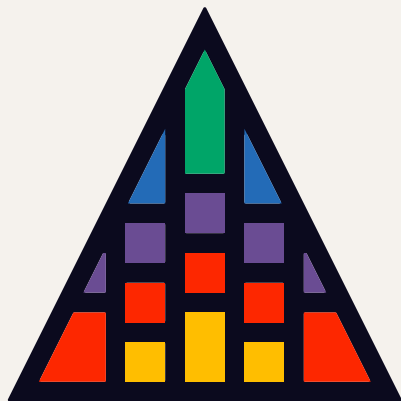




Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, August 2, 2026

GATHERING US IN

PRELUDE

Two Preludes on "Immortal, Invisible"
David Cherwien, Edwin Childs

Jane Nienaber,
organ

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

GATHERING MUSIC

Invocation
Felix Mendelssohn

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: For God alone our souls will wait

People: From God alone comes our hope.

Leader: God is our rock and our salvation,

People: God is our foundation; we will not be shaken.

Leader: Trust in God at all times, O people;

People: We pour out our hearts before the God who hears.

Leader: God is our refuge,

People: A shelter strong enough to hold all that we bring.

Leader: Come, let us worship the God who welcomes our whole hearts.

Hymn #12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice, like mountains high soaring above;
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small.
In all life thou livest, the true life of all.
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.

Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light.
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor Sheila Sheldon, CRE

Gracious God, you invite us to pour out our hearts before you, but so often we hold back. We bring you tidy prayers instead of honest ones. We speak the words we think we should say, and hold in the ones that feel too raw or too messy. We confess the times that we hide our grief and desperation from you, as if you could not bear the weight of them. We confess that we have mistaken composure for faith, and silence for strength, when what you call us to is openness.

Forgive us and have mercy on us. In your grace, teach us to come before you as our whole selves, trusting that you receive us as we are. In the name of Jesus 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 #188

Jesus Loves Me

Jesus loves me! This I know,
for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong.
They are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

HEARING THE WORD

TIME WITH YOUNG WORSHIPPERS

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

Variations on "O For a Faith That Will Not Shrink"
arr. Joseph Martin

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Samuel 1:1-20 (CEB)

SERMON

Pour Out Your Hearts

Rev. Kyle Sandison

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† Hymn #99

My Soul Gives Glory to My God

vss. 1, 3, & 5

My soul gives glory to my God;
my heart pours out its praise.
God lifted up my lowliness
in many marvelous ways.

From age to age to all who fear,
such mercy love imparts,
dispensing justice far and near,
dismissing selfish hearts.

Praise God, whose loving covenant
supports those in distress,
remembering past promises
with present faithfulness..

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Meals on Wheels

Jan Fedora

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.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

SHARING OF THE BREAD & CUP

MUSICAL REFLECTION

Andante Tranquillo (Capriol Suite)
Peter Warlock, arr. Noel Rawsthorne

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

† Please rise in body or spirit.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Holy and loving God, we thank you for this feast of grace and life. As we have been served, help us to serve our neighbors. As we have been fed, help us to feed those who are hungry. As we have been loved, help us to love the world. Amen.

SENDING US OUT

† Hymn #767

Together We Serve

Together we serve, united by love,
inviting God's world to the glorious feast.
We work and we pray through sorrow and joy,
extending God's love to the last and the least.

We seek to become a beacon of hope,
a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.
We learn, year by year, to let love shine through
until we see Christ in each person we meet.

We welcome the scarred, the wealthy, the poor,
the busy, the lonely, and all who need care.
We offer a home to those who will come,
our hands quick to help, our hearts ready to dare.

Together, by grace, we witness and work,
remembering Jesus, in whom we grow strong.

Together we serve in Spirit and truth,
remembering love is the strength of our song.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Major
Christopher Tambling

The Worship Has Ended. The Service Begins.

Chancel Flowers

Sunday, August 2

Sponsored by Karen Harms

In memory of my Grandma & Grandpa

Sign up for Chancel flowers in Fellowship Hall!

Joys and Concerns

Continued prayers for **Gwyn Lang**, as her mom is still on hospice.

Prayers of joy for **Karen Harms** who learned she is cancer free on Thursday!

Prayers for **Carolyn Anderson** whose recent lab results showed her blood numbers have increased by a lot. She has restarted her chemo meds as of Monday and is praying that the numbers will improve quickly.

Prayers of joy for **Miranda & Frankline Nyongkah**, who welcomed a son, **Limuel**, to the world on Wednesday last week. Mom, baby, and family are doing well.

Arreal Nelson asks for prayers for her family. Her cousin passed away unexpectedly this week from a blood clot in her lungs.

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:

Carole Martens will have a follow up on her CLL in 4 months.

Taichi Chen began his old school chemo and is tolerating it well. Another scan will follow in 6-8 weeks. <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/taichichen>

Janet (& Rick) Carlson: On August 5, **Janet** will start a series of 13 tests over two weeks to determine whether a stem cell collection & transplant is possible. That decision will likely be made at the end of August.

To support the Carlsons, please sign up for the Meal Train at <https://mealtrain.com/ne11n6>. For updates on Janet, please visit: <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/rickcarlson101>

Susie Potter 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, August 2

9:30 am Worship with Communion

10:30 am Fellowship Hour

6:00 pm Valley Night Out/Potluck

7:00 pm Open Eye Theatre Driveway Tour -
Puppet Show

Monday, August 3

11:30 am Lunch Bunch

7:00 pm 12-Step Meeting

Tuesday, August 4

Wednesday, August 5

6:00 pm Craft & Connect

6:00 pm Joy of Recovery OA Group

Thursday, August 6

5:30 pm 12-Step Unity

Friday, August 7

Saturday, August 8

Sunday, August 9

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. Kate O'Brien Soltau

Rev. David Phillips

Rev. Nancy Phillips

Rev. Rebecca Tollefson

SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

July 19: 182 (91 in-person)

July 26: 198 (88 in-person)



DROP-OFF OR SHIP
DIRECTLY TO VALLEY
BY AUG 5

INTERESTED IN
VOLUNTEERING?
CONTACT PRISM

Back to School Drive 2026

SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST (ALL AGES)

Most Needed items:

Backpacks (Most Needed)

Glue Sticks

Markers/Colored Pencils

#2 Pencils

Dry Erase Markers

Fiskars Scissors

Plastic Pencil Boxes/Pencil Bags

1" 3-Ring Binders

1 Subject Notebooks (college and wide ruled)

Reinforced Filler Paper (college ruled)

Composition Notebook (college ruled)



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Please contact PRISM's
volunteer coordinator
Liam with questions
about volunteering
(763) 432-4230



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!

Valley Lunch Bunch

MONDAY, AUGUST 3RD
11:30 AM

50^s
GRILL

First Monday of every month!



Valley Craft & Connect: Summer Edition

Craft & Connect: Summer Edition will be hosted by **Cynthia Malinowski** on the 1st Wednesday of each month!

Craft & Connect is for anyone who enjoys a day crafting, working on a puzzle, chatting with friends or even just reading a book.

Catch up on a project, start something new or come see what others are working on for inspiration! Craft supplies, puzzles & cribbage boards will be available. Come for the fellowship and stay for the fun!

***Optional:** Bring a snack to share. If you're unable to bring anything, please don't let it keep you away!



WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2026
6:00 - 8:00 PM

STAY TUNED FOR FALL DATES!



SUMMER CHOIR

Love to sing?

Join us for Summer Choir!

Sunday, August 23

8:30 AM Rehearsal

9:30 AM Worship Service

Rehearsal on
Sunday 8:30 am



Hsu-hui Wang, conductor
Rachel Williams, piano



Help Grow Our Shared Ministry of Fellowship!

Fellowship Hour is where we reconnect with friends, welcome new faces, and continue the conversations that began in worship.

It's one of the ways we live out being the church together.

We're looking for individuals, couples, families, and groups to grow our team of Coffee Hosts for Sundays throughout the year!

It's a simple way to serve with a meaningful impact—and the more people who sign up, the less often each person needs to host.

Never hosted before? No problem! It's easy, and we'll provide instructions.

Sign up in the Fellowship Hall!

Questions?

Contact Sam Schellhaas, Fellowship Elder, or call the office 763-588-0831.





Happy Birthday Valley Family!

Michael Deef
Larry Matthews
Ingrid Sandison
Sofie Vogel
Jack Westerlund
Richard Marshall
Rev. Bill Davnie
Donald Carlson
Dawn Williams
Ruth Wilterding
Luke Priem
Jessica Goslinga
Jack Larsen
Sean Linc
Miles Rudeen
Douglas Smith
John Gove

Bennett Gonsior
Finbarr McCarthy
Jennifer Brant
Kelsie Hagelin
James Husnik
Jay Perry
Maddie Pukite
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Alexander Dunham
Ben Brooker
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Sharon Decker
Arlene Freeberg
Carole Martens





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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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