



Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, August 3, 2025

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

Ben Kummer

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
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!

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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

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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