



Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, January 18, 2026

GATHERING US IN

PRELUDE

Come Just As You Are
Joseph Sabolick, arr. Mark Hayes

Rachel Williams,
piano

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

GATHERING MUSIC

In the Sweet By and By
Joseph Webster

Matt Weiss,
guitar & vocals

OPENING LITANY & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: Blessed is our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

All: 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.

Leader: For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

All: Amen.

INVOCATION

Leader: May the name of the Lord be blessed forever, for His name is before the sun.

All: All the nations of the earth will be blessed through Him and all generations will extol Him.

Leader: Blessed is the Lord God of Israel, the only worker of wondrous deeds. The holy name of His glory is forever blessed. The whole world will be filled with His glory.

All: Amen! Amen!

Leader: Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

All: Now and always and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Of the Father's love begotten, ere the worlds began to be,
he is Alpha and Omega; he the source, the ending he,
of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see,
evermore and evermore!

By his Word was all created; he commanded; it was done:
heaven and earth and depths of ocean, universe of three in one,
all that sees the moon's soft shining, all that breathes beneath the sun,
evermore and evermore!

This is he whom seers in old time chanted of with one accord,
whom the voices of the prophets promised in their faithful word.
Now he shines, the long-expected. Let creation praise its Lord,
evermore and evermore!

Leader: Again in peace let us beseech the Lord. Heed our prayers, raise us to life and have mercy on us.

All: Blessing and glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. Now and always and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Leader: Churches of the righteous ones, All who honor Him, Glorify the One who gave meaning to the light. From sunrise in the east to sunset in the west, and throughout the entire Christian world, wherever people call on the name of the Lord in holiness – by their prayers and intercession may the Lord have mercy on us. Let us beseech God to deliver us from sin and from the temptations of the world. May the Lord accept the vows and supplications of our hearts and count us worthy of His faith and His commandments together with all of his saints. Almighty Lord our God, raise us to life and have mercy on us.

All: Raise us to life, O Lord.

Leader: That the Lord may usher forth this sunlit morning and guide the day ahead in peace; with faith, let us beseech the Lord

All: Grant it, O Lord.

Leader: For an angel of peace to be our guardian, let us ask the Lord.

All: Grant it, O Lord.

Leader: For the pardon and forgiveness of our transgressions, let us ask the Lord.

All: Grant it, O Lord.

Leader: For the great and mighty power of the holy cross to help us, let us ask the Lord.

All: Grant it, O Lord.

Leader: Once again, for our true and holy faith, all together, let us beseech the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: Let us commit ourselves and one another to the almighty Lord our God.

All: We commit ourselves to You, O Lord.

Leader: Have mercy on us, Lord our God, in Your great mercy. Let us all say together as one:

All: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Leader: From sunrise in the east to sunset in the west, blessed are You, O Lord, because You are King, and Your name is revered throughout the universe. Let our psalmody resound sweetly in Your hearing. Let justice dawn from Your righteousness and rise over our frailty, and may Your most holy name be glorified. And let us become worthy to abide by Your commandments and to sing praise and glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and always and unto the ages of ages. Amen. Peace to all

All: And with your spirit

HEARING THE WORD

TIME WITH YOUNG WORSHIPPERS

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

Come, Lift Your Cheerful Voice
Douglas E. Werner

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 58:6-8; Ephesians 4:1-6

READING OF THE GOSPEL

John 12:31-36

Leader: Alleluia. Alleluia.

All: For with You is the fountain of life; in Your light we see light.

Leader: Alleluia. Rise to your feet. Peace to all.

All: And with your spirit.

Leader: Listen attentively to the holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to John 12:31-36.

All: Glory to You, Lord our God.

Leader: Attention! God is speaking.

Jesus said to the crowd: And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' Jesus said to them, 'The light is with you for a little longer. Walk while you have the light, so that the darkness may not overtake you. If you walk in the darkness, you do not know where you are going. While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of light.'

All: Glory to You, our Lord Jesus Christ.

SERMON

One in Christ, One in Creation

Rev. Bill Davnie

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† Hymn #340

This is My Song

This is my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for lands afar and mine.

This is my home, the country where my heart is;
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;
but other hearts in other lands are beating
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,
and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine.
But other lands have sunlight too, and clover,
and skies are everywhere as blue as mine.
So hear my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for their land and for mine.

This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's kingdoms:
thy kingdom come; on earth thy will be done.

Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve him,
and hearts united learn to live as one.
So hear my prayer, O God of all the nations:
myself I give thee; let thy will be done.

† Please rise in body or spirit.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY

Daddy Sang Bass
Carl Perkins

SENDING US OUT

† Hymn #339

Lift Every Voice and Sing

vss. 1 & 3

Lift every voice and sing till earth and heaven ring,
ring with the harmonies of liberty.
Let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies;
let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us.
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
let us march on, till victory is won.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
thou who hast by thy might led us into the light,
keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee;
lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee;
shadowed beneath thy hand may we forever stand,
true to our God, true to our native land.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

I Saw the Light
Hank Williams

The Worship Has Ended. The Service Begins.

Chancel Flowers

Sunday, January 18

Sponsored by Rachel and Brian Hole

*Remembering Rachel's dad, Rev. Howard Skulstad,
whose 82nd birthday would have been January 16*

Sign up for Chancel flowers in Fellowship Hall!

† Please rise in body or spirit.

Joys and Concerns

We hold our communities, state, immigrant friends and neighbors in our hearts in this time of fear and uncertainty and we pray for the safety of those lifting up their voices against injustice all around the country.

We give thanks to God for the life of **Margie Deutsch** whose Celebration of Life was held here at Valley on Tuesday, January 13. Continue to keep her children, family, and friends in your prayers.

Prayers for the **Phelans** as **Jerry** fell on the ice on Friday and fractured his arm. He will be receiving PT/OT at home. Prayers for his healing and **Chris** as she cares for him.

Pam Magill asks for prayers of healing for **Tom**, who is hospitalized until Monday.

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 wants everyone to know that she misses her Valley family terribly. She appreciates continued prayers from her Valley family as she waits for her next round of treatment.

Taichi Chen: Taichi's next scan is this Thursday, January 15.

<https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/taichichen>

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

Susie Potter: Susie's next scan is on Friday, January 23.

<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 18

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

Monday, January 19

[Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - Office Closed](#)
8:00 am-3:00 pm Habitat Work Day
7:00 pm 12-Step Meeting

Tuesday, January 20

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

Wednesday, January 21

6:00 pm Joy of Recovery OA Group

Thursday, January 22

10:00 am Meals on Wheels
5:30 pm 12-Step Unity

Friday, January 23

Saturday, January 24

Sunday, January 25

9:30 am Worship
10:30 Fellowship Hour

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

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Rachel Hole

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Rachel Williams

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Faith Formation Lead

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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

January 4: 274 (121 in-person)
January 11: 218 (101 in-person)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 2026

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

For the Purpose of electing new officers.

DEACONS

- Karen Chancellor
- Ruth Wilterding
- Betsy Nichols
- Charlotte Davnie
- Jan Sacco (returning)
- Jessica Goslinga (returning)

ELDERS

- Paul Minter - Worship & Music
- James Decker - Fellowship
- Jen Biggs - Mission Possible
- Tom Wasmoen - Properties (2nd term)
- Carolyn Anderson - Education (2nd term)

JOIN THE FAITH COMMUNITY SCREENING TOUR

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC DOCUMENTARY FILMS

SUGARCANE



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)

SUGARCANEFILM.COM



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2026
IN-PERSON

2025 ANNUAL MEETING AFTER WORSHIP



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Clearwater Chrysalis Women's Retreat

FEBRUARY 20-22, 2026
PRESBYTERIAN CLEARWATER FOREST

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

TO REGISTER VISIT
[CLEARWATERFOREST.ORG/CLEARWATER-CHRYSLIS](https://clearwaterforest.org/clearwater-chrysalis)

CONTACT 218-678-2325

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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AND OJIBWAY)

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