



Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, October 19, 2025

GATHERING US IN

PRELUDE

Nocturno
by Franz Strauss

Rachel Williams, piano
Alana Brenny, horn

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

GATHERING MUSIC

A Tear
by Modest Mussorgsky

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We lift up our eyes to the hills — from where will our help come?

All: Our help comes from the Lord who made heaven and earth.

One: Proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable;

All: The Lord will keep our going out and our coming in from this time on and forevermore.

One: Let us worship God!

† Hymn #45

I To The Hills Will Lift My Eyes

I to the hills will lift my eyes;
from whence shall come my aid?
My help is from the Lord alone,
who heaven and earth has made.

God will not let your foot be moved;
your guardian never sleeps;
God's watchful and unslumbering care
protects and safely keeps.

Your faithful keeper is the Lord,
your shelter and your shade.
'Neath sun or moon, by day or night,
you shall not be afraid.

From evil God will keep you safe,
provide for all you need.
Your going out, your coming in,
God will forever lead.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the covenant, you promise to write your law in our hearts, that we might be faithful people who know you and your will for us. Still, we stray from your ways. We fail to tell the truth. We mirror the world around us more than the gospel, and we fail to acknowledge that you are our God. Forgive us, and by your Spirit renew us. Remind us of your unfailing love once more. Grant us courage and faith that we might begin again to live what it is we say we believe. 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 #447

We Are Forgiven

We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God. (2x)

HEARING THE WORD

TIME WITH YOUNG WORSHIPPERS

Congregational Blessing:

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

What a Friend We Have in Jesus
by Aaron David Miller

Valley Choir

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 32:22-31; Luke 18:1-8

SERMON

Y'all Need Jesus

Rev. Jim Cochrane

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† Hymn #175

Seek Ye First

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and its righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, alleluia!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you;
seek, and you shall find;
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you.
Allelu, alleluia!

You shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word
that proceeds from the mouth of God.
Allelu, alleluia!

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

The Power of Per Capita

OFFERTORY

Adagio from Adagio and Allegro
by Robert Schumann

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We give you thanks, almighty Creator, for the gift of this day, this moment of worship, and your word which is engraved upon our hearts. Receive and bless the gifts that we return to you, as a symbol of the dedication of our entire lives, that we as your church might be ever more faithful in your work of reconciliation, love and joy. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

SENDING US OUT

† Hymn #366

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion; pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit; let us find the promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

O How I Love Jesus
Arr. by Carol Tornquist

The Worship Has Ended. The Service Begins.

Chancel Flowers

Sunday, October 19

Sponsored by Dale Van Beek

Gwyn and I are celebrating 10 years of marriage!

Sign up for Chancel flowers in Fellowship Hall!

Joys and Concerns

Mariah Messer and her family give thanks for the life of her grandma, Mary ann Pinon. She passed away peacefully Tuesday morning, Oct. 14 after a brief time in hospice care.

Prayers of healing for **Margie Deutsch** who is back home recovering after a recent procedure. Phone calls are welcomed as she recovers.

Prayers and support for **Rick** and **Carole Martens** as Carole has been diagnosed with Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia. No treatment is needed yet; she'll have blood draws every 3 months to track white blood counts. Carole has renamed CLL to "Carole Loves Life"!

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 is doing well and awaiting follow up after completing radiation treatments.

Karen Harms is doing well and is now recovering at home.

Taichi Chen: Taichi's scan revealed little to no growth for nearly all new spots, except one. He'll have two more infusions with another scan in 5 weeks. The Chens continue to be grateful for each and every bonus day, and for their friends and family.

<https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/taichichen>

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

Susie Potter: Susie's biopsy has been scheduled for October 21.

<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, October 19

9:30 am Worship
10:30 am Fellowship Hour
Adult Ed Sabbath
TEAMS & Youth Group Break

Monday, October 20

7:00 pm 12-Step Meeting

Tuesday, October 21

1:00 pm Bible Fellowship
6:30 pm Bell Choir Practice

Wednesday, October 22

6:00 pm Joy of Recovery OA Group

Thursday, October 23

10:00 am Meals on Wheels
5:30 pm 12-Step Unity

Friday, October 24

Saturday, October 25

10:00-2:00 pm Craft & Connect

Sunday, October 26

Stewardship Kick-Off

9:30 am Worship
10:30 am Fellowship Hour
11:00 am Adult Education
4:00 pm Trunk or Treat

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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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

October 5: 211 (106 in-person)
October 12: 215 (94 in-person)

• DRIVERS NEEDED •

Meals on Wheels

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

**3RD & 4TH THURSDAY
OF EVERY MONTH**

ROUTES INCLUDE:

Crystal
New Hope
Robbinsdale
Golden Valley



**Sign Up on Breeze or
in Fellowship Hall**

Volunteer Coordinators:

Gail Smith - 3rd Thur
Marge Thurston - 4th Thur
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,
OCTOBER 25, 2025
10 AM - 2:00 PM
LUNCH AT 12 PM





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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Adult Education | October 26 | 11:00 AM

NO KINGS -- DEMOCRACY AS A CHRISTIAN VALUE

REV. BILL DAVNIE

Political scientists tend to see democracy as a way of managing conflicts in society. But for Christians, democracy has deeper roots than that -- it starts with the imago Dei - the image of God in all people, and the belief that all people are entitled to participate in the public order.

Hosted in The Cornerstone Room

Valley Community

PC(USA)

**Oct
26
4-5 PM**

**Hosted by
Valley Youth**

Candy

**A
Community
Event
with a
Cause!**

**Trunk
or
Treat
for PRISM**



**Bring pantry items for PRISM and
help us fill the trailer at our annual
Trick or Treat for PRISM drive.
Can't wait to see you there!**

3100 Lilac Drive North | Golden Valley MN 55422



Valley Community Fall Cleaning

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Exterior cleaning of the
church grounds



VALLEY COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN
DONATING BLOOD AT VALLEY?**

SUNDAY, NOV 2
12:00 - 4:00 PM

Scan to Register



Valley will now be a recurring Memorial Blood Centers donation site!

Mark your calendars for the following
dates and spread the word!

November 2nd, 2025

January 4th, 2026

March 8th, 2026

May 10th, 2026

July 12th, 2026

September 6th, 2026

November 8th, 2026

 Valley Community



Happy Birthday Valley Family!

Lisa Cawhorn
Lonnie Johnson
Brayden Rude
Reid Nichols
Gail Smith
Rachel Hole
Brandon Novy
Cathy LaPoint
April Kovacovich
Justina Nyongkah
Valerie Craven
Nancy Husnik
Aubrie Larsen
Thom Reinert
Madelyn Soens
Alexander Kara
Jack Perry
Earl Robertson
Max Westerlund
Ginger Jackson
Benjamin Gillett

Myron Jones
Susan Lee
Chrisdel Nyongkah
Cheryl Smith
Ne'von St. John
Peggy Meyer
Eli Matthews Doering
Linda Wold
Lilianna Schellhaas
Andrew Freeberg
Les Freeberg
Ann Keen
Earl Michael
Kathy Zeman
Alex Graham
Nancy Olson
Mary Ann Winter
Janet Triplett
Catherine Paulson
Norman Chervany
Ann Van Heest





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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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Scan to give online!