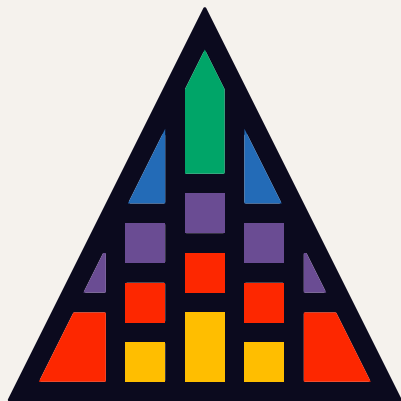




Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, August 30, 2026

GATHERING US IN

PRELUDE

Three Preludes on For the Beauty of the Earth
Edwin Childs, Michael Burkhardt, Walter Pelz

Jane Nienaber,
organ

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

GATHERING MUSIC

O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee
Dale Wood

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, let us gather in the presence of our God who makes us one.

People: How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in harmony!

Leader: Let our love be genuine as we seek to be servants of all.

All: Let us worship God together in unity and peace.

† Hymn #14

For the Beauty of the Earth

vss. 1, 2, 4, & 5

For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies:

Refrain:

Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon, and stars of light: **Refrain**

For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild: **Refrain**

For thyself, best gift divine
to the world so freely given;
for that great, great love of thine,
peace on earth and joy in heaven: **Refrain**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor Sheila Sheldon, CRE

Merciful God, you call us to live in harmony with one another, yet we confess that we often choose division. You command our love to be genuine, but we hide behind pretense. We hold onto grudges rather than pursuing peace. We confess that we have closed our hearts to the needs of our neighbors and failed to extend hospitality to the stranger. Forgive us, God of grace. Renew our spirits, and transform us into a community bound together by your love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 #698

Take, O Take Me as I Am

Take, O take me as I am;
summon out what I shall be;
set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

HEARING THE WORD

TIME WITH YOUNG WORSHIPPERS

Congregational Blessing:

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

Duetto
Felix Mendelssohn

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 12:9-18

SERMON

Rhythms of Grace

Rev. Kyle Sandison

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† Hymn #372

O for a World

O for a world where everyone
respects each other's ways,
where love is lived and all is done
with justice and with praise.

O for a world where goods are shared
and misery relieved,
where truth is spoken, children spared,
equality achieved.

We welcome one world family
and struggle with each choice
that opens us to unity
and gives our vision voice.

The poor are rich; the weak are strong;
the foolish ones are wise.
Tell all who mourn: outcasts belong,
who perishes will rise.

O for a world preparing for
God's glorious reign of peace,
where time and tears will be no more,
and all but love will cease.

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

Endowment Legacy Fund

Rick Martens

*OFFERTORY

Here I Am, Lord
Daniel Schutte, arr. Douglas Wagner

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

† Please rise in body or spirit.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Generous God, we offer these gifts as a tangible sign of our devotion to you and our commitment to love and serve our neighbors. Bless this offering, that it may amplify your love and peace in our community and throughout the world. Amen.

SENDING US OUT

† Hymn #727

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

vss. 1, 3-6

Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.

I will hold the Christ-light for you in the nighttime of your fear.
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.

Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Rainbowland
Dolly Parton

Donna Philippot,
piano & vocals

Toccata in E Minor
Johann Pachelbel

The Worship Has Ended. The Service Begins.

Chancel Flowers

Sunday, August 30

Sponsored by Diane & Jim Cook

Grateful for 68 years of marriage!

Sign up for Chancel flowers in Fellowship Hall!

Joys and Concerns

Prayers for **Gwyn Lang**, whose mother passed away on Wednesday, August 26. Her mom will be buried next to her dad in Rock Valley, IA, on September 18. A Celebration of Life service in Stevens Point, WI is tentatively planned for October 12. They are all thankful that she is now at peace. Gwyn appreciates the prayers for her mom, family, and herself.

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:

Carolyn Anderson: The new tests at Mayo showed a moderately restricted blood flow in one of Carolyn's main arteries (LAD) of her heart. It can be treated with medication which she will try. She feels like some progress was made.

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

Taichi Chen: will have chemo this week. <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/taichichen>

Janet (& Rick) Carlson: On Thursday, **Janet** got the go ahead to move forward in the stem cell transplant process. Prayers that the process goes smoothly and for a successful 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 No chemo planned for now. Susie will go back in 6 weeks for both tests again & then see oncologist. There may be a trial drug available. Stressing quality of life <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 30

9:30 am Worship

10:30 am Fellowship Hour

Monday, August 31

11:30 am Lunch Bunch

7:00 pm 12-Step Meeting

Tuesday, September 1

Wednesday, September 2

6:00 pm Joy of Recovery OA Group

Thursday, September 3

5:30 pm 12-Step Unity

Friday, September 4

Saturday, September 5

Sunday, September 6

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

Interim Choral Director

Hsu-hui Wang

Choral & Handbell Director

Janet M.T. Carlson

Faith Formation Lead

James 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

August 16: 189 (99 in-person)

August 23: 231 (116 in-person)

Valley Lunch Bunch

MONDAY, AUGUST 31*
11:30 AM

50^s
GRILL

*DATE CHANGE DUE TO LABOR DAY!



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

- Jon Schellhaas
- Sam Schellhaas
- Ray Anderson
- Carolyn Anderson
- Roger Michael
- Chuck Ulmer
- Barb Wasmoen
- Tom Wasmoen
- Kirk Bonner
- Warren Linc

BAKERS & TREAT-BRINGERS

- Arlene Freeberg
- Ruth Wilterding
- Bonnie Ulmer
- Mary Ann Winter



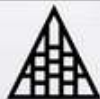


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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Closed in observation of Labor Day

Monday 9/7

Valley staff will be back in
the office on Tuesday 9/8



CHANCEL CHOIR

Love to sing?

Join the Chancel Choir!

Rehearsals: Meet weekly on
Wednesdays @ 7:00 PM & 8:30 am
on the Sundays we sing in worship.

Sing: 1st & 3rd Sundays in worship.



Hsu-hui Wang, interim director
Rachel Williams, piano





FALL FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3
DONATIONS WANTED

Silent Auction Items Wanted:

- MN College Sports tickets
- Gift cards that you have not used
- Acts of Service (Soup of the Month, Cooking Class, Tea Party, Ride to Airport, Fall Lawn Clean up, etc.)

Live Auction Items Wanted: (Valued over \$200)

- Cabin Experiences
- Timberwolves Game Experience
- Dinner Party
- Other Ideas Welcome!

**BACK
TO THE**
50's



**Please Bring
Donations to the
Church Office by
September 20th.**

Fridays in the Valley Presents:

Taichi Chen, Robin Chen, and
Melinda Marshall, violin

Richard Marshall, viola



Friday, September 11, 2026 | 7:00 PM

FREE-WILL OFFERINGS BENEFIT
EVERY MEAL - DISTRICT 281



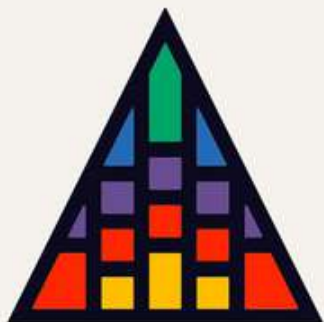
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Valley Community **HOMECOMING SUNDAY** **SEPTEMBER 13**

HERE'S WHAT YOU HAVE TO LOOK FORWARD TO:

- **Blessing of the Backpacks** for Valley kids
- Funner Brothers donut holes and coffee
- **Bouncy House**
- Directory Info Update Station
- **Registration for the year of youth and kids programming**
- Sign-ups for fall activities and volunteer opportunities



VALLEY CHURCH **DIRECTORY** **2026-2027**

On Homecoming Sunday, Rachel will be in the Fellowship Hall with a draft of the directory to help you make sure we have your current information!

New member or need to update your photo?

Rachel will take one or you can send one of your own to office@valleychurch.net by **Sunday, October 4!**



Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Adult Education | September 13 | 11:00 AM

PCUSA GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2026

Rev. Anna Kendig Flores

Co-Executive Presbyter of the PTCA

Rev. Anna Kendig Flores will provide an overview of the PC(USA) General Assembly—what it is, how it works, and why it matters. This session is especially helpful for those who are new to the denomination or want to better understand our polity. She'll also highlight key changes that came out of this year's General Assembly and discuss how they may impact the Church moving forward.

Hosted in The Cornerstone Room



TEAMS

TEAMS/YOUTH GROUP **Grades 4-12**

Open House

Sunday, September 13

1:00 - 3:00 PM

Back to school time means the kick-off of another great year of TEAMS and Youth Group! Join us for an Open House to get the year started. We'll have snacks, give a short orientation and then enjoy a group game. If you have ever considered volunteering to help in TEAMS or Youth, this is a great chance to come and learn what it's all about!

- TEAMS Program is for kids entering 4/5 grades
- Youth Group: Middle School 6-8 and Senior High 9-12



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YOUTH

BLUE THUMB FALL NATIVE PLANT SALE

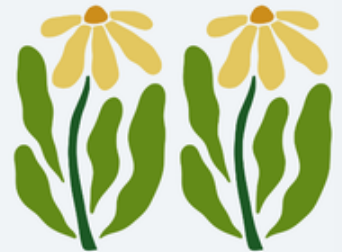
2026

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10 AM – 1 PM

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
GOLDEN VALLEY, MN

WITH BLAZING STAR GARDENS,
ECOSCAPES NATIVE NURSERY, MNL,
NORTHERN HOLLER NURSERY



Valley Craft & Connect

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

Come catch up on a project, start something new or come see what others are working on for inspiration! There will be craft supplies, puzzles & cribbage boards available.

Come for the fellowship and stay for the fun! Kids welcome with a parent.

Bring a dish to share for lunch at 12 PM.

SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 19, 2026
10 AM – 2:00 PM
LUNCH AT 12 PM



• 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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Chancel Flowers Sign-up

MANY OPEN DATES FOR FALL!

PURCHASE & ARRANGE YOURSELF OR JUST BE A SPONSOR.

SUGGESTED \$30 MINIMUM



Sign-up in Fellowship Hall, contact the office,
or scan the QR code!





Happy Birthday Valley Family!

Michael Deef 8/1
Larry Matthews 8/1
Ingrid Sandison 8/1
Sofie Vogel 8/1
Jack Westerlund 8/1
Richard Marshall 8/7
Rev. Bill Davnie 8/8
Donald Carlson 8/9
Dawn Williams 8/9
Ruth Wilterding 8/9
Luke Priem 8/11
Jessica Goslinga 8/14
Jack Larsen 8/14
Sean Linc 8/14
Miles Rudeen 8/14
Douglas Smith 8/14
John Gove 8/16

Bennett Gonsior 8/17
Finbarr McCarthy 8/18
Jennifer Brant 8/19
Kelsie Hagelin 8/19
James Husnik 8/19
Jay Perry 8/19
Maddie Pukite 8/20
Melissa Gottschalk 8/21
Mark Musta 8/22
Rev. Jim Cook 8/23
Mary Anderson 8/26
Alexander Dunham 8/26
Ben Brooker 8/29
Mildred Davison 8/30
Sharon Decker 8/31
Arlene Freeberg 8/31
Carole Martens 8/31





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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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