



*Joy*  
*to the*  
*World*

# GATHERING US IN

## PRELUDE

*Christmas Time is Here*  
V. Guaraldi, arr. E. Baumgartner

Rachel Williams,  
piano

## WELCOME

Rev. Jim Cochrane

## GATHERING MUSIC

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*  
Traditional

Donna Philippot,  
vocals & piano

## LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES

The Rudeen Family  
Charlie, Missy, Mae, Miles and Sam

## ADVENT PRAYER

God of Christmas joy, we celebrate the birth of Jesus today, born so long ago, but present with us this very day. You sent Jesus to show us how to live, how to love, and how to best be human. But even on this day of celebration, we know there is hunger in the world—hunger for hope, peace, joy, and love.

Today, as we say, “Merry Christmas,” we also remember those who do not feel merry today. Help us keep the promises we have made to help those around us.

When we wake up and it isn’t Advent anymore—when we aren’t singing the carols, and Christmastide has passed—keep our minds set upon compassion and justice. We will remind ourselves and each other that the work is not yet accomplished. Show us how we might be a part of feeding the world for the rest of the year and the rest of our lives. Amen.

## † Carol #133

### **O Come, All Ye Faithful** (vss. 1, 3 & 4)

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant;

O come ye; O come ye to Bethlehem!

Come, and behold him, born the King of angels!

O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him;

O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation;

sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!

Glory to God, all glory in the highest!

O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him;

O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;

Jesus, to thee be all glory given;

Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!

O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him;

O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

# CHILDREN ANNOUNCE THE COMING OF CHRIST

Valley Kids

Rory Messer, Sullivan Goiffon, Arnold and Lilianna Schellhaas

## THE BIRTH OF JESUS

### CHILDREN'S SERMON

Sheila Sheldon, CRE

### SCRIPTURE READING

*Luke 2:1-7*

Leo Kummer

### † Carol #115

#### ***Away in a Manger*** (vss. 1 & 2)

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,  
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.  
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing; the poor baby wakes,  
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.  
I love thee, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky,  
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

## THE SHEPHERDS & THE ANGELS

### SCRIPTURE READING

*Luke 2:8-14*

Henry Grosshuesch  
Grace Perry

### † Carol #147

#### ***The First Nowell*** (vss. 1 & 6)

The first Nowell the angel did say  
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay,  
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep,  
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

#### **Refrain:**

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
born is the King of Israel.

Then let us all with one accord  
sing praises to our heavenly Lord,  
that hath made heaven and earth of nought,  
and with his blood our life hath bought. (Refrain)

## THE WORD BECAME FLESH

### SERMON

*Transformed by the Promise*

Rev. Jim Cochran

### MUSICAL REFLECTION

*The Little Drummer Boy*  
K. Davis, H. Onorati & H. Simeone

### LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

† Please rise in body or spirit.

**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 OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

*Do You Hear What I Hear?*

N. Regney & G. Shane

*A Baby Just Like You*

J. Denver & J. Henry

**AT THE MANGER**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

*Luke 2:15-20*

Sheila Sheldon, CRE

**† Carol #122**

***Silent Night, Holy Night!***

Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright  
`round yon virgin mother and child!  
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,  
sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight;  
glories stream from heaven a far,  
heavenly hosts sing "Alleluia:  
Christ the savior is born; Christ the savior is born!"

Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light  
Radiant beams from thy holy face,  
with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light;  
with the angels let us sing  
Alleluia to our King:  
Christ the Savior is born; Christ the Savior is born.

## † Carol #134

***Joy to the World*** (vss. 1, 2 & 4)

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king;  
let every heart prepare him room,  
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ,  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness  
and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love,  
and wonders, wonders of his love.

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

*Joy to the World*  
G.F. Handel, arr. R. Huggins

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



# 2025 Poinsettia



<b>Roger Michael</b>	In memory of Marian Michael
<b>Greg &amp; Mary Rom</b>	In memory of Michael Hnatko, Betty Hicks Ray & Barbara Rom, and Paul Hicks
<b>Ben Kummer</b>	In memory of Lisa Kummer
<b>Jan &amp; Joe Sacco</b>	In memory of Jack & Carol Rock and Tom & Jean Sacco
<b>Barb &amp; Tom Wasmoen</b>	In honor of Pat & Joan Ingmand
<b>Jim &amp; Diane Cook</b>	In honor of the Friendship Group: Barb, Bobby, & Jeremy In gratitude of the Cochrane Connection - Thanks, Jim!
<b>Rachel &amp; Brian Hole</b>	In memory of Rachel's father, Rev. Howard Skulstad, her Aunt Sue Engel, Brian's brother Tyler Hole, and his Grandpa Bob Kreutzian
<b>Tim &amp; Becky Grosshuesch</b>	In memory of Grandma Maggie Grosshuesch & Gamma Betty Allabough
<b>Valerie Robinson</b>	In honor of our family
<b>Mary &amp; Larry Dunham</b>	In memory of Dale Dunham, Janet Fox, Kenny Fox, Ray Fox & Terry Fox
<b>Katie Decker</b>	In memory of my brother, Carl
<b>Lisa Cawhorn</b>	In memory of Ronald Lybeck & John Cawhorn
<b>Beverly Mattin</b>	In memory of Chuck Mattin
<b>Samantha Schellhaas</b>	In honor of Homebound Members
<b>Bonnie Carlson</b>	In thanks of family, friends and loved ones
<b>Peggy Neibling</b>	In memory of Betty Brooking
<b>Len Biggs and Jennifer Biggs</b>	In memory of Janet Biggs
<b>Dave &amp; Helen Dechaine</b>	In honor of our 4 wonderful grandchildren



# 2025 Poinsettia



**Bonnie & Chuck Ulmer**

In honor of our grandchildren

**Mandy Lund**

In memory of Donovan, Jeff Lund, and Julie Lund

**Kelsie & Kevin Hagelin**

In honor of Great Grandma Irene

**Margie Deutsch**

In memory of Manfred Deutsch

**Jeanine Miakotina**

In memory of my grandparents, Robert & Maymie Peters

**Mary Ann Winter**

In honor of our grandchildren,  
Logan, Maeve, Quinn, Kyra & Annika Winter

**Jim & Lisa Tarbell**

In memory of Sherrill Mixer and Jim Tarbell Sr.

**Jill Reiswig**

In loving memory of Myrle Reiswig

**Les & Arlene Freeberg**

In honor of our grandchildren

**Becky Brooking**

In memory of Betty Brooking and Robert & Shirley Brooking

**Betsy Nichols**

In memory of Doug & Trudy Nichols

**Gwyn Lang**

In honor of my family

**Jim Parks**

In memory of Karla Parks, Delbert & Lorraine Parks,  
and Melbert & Shirley Holzer

**Mark & Shirley Toering**

In honor of our grandchildren

**David & Nancy Phillips**

In memory of Nancy's cousin, Tom Vis

**Ruth Wilterding**

In loving memory of Aron, JoAnna & Mark Wilterding

**Kerrie Deef**

In memory of grandparents, Marguerite & Robert Siegler and  
my in-laws Marjorie & John Deef

**Lynn Thier**

In memory of my father, Lloyd Pedersen,  
my sister, Kristy Oakle, and my grandfather, George Spencer

**Roger Graphenteen**

In memory of parents, Palmer & Dorothy and  
daughter, Allyson Rose



# 2025 Poinsettia



**Brad & Sharon Pleimling**

In honor of peace to all the world

**Bonnie & Terry Goslinga**

In honor of Jessica, Rachel, Ryan, Autumn, and Wayne

**The Malecha Family**

In memory of Marilyn Eckerle

**Susie Potter**

In memory of Jan and George Potter

**Mary Wilkens**

In loving memory of my husband Jerry Wilkens and our parents,  
Howard & Gertrude Jilgard and Corny & Vera Wilkens

**Bob Tripet**

In memory of my mom and dad

**Gwen Rouleau Family**

In loving memory of our parents and grandparents

**Pete & Mariah Messer**

In loving memory of our grandparents  
In honor of Rory & Walter and their Great Nana Bobbi

**Karen Harms**

In honor of my loving family and In honor of Valley

## A THANK YOU BRUNCH FOR PASTOR JIM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28 FOLLOWING WORSHIP

Join us for a potluck brunch following worship on December 28th (Jim's Last Sunday) to celebrate Pastor Jim's time with us at Valley and his dedicated care and leadership of our community.

RSVPs are not necessary, but please sign up if you would like to bring something to contribute to the potluck!

**Sign up for a potluck item in the Fellowship Hall, scan the QR code, or click here:**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4CA8A92DA1F58-60935113-thank>





## Two Christmas Offering Opportunities

**Valley's Christmas Offering** will be split between our mission partners **PRISM** and **Every Meal**. Our gifts at this time are critical for many, and we are grateful that the Valley family always responds with generosity! Checks should include "VCPC Christmas Offering" in the memo line, or you can use our online giving platform and select "Christmas Offering."

**The PC(USA)'s Christmas Joy Offering** is a denomination-wide undertaking that supports retired clergy and their families, as well as Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) folks pursuing educational opportunities. Those who receive offering boxes from Valley can find a designated envelope for this offering. Checks sent to Valley should include "PCUSA Christmas Joy" in the memo line, or you can use our online giving platform and select "Christmas Joy."

Click [HERE](#) to give online or scan the QR code!





## VALLEY COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN  
DONATING BLOOD AT VALLEY?

**Sunday**  
**January 4, 2026**  
**12:00 - 4:00 PM**

Scan to Register for 1/4/26



## Valley will now be a recurring Memorial Blood Centers donation site!

Mark your calendars for the following  
dates and spread the word!

January 4th, 2026

March 8th, 2026

May 10th, 2026

July 12th, 2026

September 6th, 2026

November 8th, 2026

 Valley Community

# HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

MONDAY, JANUARY 19, 2026: MLK JR. DAY



## 8-12 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

8:30 AM - 3:30 PM

6440 Wilryan Ave  
Edina, MN 55439

Contact **Andrew Pitan** or  
**Valley** for sign-up instructions.

**\*4 VOLUNTEERS ALSO NEEDED TO PROVIDE & DELIVER LUNCH TO THE WORK CREW AROUND NOON\***



# Happy Birthday Valley Family!

John Chancellor  
Madeline Lund  
Andy Wandmacher  
Marisol Freeberg  
Betsy Malecha  
Aubrey Soens  
Brian Parks  
Leigh Gautsche  
Terry Goslinga  
Jill Reiswig  
Stephanie Toering-Peters  
David Hole  
Leo Kummer  
Andrew Pitan  
Emi Chen  
Melinda Marshall  
Sydney Kara  
Jennifer Malecha  
Nikii Minter  
Jim Tarbell  
Sarah Willey  
Eda Inman  
Rev. David Phillips

William Chancellor  
Kurt Modert  
Pam Magill  
Mary Rom  
Marjorie Deutsch  
Sheila Sheldon  
Michael Craven  
Rory Messer  
Sharon Pleimling  
Ellen Vannucci  
Virginia Day  
Rick Morisette  
Cynthia Malinowski  
Beverly Mattin  
Evan Jurgensen  
Chuck Ulmer  
Heather Griffin  
K Marshall  
Dave McCunn  
Theo Morrow  
Sara Schiebout  
Carrie Priem





# Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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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