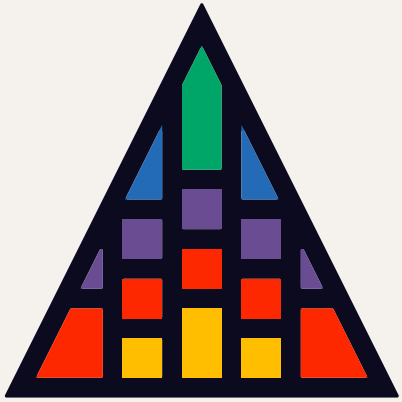

Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, July 19, 2026

GATHERING US IN

PRELUDE *Horn Sonata, Op. 178 - I. Con moto*
J. Rheinberger
Rachel Williams, piano
Alana Brenny, French Horn

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

GATHERING MUSIC *Shine On Us*
Michael W. Smith and Debbie Smith

†CALL TO WORSHIP Karen Chancellor

Leader: Help us to know your ways, O Lord; teach us your paths.
People: Lead us in your truth, for you are the God of our salvation.
Leader: The Lord guides us in what is right, and teaches us the way.
People: All the paths of the Lord lead to life and love!
Leader: Come, let us walk in the way of the Lord.
ALL: Let us worship God together!

† Hymn #386 ***Come, Worship God*** vss. 1, 3, & 4

Come, worship God, who is worthy of honor;
enter God's presence with thanks and a song!
You are the rock of your people's salvation
to whom our jubilant praises belong.

We are your people, the sheep of your pasture;
you are our Maker, and to you we pray.
Gladly we kneel in obedience before you;
great is the one whom we worship this day!

Now let us listen, for you speak among us;
open our hearts to receive what you say.
Peace be to all who remember your goodness,
trust in your word, and rejoice in your way!

† Please rise in body or spirit.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you call us to follow Jesus, but we confess that we often choose our own path. You invite us to take up our cross daily, yet we prefer comfort over sacrifice. We try to save our own lives by clinging to control, forgetting that true life is found only in you. Forgive our hesitations and our fears. Grant us the faith to trust your leading, and the joy of walking in the footsteps of Christ, in whose name 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 *Romantic Interlude* from *A Day in the City*
Howard J. Buss

SCRIPTURE READING Esther 4 (CEB)
Luke 9:23-24 (CEB)

SERMON *The Call to Follow* Rev. Kyle Sandison

† Please rise in body or spirit.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† Hymn #724 ***O Jesus, I Have Promised*** vss. 1, 3 & 4

O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;
be thou forever near me, my Master and my friend;
I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my guide.

O let me hear thee speaking in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen, thou guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee
that where thou art in glory there shall thy servant be.
And, Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow, my Master and my friend.

MINUTE FOR MISSION PRISM School Supplies Carolyn Anderson

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.

***OFFERTORY** *Traumerei*
Robert Schumann

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Abundant God, we give thanks for your grace and provision in our lives. You call us to offer ourselves to you and others, and so we give these gifts to you. Use them to meet the physical and spiritual needs of our community, and may they witness to your love and care for all people. In Jesus' name we pray, 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 #726 ***Will You Come and Follow Me*** vss. 1, 2, 4, & 5

"Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"

"Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?"

"Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *An Irish Blessing*
Arr. Lorie Line

The Worship Has Ended. The Service Begins.

Chancel Flowers
Sunday, July 19
Sponsored by Cheryl Smith

In memory of my parents, Ken & Gay Smith.
They would have been married 74 years on July 18.

Sign up for Chancel flowers in Fellowship Hall!

† Please rise in body or spirit.

Joys and Concerns

The family of **Lois Schmidt** will host an open house for family & friends to celebrate Lois's life on Friday, July 31 from 1-3 PM at Valley. Coffee and treats will be served.

Carole & Rick Martens share the joy that Rick came home on Thursday and is very happy! They have all the supplies they need for him. He will return to see his surgeon in Wisconsin at the end of the month and will transfer his care over to Summit Ortho in the Twin Cities.

Ben Kummer tore his ACL and will have surgery on Monday.

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: Taichi's next scan is this Thursday, July 16, with a consultation about the results on Friday, July 17. Prayers for continued stability and "bonus" time. He continues to be "Forever Grateful." https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/taichichen

Janet (& Rick) Carlson: Janet will be admitted to Mercy for chemo treatment this week, from Tuesday to Friday. On August 5, she will start a series of 13 tests over two weeks to determine whether she can do a stem cell collection and transplant.

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 19
9:30 am Worship
10:30 am Fellowship Hour

Monday, July 20
4:30 pm Endowment Committee
7:00 pm 12-Step Meeting

Tuesday, July 21
11:00 am Valley Men's Luncheon Group

Wednesday, July 22
6:00 pm Joy of Recovery OA Group

Thursday, July 23
10:00 am Meals on Wheels
5:30 pm 12-Step Unity

Friday, July 24

Saturday, July 25

Sunday, July 26
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

Music Coordinator
Rachel Williams

Choral & Handbell Director
Janet M.T. Carlson

Faith Formation Lead
Jamese Decker

Custodian
Hunter Sheldon

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

SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE
July 5: 192 (82 in-person)
July 12: 228 (126 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

• 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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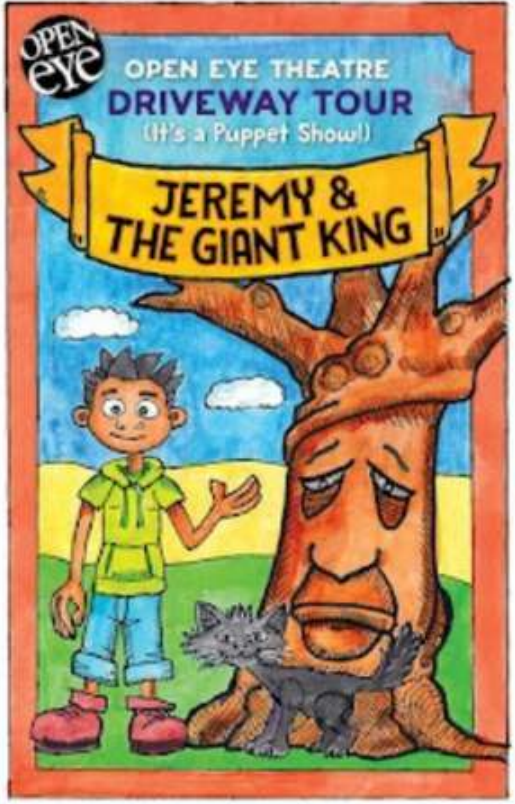
Men's Lunch

TUESDAY, JULY 21
11:30 AM

50$ GRILL

3rd Tuesday of every month!



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 7
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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