



# Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, March 15, 2026

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## LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

### GATHERING MUSIC

*Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*  
Ken Medema

Kyle, guitar/vocals  
Mariah & Sheila, vocals

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Lord commands justice for the immigrant, the orphan, and the widow.  
The Lord remembers those the world forgets.

**People: We remember that we, too, have been carried by grace.**

Leader: Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."  
He welcomed them and blessed them.

**People: We come as God's beloved children—  
ready to worship, ready to follow, ready to serve.**

### † Hymn #683

#### ***Lord of All Hopefulness***

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,  
whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy:  
be there at our waking and give us, we pray,  
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,  
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:  
be there at our labors and give us, we pray,  
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,  
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace:  
be there at our homing and give us, we pray,  
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

† Please rise in body or spirit.



## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you call us to do justice and to remember the vulnerable.  
Yet we cling to what we have. We pass by those at the margins.  
We forget our own dependence on your grace.

Forgive us. Open our hands. Open our hearts. Teach us to welcome every child of God  
with courage, compassion, and hope. In Jesus' name we pray. 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.

## HEARING THE WORD

## TIME WITH YOUNG WORSHIPPERS

## *Jesus Loves Me #188*

## Congregational Blessing:

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

## SCRIPTURE READING

Deuteronomy 24:17-22 (CEB)  
Mark 10:13-16 (CEB)

## SERMON

*The Good News Is...  
Protection and Care for the Vulnerable*

Sheila Sheldon, CRE

† Please rise in body or spirit.



***These Treasured Children***

These treasured children present now  
are bound to us by sacred vow:  
with love, we make a heartfelt claim  
to welcome them in Jesus' name.

Our ancient story we shall tell,  
till these our children know it well  
within their souls and minds and hearts,  
for this is where their journey starts.

Come, Holy Spirit, help us be  
a nurturing community;  
empower us to realize  
God's kingdom through our children's eyes.

**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***VCPC Endowment Fund*

Mariah Messer

**OFFERTORY****PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Generous God, use these gifts and our lives to widen your welcome and strengthen your justice. May every offering bring hope to all your children and glory to your name. Amen.

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## **Heaven Shall Not Wait**

Heaven shall not wait, for the poor to lose their patience,  
the scorned to smile, the despised to find a friend:

Jesus is Lord;

he has championed the unwanted;  
in him injustice confronts its timely end.

Heaven shall not wait, for the rich to share their fortunes,  
the proud to fall, the elite to tend the least:

Jesus is Lord;

he has shown the master's privilege:  
to kneel and wash servants' feet before they feast.

Heaven shall not wait for triumphant Hallelujahs,  
when earth has passed and we reach another shore:

Jesus is Lord

in our present imperfection;  
his power and love are for now and then for evermore.

## **BENEDICTION**

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

#### **Chancel Flowers**

Sunday, March 15

Sponsored by

[Jan & Joe Sacco](#)

[Les & Arlene Freeberg](#)

*In honor of the Karwan family as they  
celebrate Afghan new year today*

*Sign up for Chancel flowers in Fellowship Hall!*

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# Joys and Concerns

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

**Jennie Minter** shared that on April 8th, her oldest daughter, Emily, is giving her one of her kidneys. Though they've been planning this for many months, she is grateful it is happening soon.

Prayers for **Rev. Bill Davnie's** safe return home from Palestine.

Prayers for **Tom Day** who will have open heart surgery on March 16 at North Memorial.

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** is enjoying time with her daughter in Florida.

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

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

**Susie Potter** Susie will have an MRI on Friday, March 13. On March 24, she'll meet with the U of M research team 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](mailto:chelsie.larsen@valleychurch.net) to set up withdrawals directly from your account. You can always adjust the amount.

# This Week at Valley

## Sunday, March 15

9:30 am Worship

10:30 am Fellowship Hour

11:00 am Adult Ed-**Recheduled**

5:30 pm Youth/TEAMS- **Cancelled**

## Monday, March 16

7:00 pm 12-Step Meeting

## Tuesday, March 17

11:30 am Valley Men's Luncheon Group

1:00 pm Bible Fellowship

6:30 pm Bell Choir Practice

## Wednesday, March 18

6:00 pm Joy of Recovery OA Group

6:00 pm 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday in Lent

## Thursday, March 19

10:00 am Meals on Wheels

5:30 pm 12-Step Unity

5:30 pm IJTF Meeting

## Friday, March 20

## Saturday, March 21

2:00 pm Y.E.S. Tea

## Sunday, March 22

9:30 am Worship

10:30 am Fellowship

11:00 am Adult Ed

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

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## 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

March 1: 221 (110 in person)

March 8: 202 (97 in person)



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**POSTPONED**



Adult Education | March 15 | 11:00 AM

EXPLORING IMMIGRATION IN MINNESOTA & THE U.S.

HANNE SANDISON

Hanne Sandison will share about her work as Director of the Refugee and Immigrant Program at Advocates for Human Rights. Join her for a discussion of recent issues in immigration enforcement and how it impacts our immigrant neighbors.

**Hosted in The Cornerstone Room**

## PACK THE PEWS FOR PRISM

It's March.

That means it's time to

**PACK THE PEWS, VALLEY!**

Donation Deadline: **MARCH 29**

**WEEK 3 (March 15-21)**

**PANTRY STAPLES**

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

### OTHER SUGGESTED ITEMS

Sugar & Flour (5lbs)

Cooking Oil

Pasta Sauce

Tuna & Chicken

Cereal

Peanut Butter

Canned Vegetables

Pasta



# WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

MARCH 18 | WEEK 4 | 6:00-7:15 PM

Join us for Wednesdays in Lent Fellowship time.

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

**HOSTS:** Personnel & Church Growth

**MEAL:** Pizza

**DISCUSSION FOCUS:** The good news is....protection & care for the vulnerable.

Jesus' uplifting children is a reminder that we were all once children and have all been vulnerable at some point in our lives. If we're truly living out the good news, then anyone vulnerable will not only be protected from harm but cared for so they have the chance to thrive.

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

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



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Adult Education | March 22 | 11:00 AM

**NURTURING THE EARTH, ONE WATER BOTTLE AT A TIME**

**CAROLYN ANDERSON, VCPC**



My goal in climate work is to nurture the Earth and help to restore it. The work can be overwhelming, but I get a little sense of control by what I do in my own home. This presentation is not about doing everything, but about doing something. I am pleased to be able to share what we do in the Anderson household. I look forward to hearing what ideas you will be able to add.

**Hosted in The Cornerstone Room**

# EASTER EGG HUNT

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**APRIL 4, 2026**  
**@ 11:00 AM**

Cookie decorating & refreshments in  
Fellowship Hall following the egg hunt.

*\*Event will be held outdoors,  
weather permitting.*



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# NEW MEMBER CLASS

**Sunday, April 12 at 11:00 AM**

Valley Library  
Lunch will be served.

CONTACT REV. KYLE SANDISON  
[KYLE.SANDISON@VALLEYCHURCH.NET](mailto:KYLE.SANDISON@VALLEYCHURCH.NET) | 763-588-0831

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# 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  
Grace Perry  
Mikey Vogel  
Alex Malecha  
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  
James Robles  
Mark Toering  
Janet Carlson  
Joanne Jenson  
Neil Jurgensen  
Rev. Rebecca Tollefson  
Kate Toering-Peters  
Jim Falbo  
Gwyn Lang  
Atemafac Nti  
Nick Rude  
Jan Fedora  
Neiko Griffin  
Chelsea Gusek  
Brian Boyd  
Gerald Phelan  
Tyler Priem  
Kendyl Graham



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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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AND OJIBWAY)

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