

Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, February 15, 2026

GATHERING US IN

PRELUDE

Be With Me Lord
arr. Lorie Line

Rachel Williams,
piano

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

GATHERING MUSIC

Thy Word
Michael W. Smith and Amy Grant

Jay Tracy, guitar & vocals
Tom Wasmoen, vocals

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Great is the Lord—

People: Exalted among the nations.

Leader: Mighty is the Lord—

People: King of heaven and earth.

Leader: Holy is the Lord—

People: Beyond our understanding.

Leader: Let us worship God.

† Hymn #687

Our God Our Help in Ages Past

vss. 1, 3, 4 & 6

Our God, our help in ages past,
 our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
 and our eternal home:

Before the hills in order stood,
 or earth received its frame,
from everlasting thou art God,
 to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in thy sight
 are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night
 before the rising sun.

Our God, our help in ages past,
 our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while life shall last,
 and our eternal home.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sheila Sheldon, CRE

Glorious God, you meet us in the ordinary as well as the extraordinary moments of life. We seek you in the valleys and on the mountaintops. Yet we admit that too often our eyes do not see your presence, too often our ears do not hear your call. When you reach out to us through the cries of the poor and the hungry, too often our hearts shrink from your touch. Forgive us, we pray, and set us free to love and serve.

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

All Are Welcome
Marty Haugen

Valley Choir

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 17:1-9

SERMON

Get Up and Do Not Be Afraid

Rev. Kyle Sandison

Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain

Jesus, take us to the mountain,
where, with Peter, James, and John,
we are dazzled by your glory,
light as blinding as the sun.
There prepare us for the night
by the vision of that sight.

What do you want us to hear there,
that your dear disciples heard?
Once again the voice from heaven
says of the Incarnate Word,
"Listen, listen, everyone:
this is my beloved Son."

Take us to that other mountain
where we see you glorified,
where you shouted "It is finished!"
where for all the world you died.
Hear the stunned centurion:
"Truly this was God's own Son!"

We who have beheld your glory,
risen and ascended Lord,
cannot help but tell the story,
all that we have seen and heard;
say with Peter, James, and John:
"You are God's beloved Son!"

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

RAS Family Emergency Food Hub

Rachel Hole

OFFERTORY

Open the Eyes of My Heart
Paul Baloche

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

written by Rose Schrott Taylor

Almighty, on the mountain top, you instructed Peter, James and John: "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" We are listening, God, and we hear your call to make the world a better place alongside your Holy Spirit. We offer you these gifts and our hearts alongside them. May they be blessed to do your bidding.

SENDING US OUT

† Hymn #12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhaunting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might:
thy justice, like mountains high soaring above;
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small.
In all life thou livest, the true life of all.
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.

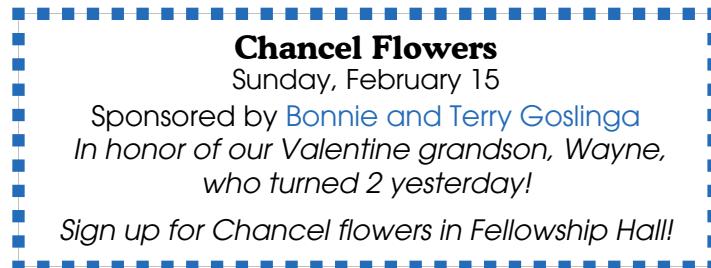
Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light.
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Step by Step
Beaker

The Worship Has Ended. The Service Begins.



† 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.

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 will have a follow up scan in March. She thanks everyone for the prayers and is excited to be back at church with her Valley family!

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

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

Susie Potter: Susie's oncologist said no chemo for now, but will be talking to colleagues about setting up trial drugs at the U of M or Mayo. Susie will have another PET scan in 3 months.
<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, February 15

9:30 am Worship
10:30 am Fellowship Hour
11:00 am Deacon Meeting
5:00 pm Youth/TEAMS Bowling Event

Monday, February 16

7:00 pm 12-Step Meeting

Tuesday, February 17

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

Wednesday, February 18

6:00 pm Joy of Recovery OA Group
7:00 pm Ash Wednesday

Thursday, February 19

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

Friday, February 20

[Chrysalis Retreat \(through Sunday\)](#)

7:00 pm Fridays in the Valley

Saturday, February 21

Sunday, February 22

9:30 am Worship
10:30 am Fellowship
5:30 pm Youth/TEAMS

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

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The entire Valley Community!

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Rev. Kate O'Brien Soltau

Rev. David Phillips

Rev. Nancy Phillips

Rev. Rebecca Tollefson

SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

February 1: 259 (110 in-person)

February 8: 300 (154 in-person)

• 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



**Tell me
something
good**

Grounding ourselves in
the good news this Lent

Ash Wednesday
all are invited

FEBRUARY 18 | 7:00 PM

Service will be available in-person and live-streamed.

**A worship service with
communion and marking
of the ashes.**

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VALLEY COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN
DONATING BLOOD AT VALLEY?

Sunday
March 8, 2026
12:00 - 4:00 PM

Scan to Register for 3/8/26



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

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

March 8th, 2026

May 10th, 2026

July 12th, 2026

September 6th, 2026

November 8th, 2026

 Valley Community



Ladies' Night Out

Friday, March 6
6-8 PM



Total Wine
Maple Grove

\$20 per person, appetizers provided
In Vino Veritas wine class

Sign Up in Fellowship Hall or email Sheila at families@valleychurch.net

Space is limited, Sign up by March 1st.

Easter Flowers

Order by March 8 | Fellowship Hall



Easter Lily (white) \$12 each
Asiatic Lily (pink) \$12 each
Azalea (bicolor) \$25 each
Tulip \$12 each
(purple, pink, yellow)
Mum (yellow) \$12 each



Save The Date!
24th Annual
Y.E.S. Tea

Saturday, March 21 | 2 pm

Tickets on sale March 1st!

\$35 for Adults
\$20 kids under 10

Happy Birthday Valley Family!

Bonnie Goslinga

Bill Holman

Alexander Malinowski

Kristin Oney

Joan Chenoweth

Katie Hestness

Connie Freeman

Pat Hoehn

Diane (Stueven) Knox

Warren Linc

Anna Parks

Donna Hewitt

John Zieska

Dawn Hill

Craig Gottschalk

Valerie Robinson

Scot Michael

Jay Tracy

Todd Decker

Connor Craven

Juanita Loubert

Sharon Olson

Veronica Freeberg

Bennett Goiffon

Sarah Fadell

Beverly Collins

Doug Malecha

Don Roach

Sam Rudeen

David Dechaine

Anna Zieska

Richard Gibson

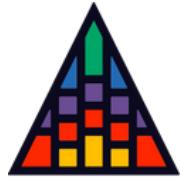
Diane Morningstar

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John Nyongkah

Colston Rude





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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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Scan to give online!