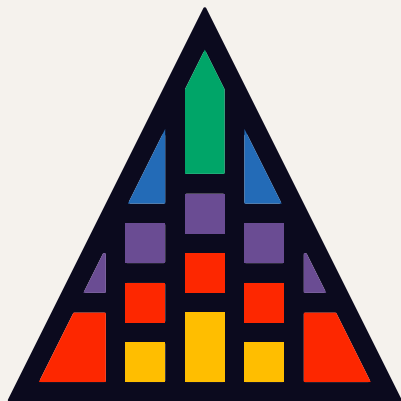




Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, November 2, 2025

GATHERING US IN

PRELUDE

Sonata for 2 Violins and Piano
Antonio Vivaldi

Taichi and Robin Chen,
strings
Jane Nienaber,
piano

Prelude in E Flat
Felix Mendelssohn

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

GATHERING MUSIC

God Himself is Present
Flor Peeters

Jane Nienaber,
organ

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: O praise the Lord with me and let us exalt God's name together.

All: Come let us sing to the Lord and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!

One: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving.

All: And let us sing joyful songs of praise!

One: Let us worship God!

† Hymn #620

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet your tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favor to his people in distress;
praise him still the same as ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious in his faithfulness.

Fatherlike, he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Widely yet his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him; you behold him face to face.
Sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Compassionate God, we confess that we have not loved others as you command. We have passed by the hungry, the stranger, the sick, and the imprisoned. We choose convenience and comfort over compassion. Forgive us for our hardness of heart and our neglect of those in need. Stir in us a deeper love that moves beyond words and into action. Teach us to see your face in every neighbor, and to respond with generous and sacrificial love, that we might serve you faithfully in all we do. 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 #659

Know That God is Good

Know that God is good.
Know that God is good.
Know that God is good;
God is good; God is good. (2x)

HEARING THE WORD

TIME WITH YOUNG WORSHIPPERS

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

Come Ye Sinners
Arr. by Jack Schrader

Valley Choir

SCRIPTURE READING 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-22 (NRSV); Luke 18:9-14 (NRSV)

SERMON

Come Before Winter

Rev. Jim Cochrane

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† Hymn #757

Today We Are All Called to Be Disciples

Today we all are called to be disciples of the Lord,
to help to set the captive free, make plowshare out of sword,
to feed the hungry, quench their thirst, make love and peace our fast,
to serve the poor and homeless first, our ease and comfort last.

Pray justice may come rolling down as in a mighty stream,
with righteousness in field and town to cleanse us and redeem.
For God is longing to restore an earth where conflicts cease,
a world that was created for a harmony of peace.

May we in service to our God act out the living word,
and walk the road the saints have trod till all have seen and heard.
As stewards of the earth may we give thanks in one accord
to God who calls us all to be disciples of the Lord.

MINUTE FOR STEWARSHIP

We Are Called to Love

Andy Freeberg

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

For the Bread Which Thou Hast Broken

David Cherwien

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Generous and loving God, we thank you for the many blessings in our lives. As you have so freely given us your love in Jesus Christ and welcomed us to your table, may we freely share your love and welcome with others. May the gifts we offer to you and others be signs of our devotion to you and our willingness to love in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

SENDING US OUT

† Hymn #32

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.

I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day.
The moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.
God formed the creatures through the Word, and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye,
if I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky!

There's not a plant or flower below but makes thy glories known.
And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from thy throne,
while all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care,
and everywhere that we can be, thou, God, art present there.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven
Alice Jordan

The Worship Has Ended. The Service Begins.

Chancel Flowers

Sunday, November 2

Sponsored by Tom and Virginia Day
In celebration of 44 years of marriage

Sign up for Chancel flowers in Fellowship Hall!

Joys and Concerns

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:

Carole Martens was recently diagnosed with CLL. She'll have a follow up test in January.

Tom Magill is cancer free according to recent bloodwork!

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

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

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

Susie Potter: Susie's recent biopsy came back negative for cancer!

<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, November 2

9:30 am Worship
10:30 am Fellowship Hour
11:00 am Adult Education
12:00-4:00 pm Blood Drive
5:30 pm Teams & Youth Group

Monday, November 3

6:00 pm Personnel Meeting
7:00 pm 12-Step Meeting

Tuesday, November 4

8:00 am-8 pm **Election Day**
1:00 pm Bible Fellowship
6:30 pm Bell Choir Practice

Wednesday, November 5

6:00 pm Joy of Recovery OA Group

Thursday, November 6

5:30 pm 12-Step Unity

Friday, November 7

Saturday, November 8

Sunday, November 9

9:30 am Worship
10:30 am Fellowship Hour
11:00 am Adult Education
5:30 pm Teams & Youth Group

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

Sheila Sheldon, CRE

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

October 19: 168 (91 in-person)
October 26: 237 (118 in-person)



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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Adult Education | November 2 | 11:00 AM

THE VCPC ENDOWMENT FUND ... WHAT IS IT ALL ABOUT?

NORM CHERVANY, VALLEY ENDOWMENT CHAIR

We hear about the VCPC Endowment Fund. We know it's about money ... but what does that really mean? Here is a chance to ask "for some facts" and "ask any questions you have".

Whether you're simply curious or wondering how you can be part of shaping Valley's future, this class will give you the inside scoop on how our endowment helps ministry grow for generations to come.

Hosted in The Cornerstone Room



**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

NEW MEMBER CLASS

Sunday, November 9 at 11:00 AM

Valley Library
Lunch will be served.

CONTACT REV. JIM COCHRANE
JIM.COCHRANE@VALLEYCHURCH.NET | 763-588-0831



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Adult Education | November 9 | 11:00 AM

UPDATES FROM PRISM

JASON WITTAK, STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS COORDINATOR



Our friends at PRISM continue to face new challenges weekly as they try to serve those in our community who are in need of assistance. Come learn how current policies are impacting their ability to offer a hand up to folks who come through their doors. How community faith partners can make the most impact in their support effort, and what the future of social ministry look like locally.

Hosted in The Cornerstone Room



**Fridays in
the Valley
Presents:**

Trudi Anderson
Mark Brudevold

Peggy Doerrie
Dawn Saxton



Flute Spiration Quartet

Friday, November 14, 2025 | 7:00 PM

FREE-WILL OFFERINGS BENEFIT
CLARE HOUSING



Valley Community

BRIDGING DRESSER BUILD

NEW LOCATION:

12864 HWY 55, PLYMOUTH, MN 55441

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

10 volunteers needed.
Dress comfortably in clothes you
can get dirty.

Close-toed shoes required.

SIGN UP

IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

VISIT [BRIDGING.ORG](https://bridging.org)

FOR MORE INFO

**CONTACT ANDREW PITAN WITH
QUESTIONS (507-475-0118)**



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Sign Up In
Fellowship
Hall or
Scan the
QR Code!

Cub Foods
10160 6th Ave N,
Plymouth, MN
55441

HELP JOHN **FILL THE TRUCK!**

Sign up for a time slot to help collect donations from shoppers at the
Cub Foods at Waterford Plaza on **Saturday, November 15th, 2025.**
All the food collected will go to the food shelf at PRISM.



Valley Brew Crew

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15 | 1:00-6:00 PM

TERRY & BONNIE GOSLINGA'S HOUSE
REFERENCE YOUR DIRECTORY

Test Thanksgiving recipes - the Brew Crew makes
great guinea pigs!

Bring sides or snacks to share and your appetite!

Beverages of all kinds | Kids Always Welcome

CONTACT JAY PERRY FOR DETAILS or
CALL THE VALLEY OFFICE



5th grade
& under



Click here or
Scan the QR code
to register!



Valley Community

Parents' Night Out!

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21
6:00-8:30 PM

Kids 5th grade and under ENJOY a night of fun with Valley friends! We're having a glow party! Dinner, glow tag, dance party and more!
Mom and Dad enjoy a night out!

\$5 PER CHILD



YOU'RE INVITED! TO VALLEY'S THANKSGIVING POTLUCK Thursday, Nov. 27th at 12:00 PM

We are hosting a Thanksgiving Potluck for anyone looking for a place to gather for the holiday. Come to Valley, share a delicious meal & gratitude for our Valley family.

Please sign up to let us know you're coming and what you plan to bring.



SIGN UP IN
FELLOWSHIP HALL,
OR
CALL THE OFFICE.



POINSETTIA SALE



ORDER BY NOVEMBER 30 | \$13 EACH

Order forms in the Narthex, Fellowship Hall,
or email office@valleychurch.net



Join Us

CHRISTMAS DINNER
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7
AT 5:30 PM

FITV CONCERT
7:00 PM

**The Above Average
Tuba Quartet**

Bring an unwrapped toy for
the PRISM Holiday Toy Shop!

Following the concert enjoy
Christmas Cookies & Hot Apple
Cider in the Narthex.

MENU: **DINNER WILL BE CATERED!**

- Fresh baked rolls with butter
- Field greens berry salad with Feta
- Garden Salad with choice of dressing
- Roasted root vegetables
- Mashed Potatoes and Gravy
- Holiday Baked Ham/Pineapple Sauce
- Stuffed Chicken with Rice Pilaf

VEGETARIAN AND KIDS MEALS ALSO AVAILABLE

\$25 adults | Kids 10 & Under FREE
Family Max \$60 (parents/kids)

**Tickets available in
Fellowship Hall or call the office!**



PRISM 2025 HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE

VALLEY IS COLLECTING NEW,
UNWRAPPED TOYS AND GIFTS FOR
PRISM'S HOLIDAY TOY SHOPPE

MOST NEEDED ITEMS

- ACTION FIGURES
- TODDLER TOYS
- SPORTS ATTIRE
- BLANKETS
- NERF TOYS
- LEGOS
- GAMES
- TEEN GIFTS (HEADPHONES, GAMING KEYBOARDS, HAIR TOOLS, SLIPPERS)
- \$25 GIFT CARDS (TARGET, AMAZON, VISA, ETC.)

QUESTIONS
CONTACT THE
CHURCH OFFICE

DROP OFF
GIFTS AT
VALLEY BY

**SUNDAY,
DECEMBER 7**

2025 CHRISTMAS PAGEANT



The VCPC Christmas Pageant
dress rehearsal schedule:

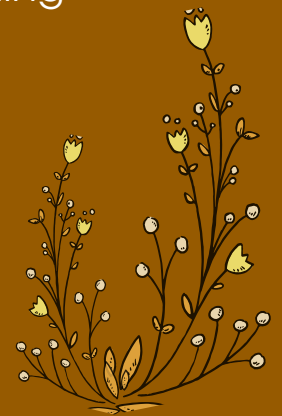
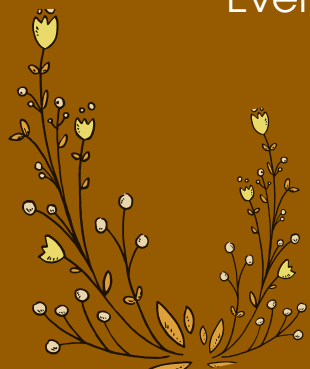
- **Saturday, December 6th:**
 - **2 PM** - kids with speaking parts
 - **3 PM** - full cast dress rehearsal
- **Saturday, December 13th:**
 - **3 - 4:30 PM** - full cast

The pageant will be performed
during worship at 9:30 AM on
**Sunday, December 14th. Cast
report at 8:45 am!**

Happy Birthday Valley Family!

Monique St. John
Evan Miller
Carolina Michael
Ryan Chancellor
Jack Halverson
Joel Larsen
Sara Perry
Larry Dunham
Miranda Graham
Lotti Matkovits
Sue Modert
Diane Shenk
Jessica Smith
Vicki Eklund
Gary Roback
Allison Wandmacher
Chuck Thurston
Everett Hagelin

Landon Goiffon
Megan Parks
Vonnie Olson
Mabel Willey
Mary Dunham
Larry Melander
Walter Messer
Jasmyn Swanson
Lisa Tracy
Hsu-hui Wang
Lyn Boyd
Mary Roback
Madeline Wandmacher
Angela Zywicki
Janelle Carlson
Karen Chancellor
Brad Pleimling





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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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(SISSETON WAHPETON DAKHÓTA
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Scan to give online!