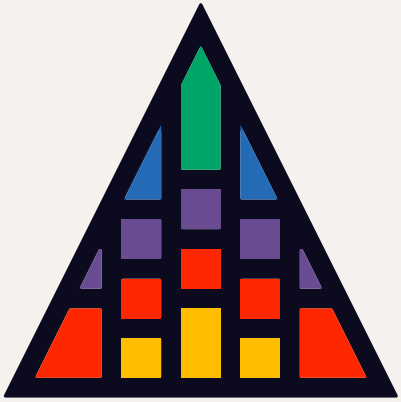

Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, July 26, 2026

GATHERING US IN

PRELUDE *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*
Franz Joseph Haydn, Arr. Victor Labenske
Rachel Williams, piano

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

GATHERING MUSIC *Be Thou My Vision*
Arr. Brian Holmes
Rachel Williams, cello

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with songs of joy.
All: For the Lord is awesome, who reigns over all the earth.
Leader: God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.
All: Sing praises to God, sing praises!
Leader: Let us worship God!

† Hymn #32 ***I Sing the Mighty Power of God***

I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad
and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day.
The moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.
God formed the creatures through the Word,
and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye,
if I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky!

There's not a plant or flower below but makes thy glories known.
And clouds arise, and tempests blow,
by order from thy throne,
while all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care,
and everywhere that we can be, thou, God, art present there.

† Please rise in body or spirit.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Pastor Sheila Sheldon, CRE

Merciful God, we confess that we often hide our true selves and our deepest convictions out of fear or the desire for comfort. We see the oppression of the vulnerable and remain silent. We harbor the arrogance of pride and allow our anger and self-centeredness to dictate our actions. For this we are truly sorry and we humbly repent. In your mercy grant us the courage of Esther to stand for the vulnerable, and the grace of Christ to seek the welfare of all people. In the name of Jesus Christ, 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 *Amazing Grace*
Arr. Brian Holmes

SCRIPTURE READING Esther 7:1-10; 9:1-2, 20-22, 29-32 (CEB)

SERMON *The Great Reversal* Rev. Kyle Sandison

† Please rise in body or spirit.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† Hymn #100 ***My Soul Cries Out With a Joyful Shout*** vss. 1, 2, & 4

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.

Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me,
and your mercy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame, and to those who would for you yearn,
you will show your might, put the strong to flight, for the world is about to turn. (Refrain)

Though the nations rage from age to age, we remember who holds us fast:
God's mercy must deliver us from the conqueror's crushing grasp.
This saving word that our forebears heard is the promise which holds us bound,
till the spear and rod can be crushed by God, who is turning the world around. (Refrain)

MINUTE FOR MISSION Greetings from Liberty Rev. Alika Galloway

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** *The Reformer*
Natalie Haas

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

† Please rise in body or spirit.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Almighty God, you have given us life, breath, and a purpose for such a time as this. Use these gifts to bring comfort to the vulnerable and to advance your kingdom of peace. As you blessed Esther's courage to speak, bless our resources and our voices to become instruments of your healing and liberation in the world. Amen.

SENDING US OUT

† Hymn #772 ***Live Into Hope*** vss. 1, 3, & 4

Live into hope of captives freed,
of sight regained, the end of greed.
The oppressed shall be the first to see
the year of God's own jubilee!

Live into hope of liberty,
the right to speak, the right to be,
the right to have one's daily bread,
to hear God's word and thus be fed.

Live into hope of captives freed
from chains of fear or want or greed.
God now proclaims our full release
to faith and hope and joy and peace.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship
William Moore, Arr. Melody Bober

The Worship Has Ended. The Service Begins.

Chancel Flowers
Sunday, July 26
Sponsored by Pat Daily

In memory of Dar
July 31st would have been our 50th anniversary.

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.

Ben Kummer ruptured his patellar tendon and had surgery on Monday, July 20. He is back home recovering.

Prayers for **Gwyn Lang,** who is with her mother, who is on hospice.

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: The results of Taichi's scan was not what the Chens were hoping to hear. The cancer is growing and so they are switching to a traditional form of chemo. While obviously disappointed, **Taichi and Robin** are grateful for another option to try.
https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/taichichen

Janet (& Rick) Carlson: Chemo #6 is complete! On August 5, Janet will start a series of 13 tests over two weeks to determine whether she can do a stem cell collection and transplant. That decision will likely be made at the end of August.

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 26
9:30 am Worship
10:30 am Fellowship Hour

Monday, July 27
7:00 pm 12-Step Meeting

Tuesday, July 28

Wednesday, July 29
6:00 pm Joy of Recovery OA Group

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

Friday, July 31

Saturday, August 1

Sunday, August 2
9:30 am Worship with Communion
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
July 12: 228 (126 in-person)
July 19: 182 (91 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)

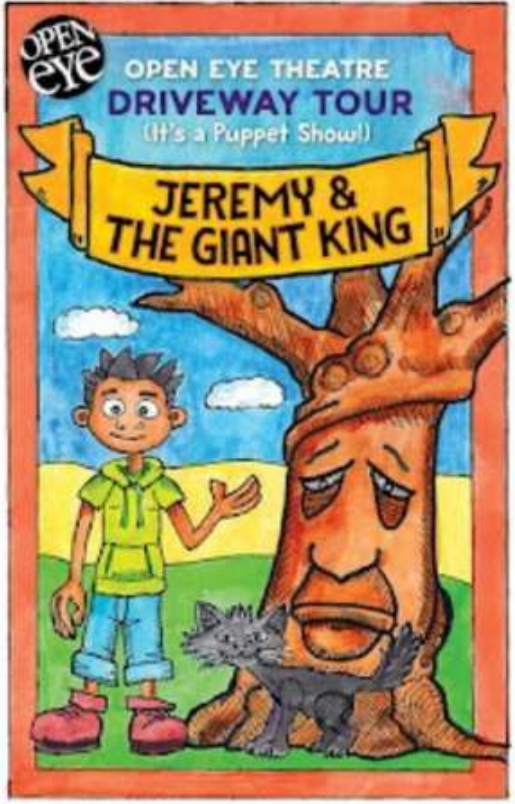
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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



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

• 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

THANK YOU!

To all those in the Valley community who gave of their time, talents & treasures the last month to make sure Valley Fellowship Hour on Sunday mornings was caffeinated and extra delicious!

COFFEE HOSTS

- Roger Michael
- Betsy Nichols
- Virginia Day
- Mary Wilkens
- Barb Wasmoen
- Tom Wasmoen
- Mary Ann Winter

BAKERS & TREAT-BRINGERS

- Charlotte Davnie
- Anne Mollerus
- Ann Roach
- Cheryl Smith
- Lisa Tarbell
- Bonnie Ulmer

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
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Ty Miller
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Peggy Neibling
Richard Martens
Charlotte Davnie
Jill Toering
Kaylee Deef
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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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