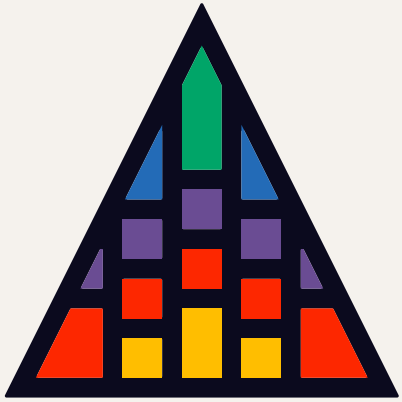

Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, January 25, 2026

GATHERING US IN

PRELUDE

Voluntary in D Major
William Boyce

Jane Nienaber, organ

Prelude on Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven
Robert Powell

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

GATHERING MUSIC

Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus
Paul Manz

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

All: The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Leader: I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;

All: I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

Leader: We gather in the presence of God. Let us open our hearts and minds in worship.

Hymn #620 ***Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven*** vss. 1, 2, & 4

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet your tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
evermore his praises sing:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favor
to his people in distress;
praise him still the same as ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Glorious in his faithfulness.

Angels, help us to adore him;
you behold him face to face.
Sun and moon, bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace.

† Please rise in body or spirit.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and loving God, we admit to you and to each other, that we are creatures who through foolishness or willfulness so often choose darkness instead of light.

Here and now we surrender to you our fears and proud opinions, our short-sighted folly and our pompous wisdom, our deep seated sins and our apathy towards change and renewal.

Forgive the darkness and pain we have inflicted on others, and restore the light-starved hopes and ideals within our own souls. Trusting your grace, we earnestly pray: "Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us." Through Christ Jesus our Savior. 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 #466 ***Come and Fill Our Hearts***

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.
You alone, O Lord, are holy.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace.
Alleluia!

HEARING THE WORD

TIME WITH YOUNG WORSHIPPERS

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

SPECIAL MUSIC *Beach Spring* — John Matheny — Valley Handbell Choir

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 27:1,4-9; Matthew 4:12-23

SERMON *Jesus Starts His Ministry* — Rev. Bill Davnie

Hymn #775 ***I Want Jesus to Walk with Me***

I want Jesus to walk with me;
I want Jesus to walk with me;
all along my pilgrim journey,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

In my trials, Lord, walk with me;
in my trials, Lord, walk with me;
when my heart is almost breaking,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
when I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
when my head is bowed in sorrow,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS *Ordination

Deacons

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

Elders

- Paul Minter - Worship & Music*
- Jamese Decker - Fellowship*
- Jen Biggs - Mission Possible
- Tom Wasmoen - Properties
- Carolyn Anderson - Education

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

MINUTE FOR MISSION *Per Capita Sunday* Pat Daily

OFFERTORY *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* *See hymn #377 for text*
Wayne Wold

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy God, we present these offerings to you in faith. We trust that you will bless and use them to further Christ's ministry and serve those in need. May these gifts bless those we know who are suffering and those known only to you. Amen.

† Please rise in body or spirit.

SENDING US OUT

† Hymn #645 ***Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*** vss. 1, 2 & 4

Sing praise to God who reigns above,
the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love,
the God of our salvation.
With healing balm my soul is filled,
and every faithless murmur stilled:
to God all praise and glory!

What God's almighty power has made
God's gracious mercy keepeth;
by morning glow or evening shade
God's watchful eye ne'er sleepeth.
Within the kingdom of God's might,
lo! all is just and all is right:
to God all praise and glory!

Thus all my toilsome way along
I sing aloud thy praises,
that all may hear the grateful song
my voice unwearied raises.
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart;
both soul and body, take your part:
to God all praise and glory!

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Marche Romaine*
Charles Gounod

The Worship Has Ended. The Service Begins.

Chancel Flowers
Sunday, January 25
Sponsored by Cheryl Smith
In celebration of my brother, Ken Smith's 70th birthday

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.

Arlene Freeberg asks for prayers of safety for the Karwans.

Prayers for **Alan Wold** as he has a total knee replacement on January 27 at Mercy Hospital. Prayers for a good recovery and return to walking without pain.

Pam Magill asks for prayers of healing for **Tom**, who remains hospitalized.

Prayers for **Dawn Hill** as her surgeons discovered they could not move forward with surgery. More biopsies were taken and a path forward is pending. Prayers as Dawn waits for this news.

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.

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

Taichi Chen: Taichi's scan revealed that his cancer is not "under control." Pending insurance approval, he will start a targeted drug soon. Taichi just passed the 7 year diagnosis anniversary (Jan 4) and all of that "bonus time" has been an amazing gift.
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 25
9:30 am Worship
10:30 am Fellowship Hour

Monday, January 26
6:30 pm Session Meeting
7:00 pm 12-Step Meeting

Tuesday, January 27
6:30 pm Bell Choir Practice

Wednesday, January 28
6:00 pm Joy of Recovery OA Group
7:00 pm Choir rehearsal

Thursday, January 29
10:00 am Meals on Wheels
5:30 pm 12-Step Unity

Friday, January 30

Saturday, January 31

Sunday, February 1
9:30 am Worship
10:45 am Annual Meeting

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!

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

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Sheila Sheldon, CRE

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Rachel Hole

Communications Director
Mariah Messer

Music Coordinator
Rachel Williams

Choral & Handbell Director
Janet M.T. Carlson

Faith Formation Lead
Jamese Decker

Custodian
Hunter Sheldon

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

SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE
January 11: 218 (101 in-person)
January 18: 229 (106 in-person)

Incoming Deacons

Charlotte Davnie, Deacon: My husband and I came to Valley in about 2010. We were drawn to Valley because It is a friendly community with strong mission commitments. I first became a Deacon in 2011 and served again in 2013. While we were away a few years we are so happy to be back and part of Valley's efforts to make the world a better place.

Betsy Nichols, Deacon: My parents, Doug and Trudy Nichols, joined Valley in 1956. I was baptized here in 1959, at the old age of three weeks, and have been around ever since. I previously served as a deacon thirty years ago and am looking forward to serving again. My husband and i live in St Louis Park with our two spoiled cats. I have been happily retired for three years and enjoy crafting, reading, gardening and watching all sorts of TV.

Karen Chancellor, Deacon: I've been a member at Valley since 1998 and raised my three sons here who were very active in the Youth program. I have been active at Valley throughout the years, helping with VBC, Sunday School, singing in the choir and helping the Fellowship team with events. I was previously an elder on Session from 2011-2013 and I'm looking forward to serving as a deacon.

Ruth Wilterding, Deacon: My late husband Aron, and I started attending Valley 25 years ago. We felt immediately at home. Aron became a Parish Associate & I a member. In our past churches I've served both as Elder & Deacon. I especially enjoy children. While in Arizona I was a substitute teacher. Taught at Montessori school in Chaska. Was a Nanny for a family at Lake Calhoun for 18 years. I enjoy gardening, baking & reading. I especially like helping whenever & wherever I can. I am honored to serve as a deacon.

Jan Sacco, Deacon: My parents joined Valley in 1957, so I grew up in this community. I participated in Sunday school (Margie Deutsch was my fifth grade Sunday school teacher!), youth group, and became a Deacon. I wrote two musical plays that were produced at Valley back in the day. Joe and I were married here in 1981, and in the following years our two boys were baptized here. We moved away from Valley while our children were young but re-joined here in 2012. Since then, I have served as Elder for Mission, helped with Clare Terrace, and was co-chair of our Afghan family sponsorship. I enjoy using my skills as an educator, an amateur artist, and a garage sale bargain hunter to help others. I look forward to serving as a Deacon again.

Jessica Goslinga, Deacon: Jessica has been a life long Valley member ever since she was a baby. Baptized, confirmed, heavily involved with youth group and now helps leads the TEAMS program. She considers Valley to be her second home. In her free time she loves to hike, hang out with family and friends and also enjoys running and competing in races, yes even now in this snow and cold! I'm looking forward to serving Valley as a deacon for a second term and using my skills and talents.

Incoming Elders

Jen Biggs, Mission Possible Elder: I grew up at Valley and returned as an adult member in 2016 with my children, Evan and Ty Miller (now 18 and 21, respectively). The welcoming community and Valley's deep commitment to mission are what keep me anchored here. Professionally, I have been a physical therapist for 28 years, and currently serve as the Program Director for the Doctor of Physical Therapy Program at St. Kate's. In my free time, I enjoy running, reading, live music and quality time with friends and family. I am happy to serve as an elder again as a representative for Mission Possible while I continue my work with the Indigenous Justice Task Force.

Paul Minter, Worship Elder: My wife, Jennie (Lund), and I served for 33 years with Wycliffe Bible Translators as linguist-translators. We lived amongst the Iyo language group in Papua New Guinea and helped them translate the New Testament into their language. Jennie grew up at Valley and we were married in the sanctuary here in 1983. Having retired from Wycliffe we now live in Robbinsdale and have been members of Valley since 2022. I continue to volunteer with the organization as an exegetical editor of translation guides for mother-tongue translators around the world. Through the internet I also assist some of our Iyo friends as they translate the Old Testament. Besides all that I enjoy woodworking, construction projects, golf and reading.

Jamese Decker, Fellowship Elder: I was baptized at Valley in 2015 and after completing confirmation, I joined the church in November 2020. I have been active in TEAMS, Youth Group, went on mission trips and helped with the Y.E.S. Tea. Most recently I have been the Sunshine Room lead on Sunday mornings. After taking a year off from that role I am back. I'm excited to be on the Fellowship Team and learn more about what it takes to make Valley a great place.

Carolyn Anderson, Education Elder: My husband, Ray and I have lived in the VCPC neighborhood since 1976. After visiting Valley we were awed by the friendliness of the people and the mission of the church and joined Valley in 2013. I served two terms as a Deacon and joined Session in 2023 as an education elder. I spent my career working with parents of children with hearing loss and disabilities primarily at PACER Center. Since retiring in 2019, I've become active in organizations working for environmental justice, affordable housing, anti-racism, and plant-based eating. I enjoy making greeting cards, camping in our Scamp trailer, trying new recipes, and traveling. I'm looking forward to serving Valley as education elder for another three year term.

Tom Wasmoen, Property Elder: My wife, Barb, and I joined Valley in 1999 and raised our family here. Barb and I enjoy traveling in our spare time, gardening, reading, and spending time with our family and friends. We also seem to share an affinity for red convertibles! I am looking forward to serving in the role of Property Elder for another three years.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2026
IN-PERSON

2025 ANNUAL MEETING AFTER WORSHIP

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

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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-CHRYSALIS
CONTACT 218-678-2325

Valley Craft & Connect

Craft & Connect is for anyone who enjoys a day crafting, working on a puzzle, chatting with friends or even just reading a book.

Catch up on a project, start something new or come see what others are working on for inspiration! Craft supplies, puzzles & cribbage boards will be available. Come for the fellowship and stay for the fun!

Kids welcome: if you sign up in advance, Rachel will make sure there is something for kids to do!

***Optional:** Bring a dish to share for lunch at 12 PM. If you're unable to bring anything, please don't let it keep you away!

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2026
10 AM - 2:00 PM

YOUTH COOKIE SALE!

CALLING ALL BAKERS!

Valley Youth are hosting their **Annual Cookie Sale** on **Sunday, February 8th, 2026** to raise money for Youth Mission work and other special projects.

If you would like to donate some goodies to be included in the Cookie Sale, please contact **Katie Decker or Sheila Sheldon!**

All proceeds will go to Valley Youth!

THANK YOU!

To all those in the Valley community who gave of their time, talents & treasures this month to make sure Valley Fellowship Hour on Sunday mornings was caffeinated and extra delicious!

COFFEE HOSTS

- Charlotte Davnie
- Mary Wilkens
- Ray Anderson
- Roger Michael
- Ann & Don Roach
- Jennie & Paul Minter

BAKERS & TREAT-BRINGERS

- Charlotte Davnie
- Arlene Freeberg
- Katie Decker
- Connie Freeman

YOUTH COOKIE SALE 2/8

Don't Miss It!

a fundraiser for Youth & Teams programs/mission

Fridays in the Valley Presents:

Momoko Tanno, soprano & Joseph Hagedorn, lute/guitar

Friday, February 13, 2026 | 7:00 PM

FREE-WILL OFFERINGS BENEFIT
CEAP MEALS ON WHEELS

Valley Community

Save The Date!

24th Annual Y.E.S. Tea

Saturday, March 21 | 2 pm

Interested in hosting a tea table?
Talk to Sheila or Mariah!

• DRIVERS NEEDED •

Meals on Wheels

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

3RD & 4TH THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH

ROUTES INCLUDE:
Crystal
New Hope
Robbinsdale
Golden Valley

Sign Up on Breeze or in Fellowship Hall

Volunteer Coordinators:
Gail Smith - 3rd Thur
Marge Thurston - 4th Thur
or call the office.

Valley Community

SAVE THE DATE

VBC 2026

JUNE 9-12

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
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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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