

Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, June 14, 2026

GATHERING US IN

PRELUDE

Prelude in D-flat major, Op. 28 No. 15
by Frederic Chopin

Rachel Williams,
piano

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

GATHERING MUSIC

Great Is Thy Faithfulness
by William M. Runyan, Arr. by Glenda Austin

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God's loyal love extends to the skies;

People: God's faithfulness reaches the clouds.

Leader: The righteousness of our God is like the strongest mountains;

People: The justice of the Lord is like the deepest sea.

Leader: Let us worship God!

Hymn #619

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

Praise, my soul, the God of heaven;
glad of heart your carols raise;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who, like me, should sing God's praise?
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the Maker all your days!

Praise God for the grace and favor
shown our forebears in distress;
God is still the same forever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Sing our Maker's faithfulness!

Like a loving parent caring,
God knows well our feeble frame,
gladly all our burdens bearing,
still to countless years the same.
Alleluia! Alleluia! All within me, praise God's name!

Angels, teach us adoration;
you behold God face to face.
Sun and moon and all creation,
dwellers all in time and space:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor Sheila Sheldon

Faithful and steadfast God, we confess the ways that our loyalty to you and our love for others falls short. In our desire to attain our wants, avoid discomfort, and turn away from those we do not know or love, we confess that we fall short of the gift of life you have for us. We ask your power to renew us in body and spirit, that we will be able, through your help, to walk in the way you intend for us. Forgive us and lead us in Jesus' name. 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 #59

The Steadfast Love of the Lord

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;
God's mercies never come to an end.
They are new every morning, new every morning;
great is your faithfulness, O Lord,
great is your faithfulness.

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 Garden
by C. Austin Miles

Matt Weiss,
guitar & vocals

SCRIPTURE READING

Ruth 1 (CEB)

SERMON

Full to Empty

Rev. Kyle Sandison

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† Hymn #833

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

vss. 1, 3, & 4

O Love that wilt not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
that in thine ocean depths its flow
may richer, fuller be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
and feel the promise is not vain
that morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
and from the ground there blossoms red
life that shall endless be.

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

The Father Project

***OFFERTORY**

I am a Pilgrim
Traditional

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Loving God, provider of all good things, we offer you these gifts that they might build up the work of your kingdom. Make us living witnesses to the way of your faithfulness and love. In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

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

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

Our God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home:

Beneath the shadow of thy throne
thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received its frame,
from everlasting thou art God,
to endless years the same.

Our God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while life shall last,
and our eternal home.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Daddy Sang Bass
by Carl Perkins

The Worship Has Ended. The Service Begins.

Chancel Flowers

Sunday, June 14

Sponsored by [Becky Brooking](#)

In memory of Lauri Winkelman whose birthday was June 13th. Our daughter, sister, aunt and niece, tragically taken from us by domestic violence on June 18th, 2021. She is loved by a big family and lots of friends, never to be forgotten.

*If you or someone you know is affected by domestic violence, please call the **Home Free - Missions, Inc hotline at 763-559-4945**

Sign up for Chancel flowers in Fellowship Hall!

Joys and Concerns

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 no longer meets the criteria for hospice care. Continued prayers for him and for Gail as they settle into a new care routine.

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

Taichi Chen: Taichi's scan showed mixed results, with some new spots in his lungs and abdomen. He'll continue with 6 more weeks of treatment, with a scan to follow. Meanwhile, the Chens will enjoy a trip to Japan, planting their garden, and enjoying their beautiful life together. They continue to be so very grateful.

<https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/taichichen>

Janet (& Rick) Carlson: Janet returned home on Monday, June 8, with in-home services.

To support the Carlsons, Valley staff set up a Meal Train. Please sign up at <https://mealtrain.com/ne11n6>. For updates on Janet, please follow Rick's CaringBridge: <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/rickcarlson101>

Susie Potter: Susie will 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, June 14

9:30 am Worship

10:30 am Fellowship Hour

Monday, June 15

7:00 pm 12-Step Meeting

Tuesday, June 16

9:00 am-12:00 pm VBC

11:30 am Valley Men's Luncheon Group

1:00 pm Bible Fellowship

Wednesday, June 17

9:00 am-12:00 pm VBC

6:00 pm Joy of Recovery OA Group

Thursday, June 18

9:00 am-12:00 pm VBC

9:30 am PDA Event - hosted by The PTCA

10:00 am Meals on Wheels

5:00 am IJFT Meeting

5:30 pm 12-Step Unity

Friday, June 19

9:00 am-12:00 pm VBC

Noon- 4:00 pm Office Closed - Juneteenth

Saturday, June 20

Sunday, June 21

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!

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

May 31: 221 (100 in-person)

June 7: 406 (200 in-person)

75th Anniversary Worship

A FILM BY THE GREAT NORTHERN

ROOTED

STORIES FROM
MINNESOTA'S
FARMING FUTURE

CLIMATE SOLUTIONS START CLOSE TO HOME

PREMIERING MARCH 26TH

YOU are invited to join with others to view a new documentary that highlights the challenges and achievements of those growing food close to home in Minnesota.

When: Tuesday, June 23, 2026 @ 6:30 PM

Where: Valley Community Presbyterian Church
3100 Lilac Dr N, Golden Valley, MN 55422

Hosted by Carolyn Anderson and
Elders Climate Action Twin Cities

Refreshments and follow up discussion included.



• DRIVERS NEEDED •

Meals on Wheels

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

**3RD & 4TH THURSDAY
OF EVERY MONTH**

ROUTES INCLUDE:

Crystal
New Hope
Robbinsdale
Golden Valley



**Sign Up on Breeze or
in Fellowship Hall**

**Volunteer
Coordinators:**

Gail Smith - 3rd Thur
Marge Thurston - 4th Thur
or call the office.



Valley Community

July 18, 2026

CLEARWATER FOREST FEST

Free Event Open to the Public

Live Music, Free Dinner & Magic Show

For more info visit: <https://clearwaterforest.org/events/>



16595 Crooked Lake Road
Deerwood, MN 56444

- **7:00 am - Registration opens for Bike Ride**
- **8:30 am - Bike Ride begins (8, 30, 50 mile options)**
- **9:30 - 11:30 am - Camper's Choice Activities**
- **Noon - Lunch available for purchase**
- **2 pm - the Adventure-a-Thon begins!**
- **3:30 pm - Awards**
- **4:00 - 5:45 pm - Live Music from Emily Youel**
- **5 pm - Dinner!**
- **5:45 pm - Magic Show**

Join us for Open Eye Theatre's Driveway Tour puppet show!

We're hosting a performance of
Jeremy & the Giant King

After spending the morning terrorizing the neighborhood, Jeremy and his little brother embark on a romp through the forest where they stumble across a mysterious woodland witch. Jeremy is transported into a fantastical storybook realm, whose inhabitants are at their wits' end dealing with the problem of a Giant King on the rampage! Can Jeremy help bring order to the realm?

Date & Time:
Sunday, August 2, 2026
Picnic Dinner at 6:00 PM
Show starts at 7:00 PM

Location: Valley Community
Presbyterian Church
Parking Lot
3100 Lilac Dr. N
**indoors if rain*

Instructions: Grab you friends! Come for a picnic and stay for the show. We'll provide hotdogs, lemonade, ice cream and you bring a side to share. All are welcome!





CLEARWATER CHRYSALIS WOMEN'S RETREAT

AUGUST 13-16, 2026
OPTIONAL VOLUNTEER DAY - AUGUST 12

KEYNOTE: REV. ANNA KENDIG FLORES
THEME: SPIRITUAL WARRIORS FOR LOVE
HEALING OUR COMMUNITIES FROM THE INSIDE OUT

Visit <https://clearwaterforest.org/>
for more information and to register

CLEARWATER FOREST
CONTACT CLEARWATER WITH QUESTIONS
218-678-2325
REGISTER IS NOW OPEN!



VALLEY MEN'S RETREAT 2026

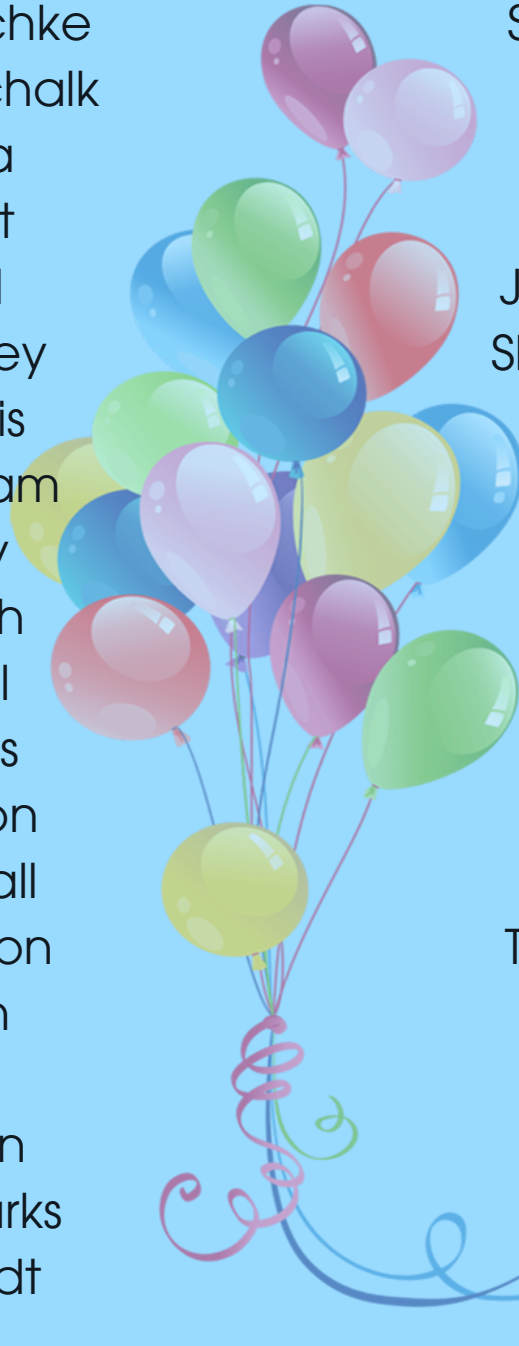
Clearwater Forest
Camp & Retreat Center
September 25-27

Join other Valley men for a weekend away at the beautiful Clearwater Forest Camp & Retreat Center. Participants will enjoy fellowship and activities. There will also be time to explore topics related to the Presbyterian faith and spirituality through study and discussion.

Sign-Up in Fellowship Hall
-or-
Contact the Church Office

Happy Birthday Valley Family!

Eleanor Kopischke
Connor Gottschalk
Alice Zieska
Carol Bright
Tom Magill
Mary Jo Bailey
Paula Landis
Jackie Graham
Odin Willey
Christy Smith
Mike Vogel
Lucy Feneis
Ella Halverson
Dan Marshall
Bonnie Carlson
Ann Roach
Axel Boyd
Beth Carlson
Catherine Parks
Dawn Schuldt



Steve Wasmoen
Jill Weihrauch
Rick Carlson
Taichi Chen
Jean-Luc LaBelle
Sharon Buffington
Henry Lake
Duncan Fadell
Marit Willey
Kaden Craven
Larren Boyd
Sam Malecha
Tom Day
Craig Michael
Tim Grosshuesch
Kate Reinert
Lois Schmidt
Jay Tarbell
Ben Kummer
David Toering



Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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.



LOGO DESIGN BY WÓOKIYE WIN
(SISSETON WAHPETON DAKHÓTA
AND OJIBWAY)

3100 Lilac Drive North
Golden Valley, MN 55422

www.valleychurch.net

Office: 763-588-0831

Pastoral Care: 763-445-9665

office@valleychurch.net



Scan to give online!