



Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, August 31, 2025

GATHERING US IN

PRELUDE

Humble and Kind
by Lori McKenna, Arr. Lorie Line

Rachel Williams, piano

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

GATHERING MUSIC

Come Jesus Come
CeCe Winans

CALL TO WORSHIP

Valley Kids

One: Jesus had many things to say about neighbors. He said:

All: Love God and Love your Neighbor

One: Jesus taught us to take care of our neighbors,

All: Love God and Love your Neighbor

One: We can show we love them by inviting everyone to our tables and listening to their needs.

All: Love God and Love your Neighbor

One: Jesus wants us to follow what he said, we will remember Jesus' words

All: Love God and Love your Neighbor

One: Let us worship God!

† Hymn #188

Jesus Loves Me

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong. They are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long ago,
taking children on his knee, saying, "Let them come to me."
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Valley Youth

Merciful God, we confess that our words and actions do not always line up. We are quick to confess our faith, but slow to live it. We sing praise to your name, but we pass by orphans and widows on the other side of the street. Change us, O God. By your grace, transform us. Root out the selfishness that hardens our hearts, and replace it with compassion and generosity. Empower us by your Spirit that we might be doers of your word and not hearers only. All this we pray in the name of Jesus the 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.

HEARING THE WORD

TIME WITH YOUNG WORSHIPPERS

There Are Many Ways to Say I Love You

VBC ECHO

Congregational Blessing:

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

We Are Valley
Charlie Rudeen

The Rudeen Family Singers

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 10:25-37

SUMMER REFLECTIONS

On Being in Community

Sheila Sheldon, CRE
and Valley Youth

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† Hymn #372

O For A World

O for a world where everyone respects each other's ways,
where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.

O for a world where goods are shared and misery relieved,
where truth is spoken, children spared, equality achieved.

We welcome one world family and struggle with each choice
that opens us to unity and gives our vision voice.

The poor are rich; the weak are strong; the foolish ones are wise.
Tell all who mourn: outcasts belong, who perishes will rise.

O for a world preparing for God's glorious reign of peace,
where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

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

Rest as Resistance

OFFERTORY

Then Your Heart is Full of Love

Fred Rogers

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Valley Youth

Loving God, from whom comes everything that is good, we give you thanks for the many blessings in our lives: for the wonderous work of your creation, the gift of your Spirit, and the saving mystery of faith. Help us share these tithes and offerings with others, so that they may serve your mission in the world, and to tell the Good News day to day. We dedicate these offerings now through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SENDING US OUT

† Hymn #300

We Are One in the Spirit

We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;
we are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord,
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:

Refrain:

And they'll know we are Christians by our love,
by our love; yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand;
we will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand,
and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land: (Refrain)

We will work with each other; we will work side by side;
we will work with each other; we will work side by side,
and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride: (Refrain)

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one: (Refrain)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

It's Such a Good Feeling

Fred Rogers

The Worship Has Ended. The Service Begins.

Chancel Flowers

Sunday, August 31

Sponsored by Carole Martens

In Honor of all Martens Family Birthdays

Sign up for Chancel flowers in Fellowship Hall!

† Please rise in body or spirit.

Joys and Concerns

Prayers for the family of Valley member, **Jeff Lund** who passed away peacefully on Tuesday, August 26th. A celebration of life service for Jeff will be held here at Valley on **Thursday, September 4th at 11:00 AM** with a lunch to follow in Fellowship Hall. Visitation will be Wednesday, September 3rd from 4:00-7:00 PM at the church and one hour prior to the service. We especially lift up his mother, Madeline Lund, brother Jeremy Lund and sisters Jennie Minter and Jodi Lund, and the entire Lund family as they grieve the loss of their beloved Jeff.

Prayers for Valley member **Mary Anderson**, who lost her husband, **Don Anderson**, earlier this month.

Prayers for **Sue Ruby's** father who is in the ICU with kidney failure.

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: <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 31

9:30 am Worship - Echo Service

10:30 am Fellowship Hour

Monday, September 1

Office Closed - Labor Day

7:00 pm 12-Step Meeting

Tuesday, September 2

Wednesday, September 3

6:00 PM OA Group

Thursday, September 4

5:30 pm 12-Step Unity

Friday, September 5

Saturday, September 6

Sunday, September 7

Homecoming Sunday

9:30 am Worship

10:30 am Fellowship Hour & Bake Sale!

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

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Rachel Williams

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Sunshine Room Leader

Natalie Peña-Gallegos

Custodian

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Rev. Bill Davnie

Rev. Kate O'Brien Soltau

Rev. David Phillips

Rev. Nancy Phillips

Rev. Rebecca Tollefson

SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

August 17: 200 (95 in-person)

August 24 : 196 (93 in-person)

Homecoming Sunday

SUNDAY,
SEPTEMBER 7, 2025
9:30 AM



**WELCOME
BACK**
**We're glad
you're here!**

CONFIRMANDS ROSE & SYNDY ARE PLANNING A

BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER!

☼ All proceeds will go to Liberty Community Church ☼

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2025
HOMECOMING SUNDAY
10:30 AM {AFTER WORSHIP}

Confirmation candidates Rose & Syndy, along with their mentors, are planning a Bake Sale for their Confirmation Project. **If you would like to donate some goodies to be included in the Bake Sale, please contact Katie Decker or Susie Potter!**



**Light the
Way Home**



Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative Light the Way Home fundraising event

Join Beacon as part of a community of support to give generously, introduce newcomers to supportive housing, and advance our vision that all people have a home.

**Tuesday, September 9, 2025
Noon – 1 p.m.**

**Heritage Center of Brooklyn Center
6155 Earle Brown Drive
Brooklyn Center, MN 55430**



Sign up in the Fellowship Hall or call the Valley Office | Contact Carolyn Anderson with questions

**Fridays in
the Valley
Presents:**

incidental trio



**Steve Staruch - viola
Karen Hansen - clarinet
Sue Ruby - piano**



Friday, September 12, 2025 | 7:00 PM

**FREE-WILL OFFERINGS BENEFIT
LOCAL COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS**



Valley Community



TEAMS



**VALLEY
YOUTH**

TEAMS/YOUTH GROUP Grades 4-12

Open House

Sunday, September 14

5:30 - 7:00 PM

NEW!
START TIME

- Register at the event, meet your leaders and stay for dinner. Prospective Volunteers and Families are welcome to join us!
- TEAMS Program is for kids entering 4/5 grades
- Youth Group- middle school 6-9 and senior high 10-12

VALLEY MEN'S RETREAT 2025

**Clearwater Forest
Camp & Retreat Center**

September 26-28

Join other Valley men for a weekend away at the beautiful Clearwater Forest Camp & Retreat Center. Participants will enjoy fellowship and activities. There will also be time to explore topics related to the Presbyterian faith and spirituality through study and discussion.

Sign-Up in Fellowship Hall

-or-

Contact the Church Office



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/ticketing/2025-vcpc-fall-festival>

THANK YOU!

**To all those in the Valley community who gave of their time,
talents & treasures this month to make sure Valley Fellowship
Hour on Sunday mornings was caffeinated and extra delicious!**

COFFEE HOSTS

- Sam Schellhaas
- Jon Schellhaas
- Ann Roach
- Ray Anderson
- Roger Michael
- Rev. David Phillips
- Rev. Nancy Phillips
- Jackie Golfon
- Mary Wilkens

BAKERS & TREAT-BRINGERS

- Karen Harms
- Peggy Meyer
- Ruth Wilterding
- Jeanine and Katya
Miakotina





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

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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