



# Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, February 22, 2026

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# GATHERING US IN

## PRELUDE

*Three Interpretations on Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*  
Mark Sedio, Paul Manz, and David Lasky

Jane Nienaber,  
organ

## 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.



## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sheila Sheldon, CRE

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.



A prayer written by or adapted from Rev. Sarah A. Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | [sanctifiedart.org](http://sanctifiedart.org)

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.

† Please rise in body or spirit.



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](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 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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!

# **Valley Staff**

## **Ministers**

The entire Valley Community!

## **Pastor & Head of Staff**

Rev. Kyle Sandison

## **Educational Ministries Director**

Sheila Sheldon, CRE

## **Office Administrator**

Rachel Hole

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Mariah Messer

## **Music Coordinator**

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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 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



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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



**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](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



# 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



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—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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