



# Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, February 8, 2026

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# GATHERING US IN

## PRELUDE

*Heavenly Sunlight*  
George Harrison Cook, arr. Mark Hayes

Rachel Williams,  
piano

## LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

### GATHERING MUSIC

*Keep On the Sunny Side*  
J. Howard Entwistle

Matt Weiss,  
guitar and vocals

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Praise the Lord. Even in darkness light dawns for the upright

**People: for those who are gracious and compassionate and righteous.**

Leader: Good will come to those who are generous and lend freely

**People: Who conduct their affairs with justice.**

Leader: Jesus proclaims: "You are the light of the world."

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### † Hymn #377

### *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

I want to walk as a child of the light.

I want to follow Jesus.

God set the stars to give light to the world.

The star of my life is Jesus.

#### **Refrain:**

In him there is no darkness at all.

The night and the day are both alike.

The Lamb is the light of the city of God.

Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I want to see the brightness of God.

I want to look at Jesus.

Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path,  
and show me the way to the Father. **(Refrain)**

I'm looking for the coming of Christ.

I want to be with Jesus.

When we have run with patience the race,  
we shall know the joy of Jesus. **(Refrain)**

Merciful God, we have asked for your righteous judgement against others, but we have not acknowledged the sin in our own lives. We have worshiped you with our lips, but have dishonored you with our actions. We have prayed for you to end the suffering in our world, yet we have not practiced compassion and generosity toward others. Our religion has become the source of quarreling rather than a testimony to your grace. Forgive our self-righteousness and give us integrity of heart, that we may shine forth the light of your salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 #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**

*In the Garden*

C. Austin Miles

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Matthew 5:13-16

**SERMON**

*Salt and Light*

Rev. Kyle Sandison

**Blessed Jesus, at Your Word**

Blessed Jesus, at your word  
we have come again to hear you;  
let our thoughts and hearts be stirred  
and in glowing faith be near you.  
By your gospel true and holy,  
teach us, Lord, to love you solely.

All our knowledge, sense, and sight  
lie in deepest darkness shrouded,  
till your Spirit breaks our night,  
filling us with light unclouded.  
All good thoughts and all good living  
come but by your gracious giving.

Glorious Lord, yourself impart,  
Light of Light, from God proceeding.  
Touch our lips and ears and heart;  
help us by your Spirit's pleading.  
Hear the cry your church now raises;  
hear, and bless our prayers and praises.

**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**

*Clearwater Forest*

Barb Wasmoen

**OFFERTORY**

*Unclouded Day*  
Josiah Kelley Atwood

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Loving God, we give you thanks for all you have given to us and praise you for your abundant goodness. Receive the dedication of our hearts, minds, and bodies for the ministry of your church. Bless our offering for the work of your kingdom, so that your light may shine through us. Amen.

# SENDING US OUT

**Hymn #755**

## **Alleluia! Laud and Blessing**

Alleluia! Laud and blessing  
to our God, whose Word is sure;  
by whose grace we find redemption,  
in whose love we live secure.  
Righteousness and rich compassion  
shall attend us all our days;  
may God's promise to be faithful  
echo through our songs of praise!

Alleluia! God sustains us;  
matchless are the gifts we share:  
light in darkness, hope in conflict,  
answers to our deepest prayer.  
Ours to give as we are given:  
arms to lift when others fall;  
images of God's great goodness,  
faithful servants to God's call.

Alleluia! Holy Parent,  
all your children now reclaim;  
may our lives reflect your justice,  
heirs to your most sacred name.  
Fill our hearts with understanding,  
brace our weakness by your might;  
awesome honor, born in wisdom;  
your great glory, our delight!

## **BENEDICTION**

## **POSTLUDE**

*Wonderful Words of Life*  
Philip P. Bliss, arr. Carol Tornquist

**The Worship Has Ended. The Service Begins.**

### **Chancel Flowers**

Sunday, February 8

Sponsored by *Valley Staff*

*In honor of Rev. Kyle Sandison and his family as we officially welcomed them to Valley this week!*

*Sign up for Chancel flowers in Fellowship Hall!*

# 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 of recovery for **Alan Wold** as he had a total knee replacement on January 27 that went very well. He is now doing in-home PT/OT. Cards and prayers are appreciated.

Prayers for **Dawn Hill** as she waits for a path forward with her health.

Prayers for **Jerry Phalen** who has been at the VA for a couple of weeks. Prayers for **Chris** as well, who is working on getting his home care sorted out so he can be discharged home.

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** had her last full dose of chemo on Weds, January 28. She got to ring the bell! She 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:** Taichi received insurance coverage for his new targeted medication and has begun taking it. <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/taichichen>

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

**Susie Potter:** Susie's PET scan showed some cancer progression and her cancer marker number went up. She will discuss these results with her oncologist on Wednesday, February 11. <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 8

Rev. Kyle Sandison's first Sunday!

9:30 am Worship

10:30 Fellowship Hour - **Cookie Sale!**

11:30 Sugarcane Follow Up Discussion

## Monday, February 9

6:00 pm Observer Training

7:00 pm 12-Step Meeting

## Tuesday, February 10

1:00 pm Bible Fellowship

6:30 pm Bell Choir Practice

6:30 Mission Possible Meeting

## Wednesday, February 11

6:00 pm Joy of Recovery OA Group

7:00 pm Choir rehearsal

## Thursday, February 12

10:00 am Meals on Wheels

5:30 pm 12-Step Unity

## Friday, February 13

7:00 pm Fridays in the Valley

## Saturday, February 14

## Sunday, February 15

9:30 am Worship

10:30 am Fellowship

11:00 am Deacon Meeting

3:00 pm Youth/TEAMS Bowling Event

**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

Mariah Messer

## Music Coordinator

Rachel Williams

## Choral & Handbell Director

Janet M.T. Carlson

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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

January 25: 248 (112 in-person)

February 1: 259 (110 in-person)

# YOUTH COOKIE SALE TODAY!

Don't Miss It!

*a fundraiser for  
Youth & Teams  
programs/mission*



*Clearwater Chrysalis  
Women's Retreat*

FEBRUARY 20-22, 2026  
PRESBYTERIAN CLEARWATER FOREST

**REGISTRATION NOW OPEN**

TO REGISTER VISIT

[CLEARWATERFOREST.ORG/CLEARWATER-CHRY SALIS](http://CLEARWATERFOREST.ORG/CLEARWATER-CHRY SALIS)

CONTACT 218-678-2325



**Fridays in  
the Valley  
Presents:**

Momoko Tanno,  
soprano &  
Joseph Hagedorn,  
lute/guitar



**Friday, February 13, 2026 | 7:00 PM**

FREE-WILL OFFERINGS BENEFIT  
**CEAP MEALS ON WHEELS**

 Valley Community



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

**Saturday, March 21 | 2 pm**

Interested in hosting a tea table?  
Talk to Sheila or Mariah!





**TEAMS/YOUTH GROUP  
Grades 4-12**

## **Bowling and Pizza Party!**



**Sunday  
February 15  
3:00-5:00 PM**



Park Tavern  
3401 Louisiana Ave S,  
St. Louis Park

RSVP by February 13<sup>th</sup> in Fellowship Hall or email Sheila/Mariah at [youth@valleychurch.net](mailto:youth@valleychurch.net)

# **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





# 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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