Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, September 21, 2025

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.

† Please rise in body or spirit.

SUNG RESPONSE #837 **What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine**

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

† Please rise in body or spirit.

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"* Valley Choir
by Bill Jackson & Sy Miller, Arr. by William Stickles

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.

† Please rise in body or spirit.

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!

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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 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!

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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

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

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

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
Jamese 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.

LOGO DESIGN BY WÓOKIYE WIŊ (SISSETON WAHPETON DAKHÓTA AND OJIBWAY)

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