

Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, November 23, 2025

GATHERING US IN

PRELUDE

Gavotte from Holberg Suite
Edvard Grieg

Taichi & Robin Chen
Richard & Melinda Marshall,
strings

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

GATHERING MUSIC

Sarabande from Holberg Suite
Edvard Grieg

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The world belongs to God;

All: The earth and all its people.

One: How good and lovely it is to live together in unity;

All: Love and faith come together, justice and peace join hands.

One: Let us worship God!

† Hymn #4

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

Rachel Williams,
piano

Holy God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we bow before you.
All on earth your scepter claim; all in heaven above adore you.
Infinite your vast domain, everlasting is your reign.

Hark! The glad celestial hymn angel choirs above are raising;
cherubim and seraphim, in unceasing chorus praising,
fill the heavens with sweet accord: "Holy, holy, holy Lord!"

All apostles join the strain as your sacred name they hallow;
prophets swell the glad refrain, and the blessed martyrs follow,
and from morn to set of sun, through the church the song goes on.

Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit: three we name you,
while in essence only one; undivided God we claim you,
and adoring, bend the knee while we own the mystery.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us, we pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Set us free from our sin, and lead us in the way of righteousness, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. 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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

PRAYER OVER THE WATER

BAPTISM

WELCOME

Today we celebrate the baptism of Liam Bonner.

Liam is the son of Kirk and Nina Bonner.

Sheila: Let us welcome this newly-baptized child of God.

All: With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's church to share with us in Christ's ministry, for we are all one in Christ. Amen.

TIME WITH YOUNG WORSHIPPERS

Congregational Blessing:

You are God's beloved child.

With you God is well pleased.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Christmas Concerto: Allegro

Corelli

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 1:68-79: Luke 23:33-43

SERMON

The Reign of Christ

Rev. Jim Cochrane

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† Hymn #321

The Church's One Foundation (stanzas 1, 4 & 5)

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord.
She is his new creation by water and the word.
From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride.
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation of peace forevermore:
till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly, may live eternally.

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

Kirk and Nina Bonner
Jenny Peters

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (United Church of Canada's *A New Creed*)

We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

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

2025 Thanksgiving Offering

OFFERTORY

Christmas Concerto: Vivace, Allegro
Corelli

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, we offer these gifts in gratitude for all you have given us. Bless them and use them for the work of your kingdom and the care of your people. Make us faithful stewards of your abundance and teach us to give as freely as we have received, through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

SENDING US OUT

† Hymn #268

Crown Him With Many Crowns (stanzas 1, 2 & 4)

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own!

Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified:
no angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time;
creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Brandenburg: Concerto no. 5, Allegro moderato
J.S. Bach

The Worship Has Ended. The Service Begins.

Chancel Flowers

Sunday, November 23

Sponsored by Pete and Mariah Messer
Happy 5th Birthday, Walter Peter!

Sign up for Chancel flowers in Fellowship Hall!

Joys and Concerns

Prayers for **Steve Dobovsky**, former Valley member and friend to many of us, who is going to be donating a kidney to a former co-worker, Brad, on November 26th at Mayo Clinic in Rochester. Prayers for both Steve and the recipient of the kidney for full recovery and good health outcomes.

Prayers for **Margie Deutsch** who was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. We offer prayers for her and her family as they determine next steps.

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 CaringBridge profiles here:

Doug Smith is receiving hospice care at home.

Diane McCunn is receiving hospice care at Urbana Place in Brooklyn Park.

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

Karen Harms starts her first round of chemo (of four) this Thursday, 11/20.

Taichi Chen: We keep Taichi close in our hearts and prayers as he waits for results from his scan on 11/19. <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/taichichen>

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

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, November 23

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

Monday, November 24

6:30 Session Meeting
7:00 pm 12-Step Meeting

Tuesday, November 25

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

Wednesday, November 26

6:00 pm Joy of Recovery OA Group

Thursday, November 27

Office Closed - Thanksgiving
12:00 pm Thanksgiving Potluck
5:30 pm 12-Step Unity

Friday, November 28

Office Closed

Saturday, November 29

Sunday, November 30

1st Sunday in Advent
9:30 am Worship
10:30 am Hanging of the Greens
11:00 Fellowship Hour
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

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The entire Valley Community!

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Rev. Bill Davnie
Rev. Kate O'Brien Soltau
Rev. David Phillips
Rev. Nancy Phillips
Rev. Rebecca Tollefson

SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

November 9: 222 (109 in-person)
November 16: 210 (103 in-person)



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Adult Education | November 23 | 11:00 AM

COFFEE, CONVERSATIONS & CONNECTIONS

HOSTED BY VCPC EDUCATION TEAM



Pull up a chair in the Cornerstone Room and join us for a Coffee Chat that's not your typical fellowship hour! We're brewing up Caribou Coffee, serving yummy treats, and stirring in plenty of laughter. Come ready to meet someone new, share a story or two, and discover fun facts about your Valley friends you never knew before. Think of it as a warm blend of conversation, connection, and community—served with a smile! Come for the coffee... stay for the friendships.

Hosted in The Cornerstone Room



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



'Tis the season to
decorate our Valley!

Hanging ~of~ The Greens

**Sunday, November 30
following worship.**



Valley Community

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 Shoppe!

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.)

QUESTIONS
CONTACT THE
CHURCH OFFICE

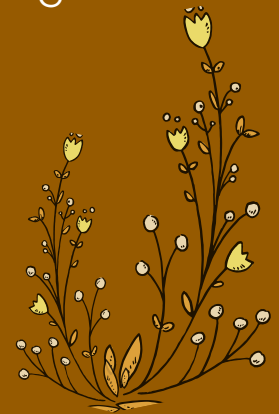
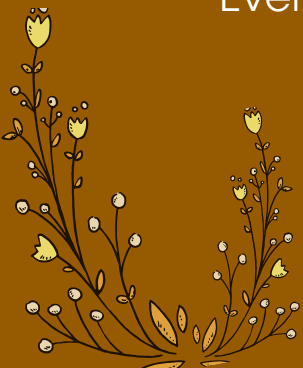
**DROP OFF
GIFTS AT
VALLEY BY**

**SUNDAY,
DECEMBER 7**

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
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Walter Messer
Jasmyn Swanson
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Mary Roback
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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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