



Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, March 1, 2026

GATHERING US IN

PRELUDE

Breathe
Marie Barnett, arr. Mark Hayes

Rachel Williams,
piano

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

GATHERING MUSIC

For the Beauty of the Earth
Conrad Kocher, arr. Carol Tornquist

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Wherever we come from, whoever we are,

People: Come, let us worship the God of all.

Leader: With hearts that are broken or full of joy,

People: Come, let us worship the God of all.

Leader: Whether we have doubts, fears, or faults,

People: Come, let us worship the God of all.

Leader: Truly God is with us. Let us worship God.

† Hymn #14

For the Beauty of the Earth

vss. 1, 2, 4, & 5

For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies:

Refrain:

Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon, and stars of light: **(Refrain)**

For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild: **(Refrain)**

5 For thyself, best gift divine
to the world so freely given;
for that great, great love of thine,
peace on earth and joy in heaven: **(Refrain)**

† Please rise in body or spirit.



PRAYER OF CONFESSION



Sheila Sheldon, CRE

Merciful God, did we see you hungry and give you something to eat? Did we see you thirsty and give you something to drink? Did we see you alone and offer you compassion? Or did we cross the street? Did we avert our eyes?

God, we long to be people who love our neighbors with the same overwhelming love that you have for them. But we confess we have a long way to go. We confess the times we have let bias, scarcity, or fear get in the way of love. Have mercy upon us and forgive us, that we may walk in your ways, sharing your love with all, and seeing your image in every person we meet. 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

We Come for Your Healing
Ruth Elaine Schram

Valley Choir
Beth Carlson, flute

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 25:35-40 (CEB); Luke 7:36-50 (CEB)

SERMON

*The Good News is... Great Love for
God and Neighbor*

Rev. Kyle Sandison

† Please rise in body or spirit.



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† Hymn #44

Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us

Like a mother who has borne us,
held us close in her delight,
fed us freely from her body,
God has called us into life.

Like a father who has taught us,
grasped our hand and been our guide,
lifted us and healed our sorrows,
God has walked with us in life.

Though as children we have wandered,
placed our trust in power and might,
left behind our brothers, sisters,
God still calls us into life.

When we offer food and comfort,
grasp our neighbor's hand in love,
tread the path of peace and justice,
God still walks with us in life.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE 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.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

SHARING OF THE BREAD & CUP

MUSIC REFLECTION

He Who Began a Good Work in You
Jon Mohr, arr. Mark Hayes

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Holy and loving God, we thank you for this feast of grace and life. As we have been served, help us to serve our neighbors. As we have been fed, help us to feed those who are hungry. As we have been loved, help us to love the world. Amen.

† Please rise in body or spirit.



Together We Serve

Together we serve, united by love,
inviting God's world to the glorious feast.
We work and we pray through sorrow and joy,
extending God's love to the last and the least.

We seek to become a beacon of hope,
a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.
We learn, year by year, to let love shine through
until we see Christ in each person we meet.

We welcome the scarred, the wealthy, the poor,
the busy, the lonely, and all who need care.
We offer a home to those who will come,
our hands quick to help, our hearts ready to dare.

Together, by grace, we witness and work,
remembering Jesus, in whom we grow strong.
Together we serve in Spirit and truth,
remembering love is the strength of our song.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Won't You Be My Neighbor?
Fred Rogers

The Worship Has Ended. The Service Begins.

Chancel Flowers

Sunday, March 1

Sponsored by [Brian and Rachel Hole](#)

*In memory of Brian's brother, Tyler, who would
have turned 36 on March 3rd*

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.

Prayers for **Dawn Hill** who has an exam at Mayo on March 13 and depending on the results, might have surgery that day.

Prayers of healing for **Janet Carlson** after her recent foot surgery on Tuesday, February 24.

Prayers for **Tom Magill**, who is now home, hopefully with the correct antibiotics and will have follow up appointments to monitor progress. Please pray for strength for **Pam** as caregiver.

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 was glad to be with her Valley family on Sunday!

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

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

Susie Potter has an appointment at the U of M on March 5 to learn about potential trial drugs.
<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, March 1 | Communion

9:30 am Worship

10:30 am Fellowship

5:30 pm Youth/TEAMS

Monday, March 2

11:30 Lunch Bunch

7:00 pm 12-Step Meeting

Tuesday, March 3

1:00 pm Bible Fellowship

6:30 pm Bell Choir Practice

Wednesday, March 4

6:00 pm Joy of Recovery OA Group

6:00 pm 2nd Wednesday in Lent

Thursday, March 5

5:30 pm 12-Step Unity

Friday, March 6

6:00 pm Ladies' Night at Total Wine

Saturday, March 7

10:00 am-2:00 pm Craft & Connect

Sunday, March 8

9:30 am Worship

10:30 Fellowship Hour

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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SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

February 15: 236 (120 in-person)

February 22: 226 (108 in-person)

PACK THE PEWS FOR PRISM

It's March.

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

Donation Deadline: **MARCH 25**

WEEK 1 (Feb 26-Mar 4)

CANNED GOODS

**canned fruits, vegetables,
meats/fish, soups**

OTHER SUGGESTED ITEMS

Sugar & Flour (5lbs)

Cereal

Cooking Oil

Peanut Butter

Pasta Sauce

Canned Vegetables

Tuna & Chicken

Pasta



Valley **Lunch Bunch**

MONDAY, MARCH 2ND
11:30 AM

50^s
GRILL

First Monday of every month!



WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

MARCH 4 | WEEK 2 | 6:00-7:15 PM

Join us for Wednesdays in Lent Fellowship time.

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

HOSTS: Educational Ministries

MEAL: Pasta & Garlic Bread

DISCUSSION FOCUS: The good news is...great love for God & neighbor.

When we care for the hungry, the naked, the imprisoned—each of whom are created in the image of God—we are showing love for God, too.

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

Jamese will lead activities for kids in the
Sunshine Room from 6:45-7:15pm!



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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



Happy Birthday Valley Family!

Juliana Vogel
Randee Melander
Alvian Bi
Roger Graphenteen
Gary Malinowski
Marge Thurston
Katya Miakotina
Barbara Wasmoen
Joe Sacco
Soma Datta
Karen Harms
Art LaPoint
John Gonsior
Kyle Soens
Abby Malecha
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Mikey Vogel
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Helen Dechaine
Syndy Nyongkah
Leah Zywicki
Judith McKay
Diane Schmidt
Nikolas Fields
Gabriel Gottschalk
Rev. Kate O'Brien Soltau
Abigail Toering-Peters

Jim Payne
Riley Brooker
Lizzy Van Heest
Roberta (Bobbie) Watson
Gabriella Macias
Cooper Graham
Chris Marshall
Jennie Minter
Julie Westerlund
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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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