

Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, February 22, 2026

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

GATHERING MUSIC

O Lord Throughout These Forty Days
arr. Raymond Haan

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The good news of the gospel is:

People: manna in the desert, water turned into wine, love after loss, forgiveness after pain.

Leader: The good news of the gospel is:

People: release for the captive, hope for the hopeless, mourning turned to dancing, and strangers turned to friends.

Leader: So come on in. This surprising good news is for you. Let us worship God.

Hymn #475

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God; he,
to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

† Please rise in body or spirit.

God of grace, you sent Jesus Christ to gather us in the wide embrace of your love. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. Forgive us for the times we have failed in love, neglected your justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy on us, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, 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 #520***Taste and See***

Taste and see, taste and see
the goodness of the Lord.
O taste and see, taste and see
the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.

HEARING THE WORD**TIME WITH YOUNG WORSHIPPERS**

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

Melody of Hope
Sandra Elithem

Valey Handbells

SCRIPTURE READING

John 2:1-11

SERMON

*The Good News Is...
So Good It Catches Us By Surprise*

Rev. Kyle Sandison

† Please rise in body or spirit.



Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown.

Jesus, thou art all compassion; pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit; let us find the promised rest.

Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee;
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

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

Minnesota FoodShare, PRISM
& Hunger Awareness

Sarah Fadell

OFFERTORY

Now Dance and Sing, Ye Christian Throng
J.S. Bach

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, at the wedding feast in Cana, you surprised the guests with divine generosity, filled to the brim and flowing over. We offer our gifts with grateful hearts. Bless them and our lives to your service, that they may reveal your glory, nurture faith, and manifest the common good. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

t Please rise in body or spirit.



A prayer written by or adapted from Rev. Sarah A. Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org

O love, how deep, how broad, how high,
beyond all thought and fantasy,
that God, the Son of God, should take
our mortal form for mortals' sake.

For us by wickedness betrayed,
for us, in crown of thorns arrayed,
he bore the shameful cross and death;
for us gave up his dying breath.

For us he rose from death again;
for us he went on high to reign;
for us he sent the Spirit here
to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

All glory to our Lord and God,
for love so deep, so high, so broad:
the Trinity whom we adore
forever and forevermore.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Festival Finale
Malcolm Archer

The Worship Has Ended. The Service Begins.

Chancel Flowers
Sunday, February 22

Sponsored by Shirley & Mark Toering
*In memory of my sister, Carol, whose birthday
was February 22.*

Sign up for Chancel flowers in Fellowship Hall!

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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.

Prayers for **Pam** and **Tom Magill**, as Tom continues to experience ongoing health issues after being recently hospitalized. Please pray for his healthcare providers as they determine next steps. Please pray for strength for Pam as caregiver.

Prayers for **Dawn Hill** as she works with her care team to decide next steps to address her cancer diagnosis.

Prayers for **Jerry** and **Chris Phelan**. After weeks in the hospital, Jerry has transitioned to home care with Chris. Prayers that services will meet Jerry's needs as he continues recovery.

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 recently enjoyed a trip to Florida with Henry to visit their daughter, Jillene. She's now at home resting after the long car ride. She had a fabulous time with her family in the warmth of the sun! She will have a follow up scan in March.

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 22

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

Monday, February 23

6:30 Session Meeting
7:00 pm 12-Step Meeting

Tuesday, February 24

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

Wednesday, February 25

6:00 pm Joy of Recovery OA Group
6:00 pm 1st Wednesday of Lent
7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 26

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

Friday, February 27

Saturday, February 28

Sunday, March 1

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!

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The entire Valley Community!

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Rev. Rebecca Tollefson

SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

February 8: 300 (154 in-person)

February 15: 236 (120 in person)

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

FEBRUARY 25 | WEEK 1 | 6:00-7:15 PM

Join us for Wednesdays in Lent
Fellowship time.

DINNER BEGINS: 6:00 PM | PROGRAM BEGINS: 6:45 PM

HOSTS: Stewardship, Finance & Technology

MEAL: Sloppy Joes

DISCUSSION FOCUS: What surprises you in **John 2:1-11?**

How have you been surprised by the good news
of the gospel in your life?

Members are encouraged to bring sides and desserts!
Last names A-L Dessert | M-Z Side dish



Tell me
something
good



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PACK THE PEWS FOR PRISM

The Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches (GMCC) has announced its 45th March Campaign in partnership with Minnesota FoodShare.

That means it's time to **PACK THE PEWS, VALLEY!**

Donation deadline: MARCH 25

SUGGESTED WEEKLY SHOPPING CATEGORIES

WEEK 1 (Feb 26-Mar 4)

CANNED GOODS

canned fruits,
vegetables, meats/fish,
soups

WEEK 2 (March 5-11)

BAKING

flour, sugar, baking
soda, oils, boxed
cake/bread mixes

WEEK 3 (March 12-18)

PANTRY STAPLES

rice, pasta, sauces,
cereal, boxed dinners,
mac n' cheese

WEEK 4 (March 19-25)

LUNCHBOX

nut butters, jelly, fruit
snacks, granola bars,
juice boxes,
raisins/dried fruit, nuts

*Shopping categories are meant to be helpful. Needless to say, any
and all donations are needed and will be accepted at any time!



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, MARCH 7, 2026
10 AM - 2:00 PM



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



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**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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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



Ladies' Night Out

**Friday, March 6
6-8 PM**



Total Wine in 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



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

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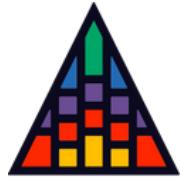
Diane Morningstar

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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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