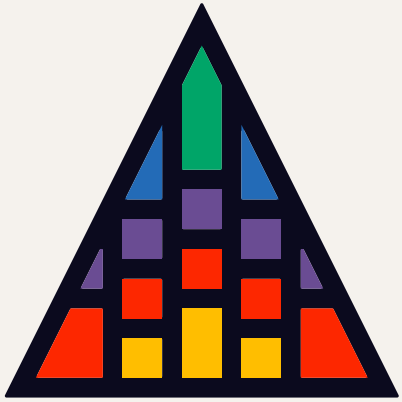

Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, July 12, 2026

GATHERING US IN

PRELUDE — *In the Garden*, arr. Lorie Line — Rachel Williams, piano

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

GATHERING MUSIC — *Precious Lord*, Thomas A. Dorsey — Matt Weiss, guitar & vocals

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Long before we knew how to love faithfully, God loved us first.

People: God's steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: In gleaned fields and empty hands, in widowhood and risk, love found a way.

People: God's steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: In a young woman's yes, in a song of joy that would not be silenced,

People: God's steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: Come, let us worship the God whose love does not run out —

People: whose mercy is from generation to generation.

Leader: Let us worship God together.

† Hymn #39 — ***Great Is Thy Faithfulness***

Great is thy faithfulness, O God, Creator;
there is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:
Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. (Refrain)

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! (Refrain)

† Please rise in body or spirit.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Rev. Kyle Sandison

Loving God, you have loved us with a love that does not waver, and still we hesitate to love as we have been loved. We hold back where you ask us to stay. We calculate the cost of loyalty instead of offering it freely. We doubt that we could carry your call the way Mary carried hers— with trust, with joy, with her whole life.

Forgive us for the ways we withhold ourselves from your work of mercy in the world. Soften what has grown guarded in us. Teach us again what it means to love, as you have loved us first. 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 *Amazing Grace*
John Newton

SCRIPTURE READING Ruth 4 (CEB)
Luke 1:46-55 (CEB)

SERMON *Steadfast Love* Pastor Sheila Sheldon, CRE

† Please rise in body or spirit.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† Hymn #100 ***My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout*** vss. 1 & 3

My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great,
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight, and my weakness you did not spurn,
so from east to west shall my name be blest. Could the world be about to turn?

Refrain:
My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,
and the world is about to turn.

From the halls of power to the fortress tower, not a stone will be left on stone.
Let the king beware for your justice tears every tyrant from his throne.
The hungry poor shall weep no more, for the food they can never earn;
there are tables spread; every mouth be fed, for the world is about to turn. (Refrain)

MOMENT OF GRATITUDE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Kyle Sandison

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.

***OFFERTORY** *Unclouded Day*
Josiah Kelley Atwood

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, we offer up what we have and who we are to you. Take these gifts, take the work of our hands, our hesitations, our hope, and use them for the mending of the world. Let this offering be one small part of your great and steadfast love, carried forward to generations we will never meet. 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 #306 ***Blest Be the Tie That Binds***

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

Before our Maker's throne we pour our ardent prayers.
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

We share our mutual woes; our mutual burdens bear.
And often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.

When we are called to part, it gives us inward pain;
but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.

From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;
and perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Blessing* Valley Choir
Katie Moran Bart

The Worship Has Ended. The Service Begins.

Chancel Flowers
Sunday, July 12
Sponsored by Valerie Robinson

Happy 75th Birthday, Scott!
Love, The Family

Sign up for Chancel flowers in Fellowship Hall!

† Please rise in body or spirit.

Joys and Concerns

Carole Martens shared the joy that **Rick** is back in the Twin Cities, at Trillium Woods-Plymouth for more rehab and recovery. Thank you to all who have called, sent cards and said prayers! They are so appreciative!

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 6 months.

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

Janet (& Rick) Carlson: Janet will continue with chemo treatments for now as they wait to learn more about when she'll be able to start the stem cell treatment.

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, July 12
9:30 am Worship
10:30 am Fellowship Hour

Monday, July 13
4:30 pm Endowment Committee
7:00 pm 12-Step Meeting

Tuesday, July 14
12:00 pm Missions Inc Staff Training

Wednesday, July 15
6:00 pm Joy of Recovery OA Group

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

Friday, July 17

Saturday, July 18

Sunday, July 19
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

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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

June 28: 288 (155 in-person)
July 5: 192 (82 in-person)

PRISM

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

Clare Housing Supper Club

New Opportunity! Join a 4 x 4 Dinner Group with Clare Housing. Prepare, serve, share and cleanup up after the evening meal for 4 neighbors living in one of Clare Housing's Community Care Homes.

CONTACT:
SARAH FADELL
TO LEARN MORE

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/

Clearwater Forest Fest

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

• 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.

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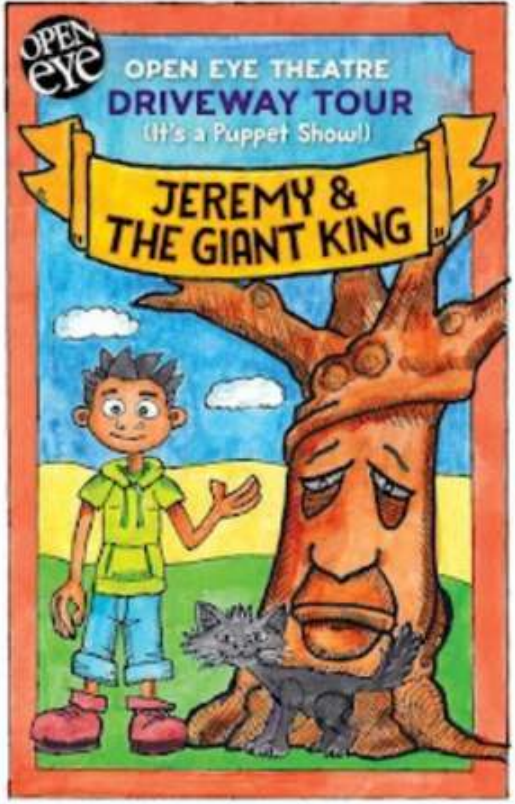

Join us for Open Eye Theatre's Driveway Tour puppet show!

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 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!

Jeanne Ewald
Darrell Rathje
Rachel Tarbell
Denise Kara
Marcia Lubin
Roger Michael
Neal Gusek
Erin Kopischke
Stephanie Lake
Scott Robinson
John Toering
Justin Toering
Bonnie Ulmer
Lisa Tarbell
Pete Zywicki
Jillene Hayes
Benjamin Marshall
Irene Williams
Henry Grosshuesch

Nathanial Slack
Robin Chen
Cole Priem
Bill Keen
Jessica Musta
Adrian Musta
Kathie Holman
Ty Miller
Peggy Oberfeld
Joel Freeberg
Peggy Neibling
Richard Martens
Charlotte Davnie
Jill Toering
Kaylee Deef
Mersiha (Dada) LaBelle
Mary Pukite Morrow
Sue Payne

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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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