

Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, November 9, 2025

Commitment Sunday

GATHERING US IN

PRELUDE

I'll Fly Away
Albert E. Brumley, Sr.

Matt Weiss, guitar
& vocals

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

GATHERING MUSIC

Nearer My God to Thee
Sarah Flowers Adams, arr. by Lowell Mason

Aden Eilts, guitar
& vocals

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The earth is the Lord's, for God made it:

All: Come, let us worship God!

One: Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:

All: Come, let us worship God!

One: The mercy of the Lord is everlasting:

All: Come, let us worship God!

† Hymn #367

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

Deidre Eilts,
piano

Come, ye thankful people, come; raise the song of harvest home.

All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin.

God, our Maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied.

Come to God's own temple, come; raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God's own field, fruit in thankful praise to yield,

wheat and tares together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown.

First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear.

Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.

Even so, Lord, quickly come to thy final harvest home.

Gather thou thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin,

there forever purified, in thy presence to abide:

come, with all thine angels, come; raise the glorious harvest home!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Ever-faithful God, we confess our fears that keep us from giving fully and joyfully. We cling to what we have, hoarding resources instead of sharing your blessings freely. We are afraid to take risks for your kingdom and doubt our ability to make a difference. Forgive our lack of trust and our unwillingness to invest in your work. Renew our spirits with your generosity, that we might be faithful stewards, multiplying your gifts and investing our lives in service, hope, and love. In Jesus' name we pray. 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

Just a Closer Walk With Thee
Unknown

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 16:11-18, 31; 1 Peter 4:8-11

SERMON

Gifts for Today

Rev. Jim Cochrane

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† Hymn #716

God, Whose Giving Knows Ending

God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store,
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door:
gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
all at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one.

Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone.

Born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at your throne.

Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through powers your grace conferred:
ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel word.

Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call,
healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.

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 STEWARDSHIP

Called to Be Generous

Stewardship Committee

OFFERTORY

Walk in Love

Brady Toops, Joel Warren, Mark Warren, and Angie Eddy

**During offertory, please come up the center aisle to place your stewardship commitment card in the bowl and hang your leaf on the tree.*

PRAYER OF STEWARDSHIP DEDICATION

Generous and loving God, we come to you in thanksgiving, knowing that all we are and all that we have is a gift from you. In faith and love, help us to do your will. We offer to you this day all of our lives, whether at home, at work, or at school. Help us be patient, merciful, generous, and holy. Give us wisdom and insight to understand your will for us and give us the energy to carry out our good intentions.

We offer to you our gifts of time, talents, and possessions as an act of true faith, to reflect our love for you and our neighbors. Help us reach out to others in love, just as you have reached out to us. Amen.

SENDING US OUT

† Hymn #24

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

God, who stretched the spangled heavens infinite in time and place,
 flung the suns in burning radiance through the silent fields of space,
 we, your children in your likeness, share inventive powers with you.
 Great Creator, still creating, show us what we yet may do.

Proudly rise our modern cities, stately buildings row on row.
 Yet their windows, blank, unfeeling, stare on canyoned streets below,
 where the lonely drift unnoticed in the city's ebb and flow,
 lost to purpose and to meaning, scarcely caring where they go.

As each far horizon beckons, may it challenge us anew,
 children of creative purpose, serving others, honoring you.
 May our dreams prove rich with promise, each endeavor well begun.
 Great Creator, give us guidance till our goals and yours are one.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Will the Circle Be Unbroken?

Ada Ruth Habershon, Charles H. Gabriel. arr. by Mark Hayes

The Worship Has Ended. The Service Begins.

HOW ARE YOU CALLED?

STEWARDSHIP 2026

Faith Formation helper

Prayer

Fellowship

Writing

Education

TEAMS/Youth Group helper

Leader

Mission

Volunteer

Endowment

Stewardship

Outreach

Technology

Visiting homebound/sick members

Teach an Adult Ed class

Properties

Finance

Baking

Church Growth

Love

Worship

Music

Office support

Joy

Fellowship

Writing

Education

TEAMS/Youth Group helper

Host Fridays in the Valley



We Are CALLED

Joys and Concerns

Beverly Mattin asks for prayers for her daughter, **Kathy Zeman**, who was admitted to Methodist on Wednesday with heart issues. The hope is that tests will reveal how to repair the damage.

Prayers for **Diane** and **Dave McCunn**, as Diane is now receiving hospice care.

The Valley staff gives thanks for the time and talents of **Ruth Wilterding**. She has been putting together the gorgeous seasonal pots that welcome you to Valley at the lower doors!



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.

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 9

Stewardship Commitment Sunday

9:30 am Worship

10:30 am Fellowship Hour

11:00 am Adult Education

11:00 am New Members Class - Library

5:30 pm Teams & Youth Group

Monday, November 10

7:00 pm 12-Step Meeting

Tuesday, November 11

1:00 pm Bible Fellowship

6:30 pm Bell Choir Practice

6:30 Mission Possible

Wednesday, November 12

6:00 pm Joy of Recovery OA Group

7:00 Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 13

5:30 pm 12-Step Unity

Friday, November 14

Saturday, November 15

9:00 am-12:00 pm Bridging Dresser Build

10:00 am-4:00 pm Fill The Truck for PRISM

1:00 pm Brew Crew at the Goslingas

Sunday, November 16

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 26: 237 (118 in-person)

November 2: 251 (147 in-person)



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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

NEW MEMBER CLASS

TODAY 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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**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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CUB FOODS

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





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Adult Education | November 16 | 11:00 AM

CIVIL RIGHTS TOUR
VALLEY MEMBER JANET TRIPLETT

"Journey south into the heart of the civil rights movement to gain a deeper understanding of the historic and continued struggle for racial equality in the United States." These words, describing the Road Scholar Civil Rights Tour, struck a chord. I decided to take the tour in March 2025. I experienced where Dr. Martin Luther King, Rosa Parks and John Lewis brought peaceful protests against racial discrimination and violence to the attention of the entire country in the early '60s.

Hosted in The Cornerstone Room

5th grade
& under



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!



Click here or
Scan the QR code
to register!

\$5 PER CHILD



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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.**



'Tis the season to
decorate our Valley!

Hanging ~of~ The Greens

**Sunday, November 30
following worship.**



Valley Community

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

DROP OFF
GIFTS AT
VALLEY BY

**SUNDAY,
DECEMBER 7**

QUESTIONS
CONTACT THE
CHURCH OFFICE

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

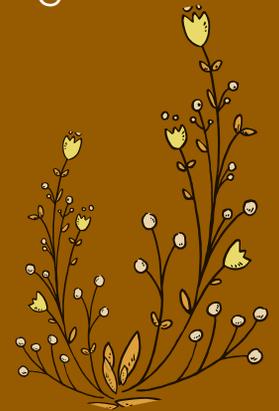
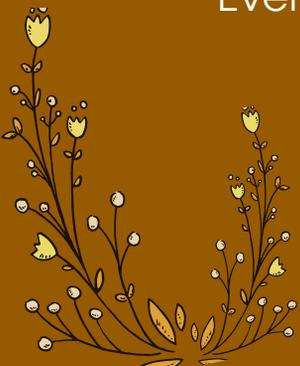
Madeline Wandmacher

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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AND OJIBWAY)

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