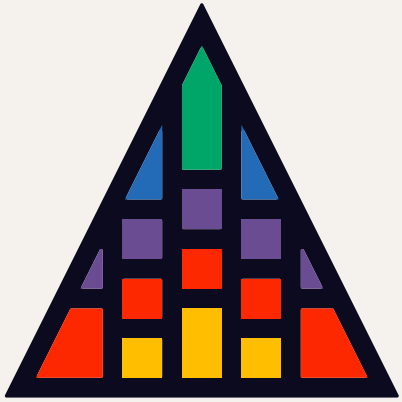

Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, May 17, 2026

GATHERING US IN

PRELUDE

Menuet I, Menuet II, and *Prelude*
from *Suite No. 1 for Violoncello Solo*
J.S. Bach

Rachel Williams, cello

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

GATHERING MUSIC

It Is Well With My Soul
Phillip Bliss, arr. Brian Holmes

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Lord is great and worthy of praise
People: God's greatness cannot be grasped.
Leader: One generation will praise your works to the next, proclaiming your mighty acts.
People: They will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty; they will contemplate your wondrous works.
Leader: We will proclaim the Lord's praise, and every living thing will bless God's holy name forever and always. Let us worship God.

† **Hymn #463** ***How Firm a Foundation*** vss. 1-3, 5

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!
What more can be said than to you God hath said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

"When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

† Please rise in body or spirit.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Pastor Sheila Sheldon, CRE

God of our days and all the days to come, you made us for unity in community, yet we have nursed grievances and settled for unresolved tensions. You commissioned us to be witnesses to Christ's ministry,yet we find it hard to share our experience of your love and grace with others.

Forgive us for accepting disunity, instead of working through differences. Have mercy upon us, and in your grace make us one, that the world may see the good news of Christ in our unity and love for one another. 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 *Go into the World* Valley Chancel Choir
Natalie Sleeth

SCRIPTURE READING John 17:1-11, 20-23 (CEB)

SERMON *One Great Fellowship* Rev. Kyle Sandison

† Please rise in body or spirit.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† Hymn #308 ***O God in Whom All Life Begins***

O God in whom all life begins,who births the seed to fruit,
bestow your blessing on our lives; here let your love find root.
Bring forth in us the Spirit's gifts of patience, joy, and peace;
deliver us from numbing fear, and grant our faith increase.

Unite in mutual ministry our minds and hands and hearts
that we may have the grace to seek the power your peace imparts.
So let our varied gifts combine to glorify your Name
that in all things by word and deed we may your love proclaim.

Through tears and laughter, grief and joy, enlarge our trust and care;
so bind us in community that we may risk and dare.
Be with us when we gather here to worship, sing, and pray;
then send us forth in power and faith to live the words we say.

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.

MINUTE FOR MISSION *Vacation Bible Camp* Ann Roach

***OFFERTORY** *Holy, Holy, Holy*
John B Dykes, arr. Brian Holmes

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Glorious God, everything that is given to us rains forth out of the abundance of your love. Bless these gifts and our lives together that all we are and all we offer give glory to you. Amen.

*From May through August, loose offering collected during worship is designated for **Clare Terrace**.

† Please rise in body or spirit.

SENDING US OUT

† **Hymn #317** ***In Christ There Is No East or West***

In Christ there is no east or west,
in him no south or north,
but one great fellowship of love
throughout the whole wide earth.

In Christ shall true hearts everywhere
their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord
close-binding humankind.

Join hands, disciples of the faith,
whate'er your race may be.
All children of the living God
are surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west;
in him meet south and north.
All Christly souls are one in him
throughout the whole wide earth.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *I Lift My Voice*
Andrea Ramsey
Rachel Williams,
piano & vocals

The Worship Has Ended. The Service Begins.

Chancel Flowers
Sunday, May 17
Sponsored by The Education Team
In honor of all 2026 graduates and educators!
Sign up for Chancel flowers in Fellowship Hall!

† Please rise in body or spirit.

Joys and Concerns

Continued prayers for **Mary Wilkens** who is now home after a stroke. She began OT and speech therapy this week.

Prayers for **Rev. Rebecca Tollefson** who broke a couple bones in her pelvis after a recent fall. She is now at Saint Therese at Oxbow Lake in Brooklyn Park.

Prayers for former Valley member, **Marilyn Munns**, and her family, as she has entered hospice care at her home in St. Michael. If you'd like to send her a card, please call the office for her address.

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 will have a follow up on her CLL in 6 months.

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

Janet & Rick Carlson: After a CT scan last weeked showed two pulmonary embolisms. Janet is taking blood thinners and antibiotics (in case of infection), and resting. Janet is thankful for the words of encouragement!

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. https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/rickcarlson101

Susie Potter: Susie learned that her cancer marker went up some and a PET scan showed mild progression, but overall stable so no changes for now. She will have 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.

2026 Valley Graduate

Evan Miller

Armstrong High School
Future plans: Evan plans to major in Sports Management and Communications at North Dakota State University

Open House: June 27, 2026 | 4:00-7:00pm
Hosted at Jen Biggs's home
See Breeze Directory for address

Other 2026 Graduates

Maeve Winter

Granddaughter of Mary Ann & Helm Winter
University of Minnesota, May 2026
Bachelor of Science in Architecture, College of Design

Miles Toering

Grandson of Mark & Shirley Toering
Star's Mill High School
Peachtree City, Georgia
Future Plans: Attend Kennesaw State University

Ella Sue Tracy

Granddaughter of Jay & Sue Tracy
Suzanne Matthews, Larry Matthews & Janie McAnnany
St. Catherine University, summa cum laude, May 2026
Bachelor of Science in Economics, Political Science and Public Policy
Future Plans: Spending next year in Ireland!

Congratulations to All!

This Week at Valley

Sunday, May 17 - Grad Sunday
9:30 am Worship
10:30 am Fellowship Hour
11:00 am Adult Ed
5:00 pm Youth/TEAMS End of Year Celebration

Monday, May 18
6:30 pm Session Meeting
7:00 pm 12-Step Meeting

Tuesday, May 19
11:30 am Valley Men's Luncheon Group
1:00 pm Bible Fellowship
6:30 Bell Choir Practice

Wednesday, May 20
6:00 pm Joy of Recovery OA Group

Thursday, May 21
10:00 am Meals on Wheels
5:30 pm 12-Step Unity

Friday, May 22

Saturday, May 23

Sunday, May 24 - Pentecost
9:30 am Worship
10:30 am Fellowship Hour

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!

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Educational Ministries Director
Pastor Sheila Sheldon, CRE

Office Administrator
Rachel Hole

Communications Director
Mariah Messer

Music Coordinator
Rachel Williams

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Jamese Decker

Custodian
Hunter Sheldon

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

SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE
May 3: 229 (125 in-person)
May 10: 208 (124 in-person)

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Adult Education | May 17 | 11:00 AM

HOW TO BE A GOOD ANCESTOR

ELDERS FOR CLIMATE ACTION

The mission of Elders Climate Action is to mobilize elders throughout the United States to address climate change while there is still time to protect the well-being of our grandchildren and future generations. We are dedicated to using the power of our caring, our wisdom and our numbers to push for strong policies that will reduce greenhouse gases in our atmosphere to a level consistent with life thriving on our planet.

Hosted in The Cornerstone Room

Valley Community

VBC 2026

NEW!

SAVE THE DATE

JUNE 16-19

Scan the QR Code to Register!!

Register by May 4th!!

Valley
Community
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

75TH ANNIVERSARY Celebration

JUNE 7 - 9:30 AM

3100 Lilac Dr. N, Golden Valley 55422

WORSHIP W/ MUSICIANS & SPECIAL GUESTS!

BOUNCY HOUSE!

FACE PAINTING!

AND MORE FUN SURPRISES!

ALL-CHURCH PICNIC

Hosted by Fellowship Committee! Hot dogs, brats, and plant-based grillables provided. SIGN UP in Fellowship Hall or scan the QR Code to bring a side or dessert.

Happy Birthday Valley Family!

Gregory Rom
Crystal Boyd
Bob Tripet
Walt Hanson
Annette Nichols
Ana Freeberg
Jackie Goiffon
Earl Shenk
Shirley Toering
Brian Hassel
Susan Tracy
Lucas Kopischke
Elizabeth Brooker
Vivian Bi
Suzan Gibson
Len Biggs
Kevin Hagelin
Amy Matthews
Haley Brooker
Thomas Schuette

Lloyd Olson
Jan Sacco
Herb Nichols
Jennifer Soens
Dan Priem
Carolyn Anderson
Sandra McCarthy
Kiersten Rude
Lynn Thier
Lillian LaBelle

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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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