



# Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, September 21, 2025

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Confirmation Sunday

# GATHERING US IN

## PRELUDE

"Sarabande" from *Cello Suite No. 4 in E flat Major*  
by J.S. Bach

Rachel Williams, piano  
Matthew Dosland, cello

## LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

## GATHERING MUSIC

"Arioso"  
by J.S. Bach

## CALL TO WORSHIP

One: *The world belongs to God;*

**All: *The earth and all that is in it.***

One: *If Christ's disciples were silent, these stones would shout aloud.*

**All: *Open our lips, O God, and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.***

One: *Let us worship God!*

## † Hymn #664

### ***Morning Has Broken***

Morning has broken like the first morning;  
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,  
like the first dewfall on the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,  
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning,  
born of the one light Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation; praise every morning,  
God's re-creation of the new day!

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you show us the richness of a life following you, but we confess that we settle for shallow faith. We go through motions of worship, but our hearts are far from you. We recite prayers with distracted minds and sing hymns without conviction. We hear your Word but do not act. Forgive us, O God. Break through our apathy with your living Spirit. Draw us deeper into your love and to more faithful obedience. Let your Word dwell in us, that we might live as your disciples in thought, word, and deed. 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.

What have I to dread, what have I to fear,  
    leaning on the everlasting arms?  
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,  
    leaning on the everlasting arms.

**Refrain:**

Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;  
leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

**HEARING THE WORD****CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2025 SLIDESHOW**

*"Mouv de Menuet" from Sonatine*  
by Maurice Ravel

**PRESENTATION OF CONFIRMANDS CLASS OF 2025**

Connor Gottschalk, Betsy Malecha, Evan Miller, Syndy Nyongkah,  
Rose Poné, Samuel Sheldon, John Toering, and Justin Toering

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH***The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

**TIME WITH YOUNG WORSHIPPERS****Congregational Blessing:**

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

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION****SCRIPTURE READING**

1 Kings 17:17-24; Acts 20:7-12

**SERMON**

*Raising Eutychus*

Rev. Jim Cochrane

# RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† Hymn #69

## *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky*

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

### **Refrain:**

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? **(Refrain)**

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? **(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

*Confirmation, Not Conformation*

## OFFERTORY

*"Let There Be Peace on Earth"*  
by Bill Jackson & Sy Miller, Arr. by William Stickles

Valley Choir

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, all good things come from you and to you they return. Bless these offerings that we make, that they might do your work in the world. Amen.

# SENDING US OUT

† Hymn #700

## ***I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me***

I'm gonna live so God can use me, anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna live so God can use me, anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna work so God can use me, anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna work so God can use me, anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna pray so God can use me, anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna pray so God can use me, anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna sing so God can use me, anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna sing so God can use me, anywhere, Lord, anytime!

## **BENEDICTION**

## **POSTLUDE**

*"Sarabande" from Cello Suite No. 3 in C Major*  
by J.S. Bach

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

### **Chancel Flowers**

Sunday, September 21

Sponsored by Karens Harms

*Thankful for Valley!*

Sign up for Chancel flowers in Fellowship Hall!

# Joys and Concerns

A joy from **Nina** and **Kirk Bonner**. Nina had a successful C-section delivery on Friday, September 19 and both Nina and baby Liam are doing well. Prayers for continued good health for all.

We give thanks for **Len Biggs'** continued health and for Valley members and medical professionals who care for us in our times of need.

Continued prayers for **Valley Members** in their ongoing health journeys. Updates can be found here as they are made. For those who have them, stay up-to-date by following their Caring Bridge profiles here:

**Tom Magill** who continues daily radiation treatments.

**Karen Harms** who has lung cancer and awaiting a treatment plan.

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

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

**Chelsea Gusek:** SHE DID IT!!! The PET scan came back clear!

<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, September 21**

**Confirmation Sunday**

9:30 am Worship

10:30 am Fellowship Hour

11:00 am Adult Education

**Monday, September 22**

7:00 pm 12-Step Meeting

**Tuesday, September 23**

1:00 pm Bible Fellowship

6:30 pm Bell Choir Practice

**Wednesday, September 24**

6:00 pm Joy of Recovery OA Group

**Thursday, September 25**

10:00 am Meals on Wheels

5:30 pm 12-Step Unity

6:30 pm Fellowship Meeting

**Friday, September 26**

Men's Retreat - through Sunday

**Saturday, September 27**

10:00 am-2:00 pm Valley Craft and Connect

**Sunday, September 28**

9:30 am Worship

10:30 am Fellowship Hour

11:00 am Adult Education

**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**

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**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**

September 7: 225 (108 in-person)

September 14: 238 (126 in-person)





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Adult Education | September 21 | 11:00 AM

## PROJECT FOR PRIDE IN LIVING (PPL)

EMILY TERRELL, DIRECTOR OF YOUTH EMPLOYMENT STRATEGIES

Project for Pride in Living (PPL) builds the hope, assets, and self-reliance of individuals and families who have lower incomes by providing transformative affordable housing and career readiness services. Emily Terrell, PPL's Director of Youth Employment Strategies, will speak about their successful work with youth who come from challenged environments through the LEAP (Learn, Earn, Achieve, Potential) initiative. She will have some fascinating stories to share!

**Hosted in The Cornerstone Room**

## 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



• DRIVERS NEEDED •

# Meals on Wheels

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

• SEPTEMBER 25 •

## ROUTES INCLUDE:

Crystal  
New Hope  
Robbinsdale  
Golden Valley



## CONTACTS:

**Gail Smith - 3rd Thur**

**Marge Thurston - 4th Thur**

use your directory  
or call the office.



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## Valley Craft & Connect

**Craft & Connect** is for anyone who enjoys a day crafting, working on a puzzle or just chatting with friends.

Come catch up on a project, start something new or come see what others are working on for inspiration! There will be craft supplies, puzzles & cribbage boards available. Come for the fellowship and stay for the fun!

**Bring a dish to share for lunch at 12 PM.**



SATURDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 27, 2025  
10 AM - 2:00 PM  
LUNCH AT 12 PM



# VCPC CHOIR

VALLEY IS EXCITED TO ENJOY  
OUR CHOIR ON SELECT SUNDAYS!

## PERFORMING

**Sunday, October 5** | Wednesday, October 1  
**Sunday, October 19** | Wednesday, October 15  
**Sunday, November 2** | Wednesday, October 29  
**Sunday, November 16** | Wednesday, November 12

## REHEARSING

Wednesday rehearsals take place  
on the Wednesday the same  
week before the Sundays above  
at 7:00pm unless specified  
otherwise.



Rehearsals on  
Wed. 7:00pm

## Fall Festival

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

**Get your tickets now!**

\$15 ADULT

\$10 KIDS



Tacos  
&  
Trivia  
**FALL FESTIVAL 2025**

Scan the QR code or visit

<https://www.zeffy.com/ticketing/2025-vcpc-fall-festival>



# Happy Birthday Valley Family!



Frankline Nyongkah

Lennox Mead

Alan Wold

Aaron Craven

Arnold Schellhaas

Pius Nti

Jeff Soltau

Hayden Gautsche

Claire Reinert

Pete Messer

Christine Phelan

Jonathan Schellhaas

Ted Arneson

Steve Bauer

Katie Decker

Gwen Rouleau

Evonne Kirchenwitz

SuAnn Bygd

Mark Freeman

James Decker

Tom Jenson

Mariah Messer

Andrew Westerlund

Helmut Winter

Peter Brant

Paul Minter

Emily Steffel

Sarah Gonsior

Deborah Poynter

Jennifer Biggs

Bellinda Nti





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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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