

Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, November 16, 2025

GATHERING US IN

PRELUDE

There is a Balm in Gilead
Arr. by Mark Hayes

Rachel Williams,
piano

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

GATHERING MUSIC

His Eye is on the Sparrow
Robert J. Hughes and Chas H. Gabriel

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: O sing to the Lord a new song!

All: For God has done marvelous things.

One: God's steadfast love has held us in every season.

All: God's faithfulness has guided us when the way was unclear.

One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

All: We rejoice, for God is with us—yesterday, today, and forever.

One: Let us worship God!

† Hymn #14

For the Beauty of the Earth

vss 1,2 & 4

For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies:

Refrain:

Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon, and stars of light: **(Refrain)**

For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild: **(Refrain)**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess that waiting is hard for us. When we cannot see the future, we grow anxious. When plans change or answers delay, we reach for our own strength instead of yours. We forget your faithfulness, and we doubt that you are already at work.

Forgive us, Lord. Calm our worried hearts. Remind us that you are near, and restore to us the joy of your salvation. 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

I Will Give Jubilant Thanks
Lyrics by Paul Williams, music by Michael Barrett

Valley Choir

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 98; Luke 21:5-19

SERMON

Hope in Seasons of Waiting

Sheila Sheldon, CRE

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† Hymn #301

Let Us Build a House

vss 1,2,4 & 5

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

Refrain:

all are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: **(Refrain)**

Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger: **(Refrain)**

Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace;
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: **(Refrain)**

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

Matthew 25

OFFERTORY

Bridge Over Troubled Water
Simon and Garfunkel

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Faithful God, every good gift comes from you, and every future is held in your loving hands. Bless these gifts and bless this congregation. Use what we offer—our time, our resources, our hearts— to build up your church, to share your love with our neighbors, and to prepare the way for the ministry yet to come. In hope, in gratitude, and in trust we pray, Amen.

SENDING US OUT

† Hymn #69

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain:

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? **(Refrain)**

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? **(Refrain)**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need
Arr. by Richard Starr

The Worship Has Ended. The Service Begins.

Chancel Flowers

Sunday, November 16

Sponsored by Jan and Joe Sacco
In memory of my dad, Jack Rock

Sign up for Chancel flowers in Fellowship Hall!

† Please rise in body or spirit.

Joys and Concerns

Beverly Mattin shares a joy that her daughter, **Kathy Zeman**, has been cleared by her doctor to return to work after her recent heart attack and surgery.

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 had a port put in on Tuesday. She starts her first round of chemo (of four) on November 20.

Taichi Chen: <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 16

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

Monday, November 17

7:00 pm 12-Step Meeting

Tuesday, November 18

11:30 am Men's Lunch
1:00 pm Bible Fellowship
6:30 pm Bell Choir Practice

Wednesday, November 19

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

Thursday, November 20

10:00-11:30 am Meals on Wheels
5:30 pm 12-Step Unity
5:30 pm Indigenous Task Force

Friday, November 21

6:00 pm Parents' Night Out

Saturday, November 22

10:00 am-4:00 pm Craft & Connect

Sunday, November 23

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!

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The entire Valley Community!

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Rev. Nancy Phillips
Rev. Rebecca Tollefson

SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

November 2: 251 (147 in-person)
November 9: 222 (109 in-person)



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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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Valley Craft & Connect

Craft & Connect is for anyone who enjoys a day crafting, working on a puzzle or just chatting with friends. **This month we invite you to bring your young crafters with you! We'll have a fun craft just for them.**

So, 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,
NOVEMBER 22, 2025
10 AM - 2:00 PM
LUNCH AT 12 PM



POINSETTIA SALE



ORDER BY NOVEMBER 30 | \$13 EACH

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





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.**



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!**

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

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Mary Dunham

Larry Melander

Walter Messer

Jasmyn Swanson

Lisa Tracy

Hsu-hui Wang

Lyn Boyd

Mary Roback

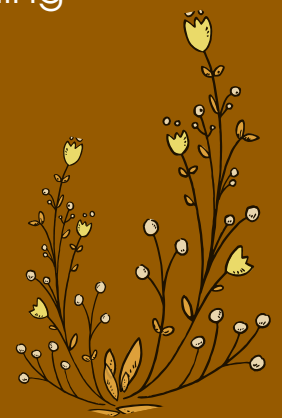
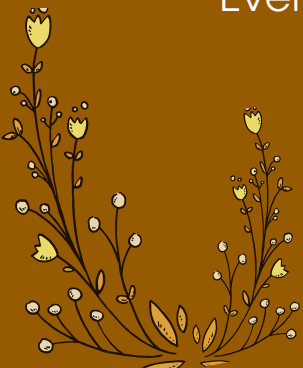
Madeline Wandmacher

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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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