



Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, January 11, 2026

GATHERING US IN

PRELUDE

Sweet Hour of Prayer
William B. Bradbury, arr. Bruce Greer

Rachel Williams,
piano

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

GATHERING MUSIC

In the Sweet By and By
Joseph Webster

Matt Weiss,
guitar & vocals

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The voice of the Lord is powerful and full of majesty.

All: May the Lord bless us with God's Peace!

One: The voice of the Lord proclaimed Jesus as God's beloved.

All: In our own baptisms, we are claimed as God's beloved.

One: Let us worship God!

† Hymn #408

There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
there are sweet expressions on each face,
and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Refrain:

Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,
stay right here with us, filling us with your love;
and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived
when we shall leave this place.

There are blessings you cannot receive
till you know him in his fullness and believe;
you're the one to profit when you say,
"I am going to walk with Jesus all the way." **(Refrain)**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we are estranged from you and from one another. We treat others as strangers rather than as people created in your image and fellow children of God. We exploit the earth as though it were our possession rather than a gift entrusted to our care and a reflection of your image and glory. Forgive us our sins and transform us by your Spirit that we might live as people who have been baptized as your own children. 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 #10

Sing Glory to the Name of God

May God forever be our peace;
may hymns of glory never cease:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Let all the faithful people come;
sing praise to God, the Three-in-One:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

HEARING THE WORD

TIME WITH YOUNG WORSHIPPERS

Congregational Blessing:

You are God's beloved child.
With you God is well pleased.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Daddy Sang Bass
Carl Perkins

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 3:13-17

SERMON

Beloved

Sheila Sheldon, CRE

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† Hymn #688

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

(vss. 1, 4, 5)

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;
stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art,
and make me love thee as I ought to love.

Teach me to feel that thou art always nigh.
Teach me the struggles of the soul to bear,
to check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh.
Teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.

Teach me to love thee as thine angels love,
one holy passion filling all my frame;
the baptism of the heaven-descended Dove,
my heart an altar, and thy love the flame.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Habitat for Humanity

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.

OFFERTORY

I Saw the Light
Hank Williams

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O God, in our baptisms we have been named and claimed as your covenant people, connected deeply with you, with one another, and with the earth. May these gifts be used as a witness to your love, peace and justice at work in the world, renewing the face of the earth.

In Christ There Is No East or West

In Christ there is no east or west,
in him no south or north,
but one great fellowship of love
throughout the whole wide earth.

In Christ shall true hearts everywhere
their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord
close-binding humankind.

Join hands, disciples of the faith,
whate'er your race may be.
All children of the living God
are surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west;
in him meet south and north.
All Christly souls are one in him
throughout the whole wide earth.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

O God, Our Help in Ages Past
arr. Phillip Keveren

The Worship Has Ended. The Service Begins.

Chancel Flowers

Sunday, January 11

Sponsored by Jen Biggs and Len Biggs
In loving memory of Janet Biggs

Sign up for Chancel flowers in Fellowship Hall!

Joys and Concerns

Prayers for family and friends of **Margie Deutsch** who passed away peacefully on Wednesday, January 7th surrounded by her children. A celebration of life will be held here at Valley on Tuesday, January 13 at 11 AM.

Prayers for **Cynthia Malinowski** who slipped and fell this week on ice, hit her head and needed staples. She is recovering at home.

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.

Carole Martens continues to manage her CLL and will have a round of tests in January.

Karen Harms appreciates continued prayers from her Valley family as she waits for her next round of treatment.

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, January 11

9:30 am Worship
10:30 am Fellowship Hour
11:00 "Sugarcane" Film Screening Info Session

Monday, January 12

7:00 pm 12-Step Meeting

Tuesday, January 13

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

Wednesday, January 14

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

Thursday, January 15

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

Friday, January 16

Saturday, January 17

Sunday, January 18

9:30 am Worship
10:30 Congregational Meeting
10:45 Fellowship Hour
11:00 "Sugarcane" Film Screening

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!

Pastor & Head of Staff

Rev. Kyle Sandison (beginning 2/2/26)

Educational Ministries Director

Sheila Sheldon, CRE

Office Administrator

Rachel Hole

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Mariah Messer

Music Coordinator

Rachel Williams

Choral & Handbell Director

Janet M.T. Carlson

Faith Formation Lead

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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

December 28: 272 (116 in-person)
January 4: 274 (121 in-person)

JOIN THE FAITH COMMUNITY SCREENING TOUR

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC DOCUMENTARY FILMS

SUGARCANE



SUGARCANEFILM.COM



The VCPC Indigenous Justice Task Force invites you to a screening of the award-winning film "Sugarcane" at Valley Community Presbyterian Church!

**Sunday, January 18, 2026
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

(optional Info Session on Sunday, January 11, 2026 @ 11:00 AM)

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 2026
FOLLOWING WORSHIP**

**CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING**

For the Purpose of electing new officers.

Valley 
Community

PC(USA)

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



Clearwater Chrysalis Women's Retreat

FEBRUARY 20-22, 2026
PRESBYTERIAN CLEARWATER FOREST

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

TO REGISTER VISIT

[CLEARWATERFOREST.ORG/CLEARWATER-CHRYSALIS](https://clearwaterforest.org/clearwater-chrysalis)

CONTACT 218-678-2325

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2026
IN-PERSON

2025 ANNUAL MEETING AFTER WORSHIP



FEBRUARY 8
FELLOWSHIP HALL

Youth Cookie Sale

Valley Youth and the Cookie Queen are at it again! Mark your calendar for Sunday, February 8th (one day only!) to stock up on treats and support youth programs.

If you are interested in helping with the Baking Day on Saturday, February 7th or would like to provide treats to include in the sale, contact Sheila Sheldon! (sheila.sheldon@valleychurch.net)

Happy Birthday Valley Family!

Kerrie Deef
Alannah McCarthy
David Kopischke
Kurt Wheeler
Matt Barbero
Miranda Bangu
Sammuel Decker
William Gonsior
Andrew Desarmeaux
Janette Gove
Gerald Kramer
Nanette Sears
Ashley Bi
Karen Ripley
Keri Wasmoen
Samantha Schellhaas
Joseph Sears
Aurora Brooker

Quinn Winter
Sullivan Goiffon
Richard Sauter
Ken Smith
Andy Freeman
Hunter Sheldon
Roy Michael
Adam Chancellor
Tom Wasmoen
Lois Berhow
Jonathan Marshall
Cameron Smith
Diane Cook
Ziggy Barbero
Sadie Macias
Arianna Slack
Susie Potter



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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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(SISSETON WAHPETON DAKHÓTA
AND OJIBWAY)

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