



# Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, October 26, 2025

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**Stewardship Kick-Off**

# GATHERING US IN

## PRELUDE

*In the Garden*  
C. Austin Miles, arr. by Mark Hayes

Rachel Williams,  
piano

## LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

## GATHERING MUSIC

*Love One Another*

Jay Tracy,  
guitar & vocals

## † CALL TO WORSHIP

*One: How lovely is the house of the Lord.*

**All: How beautiful to be gathered in the presence of God.**

*One: How lovely is the dwelling place of the Lord.*

**All: How beautiful is the image of God we behold in one another.**

*One: Let us worship God!*

## † Hymn #409

### **God Is Here!**

God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,  
may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.  
Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts  
wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.

Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace;  
here are table, font, and pulpit; here the cross has central place.  
Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech,  
here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.

Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold;  
here, as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old.  
Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore  
what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.

Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt  
keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out.  
Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive:  
we, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, you have called us into community, but we confess that we act as if faith is a solo journey. We have separated ourselves from the body you call us to be a part of. We neglect the gifts and needs of others, focusing only on ourselves. Forgive us for isolating our faith and for failing to honor the diversity and unity you have created. Help us to embrace our calling as parts of one body, connected in Christ, relying on one another, and working together for your reign. Unite us in love and purpose. 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

*Built On the Rock*  
Kevin McChesney

Valley Bell Choir

## SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 19:1-10

## SERMON

*What Does the Lord Require of You?*

Rev. Jim Cochrane

# RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† Hymn #475

## ***Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing***

Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;  
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;  
here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

## **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**

*Stewardship 2026: We Are Called*

Nancy Husnik

## **OFFERTORY**

*Psalm 23*  
Joseph Gelineau

## **PRAYER FOR STEWARDSHIP**

Gracious and generous God, you are with us always. In each dark hour, you are here. In each bright hour, you are here. Blessed by your grace, may we show gratitude by sharing all what we have been given. We remain ever grateful of your constant love, the gift of your son Jesus, and the abiding presence of your Holy Spirit. Protect us and guide us on our journey toward generosity and open our eyes and hearts to the ways we can care for your people. We are called to be your faithful stewards; give us strength to heed that call. Amen.

## ***A Mighty Fortress is Our God***

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing.  
Our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe.  
His craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate,  
on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,  
were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.  
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he.  
Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same,  
and he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,  
we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us.  
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him.  
His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure.  
One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth.  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth.  
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also.  
The body they may kill; God's truth abideth still.  
His kingdom is forever.

## **BENEDICTION**

## **POSTLUDE**

*Let Me Be There*  
Olivia Newton John

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

### **Chancel Flowers**

Sunday, October 26

Sponsored by Carol Bright

*In Memory of my grandson, Daniel Bright*

Sign up for Chancel flowers in Fellowship Hall!

# Joys and Concerns

Continued prayers for **Mariah Messer** and her family as they celebrate the life of her grandma, Mary ann Pinon, on Monday, October 27 in Colorado.

**Margie Deutsch** thanks everyone for the prayers. She is healing well after her procedure last week. Phone calls are welcome as she recovers.

**Les** and **Arlene Freeberg** invite you to celebrate with them next Sunday, October 26 at the Crystal Community Center from 4-7pm. Celebrate Les' 85th birthday and his 50 years of screen printing!

We will give thanks to God for the life of **Betty Olson**, a friend of Valley, with a funeral service on Monday, October 27 at 1:00 pm.

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 had a biopsy on Tuesday that 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](mailto:chelsie.larsen@valleychurch.net)  
to set up withdrawals directly from your account.  
You can always adjust the amount.

# **This Week at Valley**

## **Sunday, October 26**

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

## **Monday, October 27**

1:00 Betty Olson service  
6:30 pm Session Meeting  
7:00 pm 12-Step Meeting

## **Tuesday, October 28**

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

## **Wednesday, October 29**

6:00 pm Joy of Recovery OA Group  
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

## **Thursday, October 30**

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

## **Friday, October 31**

## **Saturday, November 1**

9:00 am Fall Clean-up 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

**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 12: 215 (94 in-person)  
October 19: 168 (91 in-person)





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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

Trunk  
or  
Treat  
for PRISM



A  
Community  
Event  
with a  
Cause!

**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



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Adult Education | November 2 | 11:00 AM

**GETTING TO KNOW VALLEY'S ENDOWMENT**  
NORM CHERVANY, VALLEY ENDOWMENT CHAIR



Think of this as a behind-the-scenes tour of how Valley's endowment works—minus the dusty ledgers and plus some friendly conversation! Our Endowment Chair will guide us through the different funds that support the life and mission of our church, share how they work, and introduce a few exciting new funds added in recent years.

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

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# 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

### BAKERS & TREAT-BRINGERS

- Susie Potter
- Mary Wilkens
- Crystal Boyd
- Paula Landis
- Rev. Nancy Phillips
- Pat Daily
- Sam Schellhaas
- Rev. David Phillips
- Janet Triplett
- Jon Schellhaus
- Jen Biggs

- Ruth Wilterding
- Lisa Cawhorn
- Gwyn Lang







# 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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AND OJIBWAY)

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