



# Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, February 15, 2026

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# 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

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, unhasting, 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.**

#### **Chancel Flowers**

Sunday, February 15

Sponsored by [Bonnie and Terry Goslinga](#)  
*In honor of our Valentine grandson, Wayne,  
who turned 2 yesterday!*

*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.

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](mailto: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

## Ministers

The entire Valley Community!

## Pastor & Head of Staff

Rev. Kyle Sandison

## Educational Ministries Director

Sheila Sheldon, CRE

## Office Administrator

Rachel Hole

## Communications Director

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## Faith Formation Lead

Jamese Decker

## 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

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.



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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

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## Ladies' Night Out

Bring a women's toiletry  
item to donate to PRISM

**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](mailto: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

Judy Rathje

John Nyongkah

Colston Rude



# Valley Community

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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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