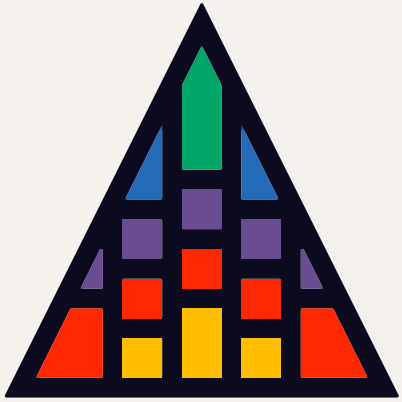

Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, May 24, 2026

GATHERING US IN

PRELUDE

Matinee de Mai
Charles Gounod

Rachel Williams, piano

Nocturne in C# Minor
Frederic Chopin

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

GATHERING MUSIC *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*
arr. Phillip Keveren

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit!
People: Grant us your peace.
Leader: Come, Holy Spirit!
People: Give us your power.
Leader: Come, Holy Spirit!
People: Grace us with your presence.
Leader: Let us worship God.

† **Hymn #280** ***Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us***

Come, O Spirit, dwell among us; come with Pentecostal power;
give the church a stronger vision; help us face each crucial hour.
Built upon a firm foundation, Jesus Christ, the Cornerstone,
still the church is called to mission that God's love shall be made known.

We would raise our alleluias for the grace of yesteryears;
for tomorrow's unknown pathway, hear, O Lord, our humble prayers.
In the church's pilgrim journey you have led us all the way;
still in presence move before us, fire by night and cloud by day.

Come, O Spirit, dwell among us; give us words of fire and flame.
Help our feeble lips to praise you, glorify your holy name.
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One: what mystery!
We would sing our loud hosannas now and through eternity.

† Please rise in body or spirit.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Pastor Sheila Sheldon, CRE

God of new creation, we confess that we have failed to trust your bountiful goodness. By the power of the Holy Spirit you brought forth the earth and its creatures in abundance. Yet, we hoard earth's resources and refuse to share your gifts. We dishonor your generosity by withholding our charity to those in need. We betray your kindness by dealing harshly with our enemies. We disregard your compassion by severely judging the sins of others. Forgive us. By the power of your Spirit renew our hearts and free us from sins that we may enjoy the fullness of your blessing upon all creation. 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 #288 ***Spirit of the Living God***

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

HEARING THE WORD

TIME WITH YOUNG WORSHIPPERS

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

SPECIAL MUSIC *Holy Ground*
Geron Davis, arr. Mark Hayes

SCRIPTURE READING Acts 2:1-21 (CEB)

SERMON *Holy Spirit Language* Rev. Kyle Sandison

† Please rise in body or spirit.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† Hymn #291 ***Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*** vss. 1, 3, & 4

Refrain:
Spirit, spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness, calling and free.
Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness,
wind, wind on the sea.

You moved on the waters; you called to the deep;
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;
and over the eons you called to each thing,
"Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings." **(Refrain)**

You sang in a stable; you cried from a hill;
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still.
And down in the city, you called once again
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind. **(Refrain)**

You call from tomorrow; you break ancient schemes;
from the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams.
Our women see visions; our men clear their eyes.
With bold new decisions your people arise. **(Refrain)**

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 *Presbyterian Heritage Sunday* Rev. Bill Davnie

***OFFERTORY** *Every Time I Feel the Spirit*
arr. Calvin Taylor

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

† Please rise in body or spirit.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy and generous God, we praise you for the abundance of Your grace and the fire of Your Holy Spirit. On this Pentecost, we offer these gifts back to You. May they become instruments of hope, breaking down walls of division and extending Your love to the vulnerable, the forgotten, and all who are in need. Empower us with courage to serve and share the Good News, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

SENDING US OUT

† **Hymn #539**

We Will Go Out With Joy

We will go out with joy in the Spirit;
we will go out with God.
We will go out with joy in the Spirit;
we will go out with God.

Refrain:
Alleluia! We will go out with joy.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Now anyone who's born of the Spirit,
sing a new song of joy.
Now anyone who's born of the Spirit,
sing a new song of joy. **(Refrain)**

We will go out with joy in the Spirit;
we will go out with God.
We will go out with joy in the Spirit;
we will go out with God. **(Refrain)**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship
William Moore, arr. Carol Tornquist

The Worship Has Ended. The Service Begins.

Chancel Flowers
Sunday, May 24
Sponsored by Rachel Hole

In memory of my Aunt Sue Engel, whose 72nd birthday would have been Monday.

Sign up for Chancel flowers in Fellowship Hall!

† Please rise in body or spirit.

Joys and Concerns

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. Please call the office at 763-588-0831 if you'd like her address to send a card.

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: Janet fell this week and is experiencing severe fatigue, decreased appetite and other side effects. Her oncology care team continues to monitor her at home. Also prayers for Rick, Janelle and Beth as her fantastic home care team. 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's recent appointment went well. She'll have tests again mid-August and then follow up with her oncologist. 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, May 24 - Pentecost
9:30 am Worship
10:30 am Fellowship Hour

Monday, May 25 - Memorial Day
Office Closed
7:00 pm 12-Step Meeting

Tuesday, May 26
1:00 pm Bible Fellowship
6:30 pm Bell Choir Practice

Wednesday, May 27
6:00 pm Joy of Recovery OA Group
7:00 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, May 28
10:00 am Meals on Wheels
5:30 pm 12-Step Unity

Friday, May 29

Saturday, May 30

Sunday, May 31
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!

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The entire Valley Community!

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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 10: 208 (124 in-person)
May 17: 220 (117 in-person)

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!

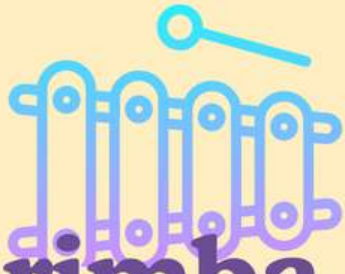
FACE PAINTING!

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.

Fridays in the Valley Presents:



Marimba Bullies

Friday, June 12, 2026 | 7:00 PM

FREE-WILL OFFERINGS BENEFIT
THE FATHER PROJECT

Valley Community

You're Invited

Greg and Mary Rom are celebrating their
50th wedding anniversary

June 12, 2026

Wow! It will be 50 years since we were married at
Valley Community Presbyterian Church
at 4 pm on June 12, 1976
(then rain, hail, 90s – what will it be this year?).

Please join us in celebrating this milestone by attending the **Fridays in the Valley** concert at 7:00 PM June 12, 2026, at Valley Community Presbyterian Church.

No gifts. Your presence and support of this benefit will be appreciated.
We look forward to seeing and celebrating with you.

MONARCA

DEMOCRACY DEFENSE

Valley Community Presbyterian Church
3100 Lilac Dr. N, Golden Valley, MN 55422
Wednesday, June 10, 2026 | 6:00 - 8:00 PM

American democracy is under assault from people in the highest levels of the federal government. They abuse their position of power to intimidate, threaten, and lie about the integrity of our elections.

But we have shown the world that the power of the people is greater than the people in power.
We know that having safe, free, and fair elections is an essential pillar in a democratic society.

At this training, you will:

- Discuss the threats we are facing
- Plan the actions we can take - up to the election and beyond
- Build and expand democracy defense networks within our communities
- Learn ways to stay connected and involved with the work

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Join Monarca and your community for a Democracy Defense training to ensure every citizen can cast their ballot safely and that every person has a voice in our country's future.

TO REGISTER:
scan the QR code or visit the link below!

bit.ly/MDDGV0610

GOLDEN VALLEY PRIDE FESTIVAL

SATURDAY
JUNE 13
12-6PM

GOLDEN VALLEY PRIDE FESTIVAL

BROOKVIEW PARK
Golden Valley, MN

Valley Community
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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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