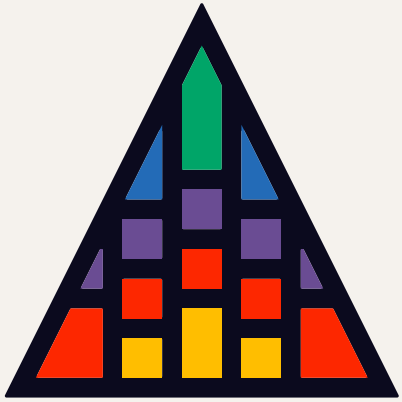

Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, April 12, 2026

GATHERING US IN

PRELUDE

I'll Fly Away
Albert E. Brumley, arr. Mark Hayes

Rachel Williams, piano

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

GATHERING MUSIC

I Am a Pilgrim
J.B. Herbert

Matt Weiss, guitar & vocals

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Christ is risen!
People: He is risen indeed!
Leader: Blessed be the God of our Savior, Jesus Christ.
People: God has given us a new birth in the living hope of the resurrection.
Leader: Alleluia! Let us worship the living God.

† **Hymn #248** ***Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!***

Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed.
In the desert all-surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.

Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair.
Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare.
Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend.
Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.

Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same.
Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.
Tell its grim, demonic chorus: "Christ is risen! Get you gone!"'
God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna everyone!

† Please rise in body or spirit.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Pastor Sheila Sheldon, CRE

God of resurrection power, break through the locked doors of our certainty to encourage our wonderings and our questions. Break through the walls of our fears of others, that we might make room for all at your table. Break through our doubt and confusion, that we might come to know your presence more fully in our lives and in our world. When we seek to judge ourselves and others for disbelief and questions, open the locked doors of our hearts and give us the patience of the risen Christ, in whose 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.

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

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

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 Sweet By and By*
Joseph P. Webster

SCRIPTURE READING John 20:19-31 (CEB)

SERMON *Peace Be With You* Rev. Kyle Sandison

† Please rise in body or spirit.

† **Hymn #286** ***Breathe on Me, Breath of God***

Breathe on me, Breath of God;
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until with thee I will one will,
to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
till I am wholly thine,
until this earthly part of me
glows with thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life
of thine eternity.

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 *Being a Matthew 25 Congregation* Rev. Jim Cook

OFFERTORY *Do Lord*
Traditional

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Generous God, you are our portion and our cup. In you our hearts are glad, our souls rejoice, and our bodies rest. Bless and multiply our offerings that they may bring the joy of your presence more deeply into the world. Amen.

† Please rise in body or spirit.

SENDING US OUT

† Hymn #268 ***Crown Him with Many Crowns***

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified:
no angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scepter sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end; and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time;
creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Jesus Shall Reign*
John Hatton, arr. Bill Wolaver

The Worship Has Ended. The Service Begins.

Chancel Flowers
Sunday, April 12
Sponsored by Cheryl Smith
In honor of my grandsons' birthdays this month:
Devin, 15 & Jaxon, 8

Sign up for Chancel flowers in Fellowship Hall!

† Please rise in body or spirit.

Joys and Concerns

On Wednesday, April 8th, **Jennie Minter** received a kidney from her daughter, Emily at Fairview University Hospital. Surgeries went well. Please keep Jennie and Emily in your prayers as they recover.

Prayers of strength and healing for **Janet Carlson** and the **Carlson** family, as her cancer fight continues with inpatient chemo treatments every two weeks at Mercy hospital beginning 4/14, and then every two weeks following. She will also take a daily chemo pill and have weekly infusions. 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).

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: https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/rickcarlson101
Susie Potter: Susie will meet with MN Oncology in early May to talk about chemo and next steps. 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 12
9:30 am Worship
10:30 am Fellowship Hour
11:00 am Adult Ed
11:00 am New Members Class - Community Room *Light Lunch served
12:30 pm Strat-O-Matic (Cornerstone Room)
5:30 pm Youth/TEAMS Group

Monday, April 13
7:00 pm 12-Step Meeting

Tuesday, April 14
1:00 pm Bible Fellowship
6:30 Bell Choir Practice

Wednesday, April 15
6:00 pm Joy of Recovery OA Group
7:00 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, April 16
10:00 am Meals on Wheels
5:30 pm 12-Step Unity
5:30 pm IJTF Meeting

Friday, April 17

Saturday, April 18

Sunday, April 19
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

Educational Ministries Director
Pastor Sheila Sheldon, CRE

Office Administrator
Rachel Hole

Communications Director
Mariah Messer

Music Coordinator
Rachel Williams

Choral & Handbell Director
Janet M.T. Carlson

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
March 29: 245 (129 in-person)
April 5, Easter: 361 (204 in-(person)

Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Adult Education | April 12 | 11:00 AM

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NORM CHERVANY, VCPC MEMBER

From December 20 to December 31, the Chervany family ... all 11 of us ... went on a 12 day safari trip to South Africa. We were on Safari at Thornybush Game Lodge in the Serengeti National Park in South Africa and the Atzaro Okavango Camp in the Okavango River Delta in the Kalahari Desert in Botswana.

The trip was amazing; the lodges were spectacular; the animals were wonderful. Come and see the Chervany and the Kwasnick families pursue "life in the jungle".

Hosted in The Cornerstone Room

STRAT-O-MATIC® BASEBALL

Learn to Play: Strat-O-Matic Baseball

SUNDAY, APRIL 12 | 12:30 - 3:30 PM

CORNERSTONE ROOM

TODAY!

To mark the beginning of the 2026 MLB season, join Brian Hole as he hosts Strat-O-Matic again! He'll bring all game materials, teach the game mechanics, and go over some basics on keeping scorebook at a baseball game. Don't worry about missing the Twins game - it will be on in the background! Please bring a side dish, salad, snack, or dessert to share! Contact Brian Hole if you have questions or call the office.

Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Adult Education | April 19| 11:00 AM

TENT OF NATIONS: PROTECTIVE PRESENCE IN THE HOLY LAND

REV. BILL DAVNIE

Tent of Nations is a Christian Palestinian-owned farm near Bethlehem, committed to peacemaking and justice. Its existence is being squeezed by Israeli settlers, and the government of Israel, which are trying to drive Palestinians out of their land.

Bill recently spent a month at the farm, part of a Protective Presence effort to discourage seizure of their land. He will talk about Christians in the West Bank, the Palestinian situation in general, and life at the Tent of Nations.

Hosted in The Cornerstone Room

Valley Community

You're invited to celebrate the Installation of
Rev. Kyle Sandison as Pastor and Head of Staff at Valley!

Installation Service Sunday, April 26th, 2026 at 9:30 AM

Following the service, we'll share in a potluck brunch to honor **Pastor Kyle** as he begins his ministry as our new Pastor and Head of Staff, and to welcome him and his family to the Valley family.

No RSVP needed — but if you'd like to bring something for the brunch, sign-ups are available!
We hope to see you there!

Sign up for a potluck item in the Fellowship Hall, scan the QR code, or click here:
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4CA8A92DA1F58-63167764-installation

PRISM'S TASTE OF THE BURBS

13th Annual Taste of the 'Burbs

Thursday, May 7th, 2026
Time: 6:00 PM

Location: The Metropolitan Club & Ballroom

Contact the Valley Office if you are interested in attending!

Valley Community

VBC 2026

NEW!

SAVE THE DATE

JUNE 16-19

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

VALLEY COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN DONATING BLOOD AT VALLEY?

Sunday
May 10th, 2026
12:00 - 4:00 PM

Scan to Register for 5/10/26

Valley will now be a recurring Memorial Blood Centers donation site!

Mark your calendars for the following dates and spread the word!

May 10th, 2026
July 12th, 2026
September 6th, 2026
November 8th, 2026

Valley Community

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
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Mae Rudeen
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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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Scan to give online!