Valley
Community
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area

Sunday, April 26, 2026

Installation of Rev. Kyle Sandison

GATHERING US IN

PRELUDE

Prelude, Fugue, and Chaconne
Dietrich Buxtehude

Jane Nienaber, organ

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

GATHERING MUSIC

God Himself is Present
Michael Burkhardt

† Hymn #35 ***Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty***

Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;
join me in glad adoration!

Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again;
gladly for aye we adore him.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Pastor Sheila Sheldon, CRE

Holy God, you anointed Jesus to bring good news to the poor, release to the captives, and sight to the blind, yet we confess we often turn away. For our apathy in the presence of oppression, forgive us. For our complicity in systems that keep others enslaved, forgive us. For our silence when we should speak, and our failure to share the good news of your grace, have mercy on us. Open our ears to hear your call, and loosen our lips to sing your praise and act with justice. Open our eyes that we might see the beloved community you are creating, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

† Please rise in body or spirit.

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 #240 ***Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks!***

Alleluia, alleluia!
Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Give praise to his name

HEARING THE WORD

TIME WITH YOUNG WORSHIPPERS

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

SPECIAL MUSIC He's Got the Whole World in His Hands — Valley Handbells
Bradley Morris

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 4:16-30

SERMON *Affirming Life* — Rev. Bill Davnie

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

t Hymn #772 ***Live Into Hope*** vss. 1, 2, & 4

Live into hope of captives freed,
of sight regained, the end of greed.
The oppressed shall be the first to see
the year of God's own jubilee!

Live into hope! The blind shall see
with insight and with clarity,
removing shades of pride and fear,
a vision of our God brought near.

Live into hope of captives freed
from chains of fear or want or greed.
God now proclaims our full release
to faith and hope and joy and peace.

t Please rise in body or spirit.

INSTALLATION OF REV. KYLE SANDISON

Words of Introduction	Rev. Zachary Wilson
Constitutional Questions	Rev. Paul Moore Pastor Sheila Sheldon
Prayer of Installation	Jan Fedora, RE
Declaration of Installation	Rev. Paul Moore
Charges to the Pastor and the Congregation	Rev. Richard Buller Craig Gottschalk, RE

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.

OFFERTORY*

Theme and Variation on God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven

Frank Stoldt

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, that your light may shine through us. Amen.

*In honor of Rev Kyle's Installation, today's loose offering will go to the **Shared Grant Fund of the Presbytery**

† Please rise in body or spirit.

SENDING US OUT

t Hymn #450 ***Be Thou My Vision*** vss. 1, 2, & 4

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

High King of Heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Recessional on Praise to the Lord
David Cherwien

The Worship Has Ended. The Service Begins.

Chancel Flowers
Sunday, April 26
Sponsored by Rachel Hole

In honor of my wonderful husband, Brian, who celebrates his birthday this Thursday!

Sign up for Chancel flowers in Fellowship Hall!

t Please rise in body or spirit.

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of healing for former Valley member, **Marilyn Munns**, who is hospitalized at North Memorial following a stroke on Friday, April 17.

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.
Taichi Chen: https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/taichichen
Janet & Rick Carlson: Janet learned about the possibility of a stem cell transplant later in the summer.

To support the Carlsons, Valley staff set up a Meal Train. Please sign up at https://mealtrain.com/ne11n6. Valley is also planning a gift through Pastor's Discretionary Fund (PDF) to help cover medical costs, lost wages, and other expenses. You may donate to PDF on Breeze. For updates on her treatment, follow Rick's CaringBridge (below).https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/rickcarlson101
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Susie Potter: Susie has two tests on May 11, with a follow up on May 18 with her oncologist to discuss those results. 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, April 26 **Rev. Kyle's Installation**
9:30 am Worship
10:30 am Installation Brunch
5:30 pm Youth/TEAMS Group

Monday, April 27
7:00 pm 12-Step Meeting

Tuesday, April 28
1:00 pm Bible Fellowship
6:30 Bell Choir Practice

Wednesday, April 29
6:00 pm Joy of Recovery OA Group

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

Friday, May 1

Saturday, May 2
9:00 am-12:00 pm Spring Clean-Up

Sunday, May 3
9:30 am Worship
10:30 am Fellowship Hour
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

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Rev. Jim Cook
Rev. Bill Davnie
Rev. Kate O'Brien Soltau
Rev. David Phillips
Rev. Nancy Phillips
Rev. Rebecca Tollefson

SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE
April 12: 272 (144 in-person)
April 19: 231 (133 in-person)

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SPRING CLEANUP DAY

SATURDAY, MAY 2*
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

OUTSIDE

South Lawn
Playground
Patio

SIGN UP IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

*If needed, weather make up day: Saturday, May 9

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VBC 2026

NEW!

SAVE THE DATE

JUNE 16-19

Scan the QR Code to Register!!
Register by May 4th!!

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Adult Education | May 3 | 11:00 AM

EXPLORING IMMIGRATION IN MINNESOTA & THE U.S.

HANNE SANDISON

Hanne Sandison will share about her work as Director of Immigration Legal Services at The 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

UNDERSTANDING CHRISTIAN NATIONALISM

Faith, Power, and the Soul of America

Rev. Dan Stark

Four Thursday Evenings: May 7, 14, 21, & 28, 7:00–8:30 p.m.

St. Luke Presbyterian Church | 3121 Groveland School Road, Minnetonka

In our current cultural climate, the lines between religious and national identity are increasingly blurred. Join us for this timely 4-week course as we unpack the history, theology, and modern-day impact of Christian Nationalism. This course provides a foundational understanding to distinguish a healthy love of country from a political ideology that seeks to merge American and religious identities.

Sponsors

Edina Community Lutheran Church
Excelsior United Methodist Church
Plymouth Presbyterian Church
St. Luke Presbyterian Church
Unitarian Universalist Church of Minnetonka
Valley Community Presbyterian Church
Wright County Indivisible

Rev. Dan Stark serves as the Minister of Pastoral Care and Adult Education at Wayzata Community Church and is a Chaplain in the Air Force Reserves. Ordained in the United Church of Christ, Dan holds a Master of Divinity from Emory University and two advanced degrees in biblical studies and theology from Luther Seminary.

USE THE QR CODE TO REGISTER
OR CLICK HERE TO ATTEND IN PERSON

or watch the livestream
at stluke.mn/news-updates/understanding-christian-nationalism

Fridays in The Valley Presents:

the paper clips

motown trombone sound

Friday, May 8, 2026 | 7:00 PM

FREE-WILL OFFERINGS BENEFIT
GREATER MINNEAPOLIS CRISIS NURSERY

Valley Community

Wednesday, May 6, 2026

Formula for Hope

Hyatt Regency in downtown Minneapolis

CrisisNursery.org/FFH

a benefit event for
Greater Minneapolis Crisis Nursery

Valley sponsoring a table | Call the office to reserve your spot

Do you have a graduate to celebrate this spring?

Please join us in honoring our 2026 Valley graduates
Sunday, May 17 at 9:30 am.

If you or someone you know is graduating from a degree or certification program this spring, please notify the office by May 12 so we can include them in the bulletin. **office@valleychurch.net**

Happy Birthday Valley Family!

Larry Johnson
Ben Fadell
Jeanine Miakotina
Colin Poynter
Ray Anderson
Mikum Kunkel
Rob Morrow
Jim Parks
Larry Eklund
Elsie Sandison
Mary Schuette
Tom McKeon
Alexandria Slack
Pat Daily
Jaxon Hein-Smith
Iris Hagelin
Jeff Lewis
Devin Smith
Jacob Labelle
Emmett Soltau
Chelsie Larsen
Leone Johnson
Sam Sheldon
Betty Thorne
Rachel Williams
Becky Grosshuesch

Mike Pinter
Becky Brooking
Betsy Nichols
Mae Rudeen
Dede Hanson
Greg Van Heest
Andres Freeberg
Jeremy Lund
Charlie Rudeen
Camille Pinter
Ben Sheldon
Elsie Grosshuesch
Brian Hole
Missy Rudeen

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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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