kleenex**

Elmers glue sticks

**Disinfectant wipes**



# SUMMER GOLF EVENT

BRIGHTWOOD HILL GOLF COURSE OF NEW BRIGHTON

**Saturday, August 9, 2025**

**Tee Times start at 3:00 pm**

Golfers & Non-Golfers Welcome



## FELLOWSHIP & PIZZA

After golfing or just for dinner, join us for a slice at **Adagio's Pizza Factory**.  
2052 Silver Lake Rd., New Brighton

SPONSORED BY FAMILY MINISTRIES.

## TICKETS

**Adults \$20 | Kids 12 & under \$10**

A portion of each ticket supports the Y.E.S. Youth Education Scholarship Fund.



**SIGN-UP IN FELLOWSHIP HALL OR  
CONTACT THE VALLEY OFFICE TO SIGN-UP!**  
763-588-0831 OFFICE@VALLEYCHURCH.NET



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ELDERS FOR CLIMATE ACTION TWIN CITIES & THIRD ACT MINNESOTA PRESENT

## An Evening with Kate Knuth 2025 Minnesota Climate Action Framework - Updating Our State's Climate Plan



Monday, August 18, 2025

7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Valley Community Presbyterian Church

Kate Knuth, Climate Director, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency  
Join us for Kate's presentation, Q&A, dessert & mingling!

Kate serves as the Climate Director for the MPCA. With a deep commitment to addressing climate change, she leverages her extensive background in public service, academic research, and community engagement to this role.

To learn more and register visit <https://tinyurl.com/3ceckahx>

# Fall Festival

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4  
5:00 - 8:00 PM

\$15 ADULT, \$10 KIDS  
(EARLYBIRD DISCOUNT:  
\$13 ADULT/\$8 KIDS  
ENDS 9/1)



Tacos &  
Trivia  
FALL FESTIVAL 2025

**Get your tickets now!** Scan the QR code or visit  
<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/2025-vcpc-fall-festival>

## SUMMER 2025

Echo Service  
Sunday, August 31st  
@ 9:30 AM





# Happy Birthday Valley Family!



Michael Deef  
Larry Matthews  
Sofie Vogel  
Jack Westerlund  
Richard Marshall  
Rev. Bill Davnie  
Donald Carlson  
Dawn Williams  
Ruth Wilterding  
Luke Priem  
Jessica Goslinga  
Jack Larsen  
Sean Linc  
Miles Rudeen  
Douglas Smith  
John Gove  
Bennett Gonsior

Finbarr McCarthy  
Jennifer Brant  
Kelsie Hagelin  
James Husnik  
Jay Perry  
Maddie Pukite  
Melissa Gottschalk  
Mark Musta  
Rev. Jim Cook  
Mary Anderson  
Alexander Dunham  
Ben Brooker  
Mildred Davison  
Sharon Decker  
Arlene Freeberg  
Carole Martens



# 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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