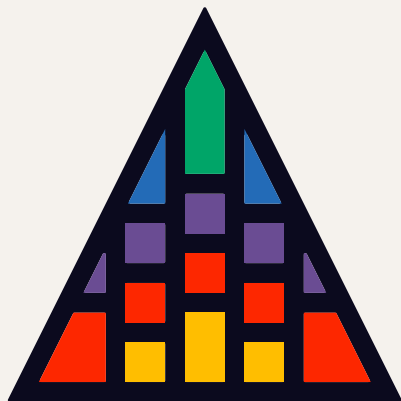




Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, September 13, 2026

Homecoming Sunday

GATHERING US IN

PRELUDE

Rock of Ages
Thomas Hastings

Matt Weiss,
guitar & vocals

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

GATHERING MUSIC

Welcome Home
Amanda Meisenheimer, arr. Andrea Hamilton

Rachel Williams,
piano

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The world belongs to God;

People: The earth and all that is in it.

Leader: How good – how wonderful – it is to live together in unity.

People: Love and faith come together; justice and peace join hands.

Leader: Let us worship God!

† Hymn #305

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has led us through the ages long!

Refrain:

In bold accord,
come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns supreme,
empowering us to catch the vision, dream the dream! **Refrain**

Let courage be our friend; let wisdom be our guide,
as we in mission magnify the Crucified! **Refrain**

Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has triumphed o'er the ages long! **Refrain**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor Sheila Sheldon, CRE

God of mercy, you have called us together as the body of Christ, yet we confess that we often fail to live like we belong to one another. We confess that we keep a record of wrongs. We count the debts others owe while forgetting the grace you have shown to us. As we begin this new year of ministry, forgive our stubborn pride, our closed hearts, and our reluctance to offer second chances. Heal us and bind us together in love, so that our life together might reflect your boundless grace to the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

† Please rise in body or spirit.

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 #447

We Are Forgiven

We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

HEARING THE WORD

TIME WITH YOUNG WORSHIPPERS

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

All Are Welcome
Let Us Build A House Hymn #301

Valley Chancel Choir

THE CHOIR INVITES YOU TO SING ALONG!

Verse 1 and Refrain - All Voices
Verse 2 - High Voices
Verse 3 - Choir Only
Verse 4 - Low Voices
Verse 5 - All Voices

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 18:21-35 (CEB)

SERMON

Pay It Forward

Rev. Kyle Sandison

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† Hymn #649

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

vss. 1-3 & 5

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come.
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

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

Homecoming

Mary Rom

*OFFERTORY

Were You There
Traditional Spiritual

*From September through December, loose offering collected during worship
is designated for **Every Meal**.

† Please rise in body or spirit.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Generous God, as we begin this new year, we dedicate not only our money, but our time, our talents, and our very lives to you and this community. Use these gifts to build a home where all belong, where hurts are healed, and where forgiveness is freely shared. Multiply what we give, so that our life together may reflect your limitless love to our neighborhood and the world. Amen.

SENDING US OUT

† Hymn #754

Help Us Accept Each Other

Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us;
teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace.

Be present, Lord, among us and bring us to believe
we are ourselves accepted, and meant to love and live.

Teach us, O Lord, your lessons, as in our daily life
we struggle to be human and search for hope and faith.

Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some,
to love them as we find them, or as they may become.

Let your acceptance change us, so that we may be moved
in living situations to do the truth in love;
to practice your acceptance until we know by heart
the table of forgiveness, and laughter's healing art.

Lord, for today's encounters with all who are in need,
who hunger for acceptance, for justice and for bread,
we need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on:
renew us with your Spirit; Lord, free us; make us one!

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Do Lord
Traditional Spiritual

The Worship Has Ended. The Service Begins.

Chancel Flowers

Sunday, September 13

Sponsored by Rachel Hole

*In honor of my mom, Kris', 80th birthday on
September 16th*

Sign up for Chancel flowers in Fellowship Hall!

Joys and Concerns

Lisa Cawhorn had open heart surgery on 9/8 at Methodist hospital. The surgery went well and she is in good spirits but does have a good deal of pain. Prayers for a quick recovery.

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 October.

Taichi Chen: continues chemo treatments. <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/taichichen>

Janet (& Rick) Carlson: Stem collection is complete! **Janet** will be admitted on Tuesday, September 15 for 3 days of high dose chemo. She'll have a break and then the transplant process will start. She's at the halfway point! Prayers for positive results.

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 has a blood/port draw and PET scan scheduled for September 29. She will meet with her oncologist on October 7 to go over results & possible trial drugs. <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, September 13

Homecoming Sunday

9:30 am Worship

10:30 am Fellowship Hour

11:00 am Adult Ed - Rev. Anna Kendig Flores

PCUSA General Assembly 2026

1:00 pm TEAMS & Youth Group Open House

Monday, September 14

7:00 pm 12-Step Meeting

Tuesday, September 15

11:30 am Valley Men's Lunch

Wednesday, September 16

6:00 pm Joy of Recovery OA Group

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 17

10:00 am-11:30 Meals on Wheels

5:30 pm 12-Step Unity

Friday, September 18

Saturday, September 19

8:00 am Blue Thumb Native Plant Sale

10:00 am Craft & Connect

Sunday, September 20

9:30 am Worship

10:30 am Fellowship Hour

11:00 am -1:30 pm Adult Ed - *Lunch provided

Samuel Torres, Ed.D. - National Native American

Boarding School Healing Coalition

1:00 pm TEAMS & Youth Group

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!

Pastor & Head of Staff

Rev. Kyle Sandison

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Pastor Sheila Sheldon, CRE

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Rachel Hole

Music Coordinator

Rachel Williams

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Hsu-hui Wang

Choral & Handbell Director

Janet M.T. Carlson

Faith Formation Lead

James 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

August 30: 227 (124 in-person)

September 6: 194 (94 in person)



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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

Indigenous Justice Task Force & Educational Ministries Team Presents....



The National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition

Adult Education Week 2

September 20, 2026 | 11:00 AM -1:30 PM

*Lunch Provided by
Native Harvest Catering

This session intends to explore the work and scope of this national movement for truth, justice, and healing from the U.S. Indian boarding school system. NABS is a leading national organization dedicated to advocating on behalf of Native peoples impacted by the U.S. Indian boarding school federal policies and its collaboration with Christian faith communities.



Samuel B. Torres, Ed.D.
Deputy Chief Executive Officer



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TEAMS



**VALLEY
YOUTH**

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



CHANCEL CHOIR

Love to sing?
Join the Chancel Choir!

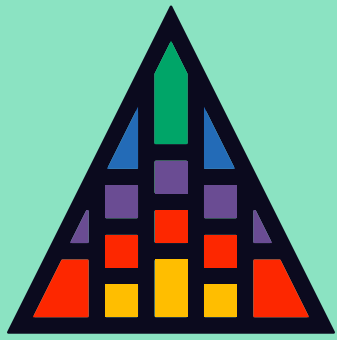
Rehearsals: Meet weekly on
Wednesdays @ 7:00 PM & 8:30 am
on the Sundays we sing in worship.

Sing: 1st & 3rd Sundays in worship.



Hsu-hui Wang, interim director
Rachel Williams, piano





VALLEY CHURCH DIRECTORY

2026-2027

Did you move? Change your phone number or email address?
Call or email Rachel in the office to update your contact
information for the church directory!

New member or just want to update your photo?

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

Valley Men's Lunch

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15
11:30 AM

50^s
GRILL

3rd Tuesday of every month!



BLUE THUMB FALL NATIVE PLANT SALE

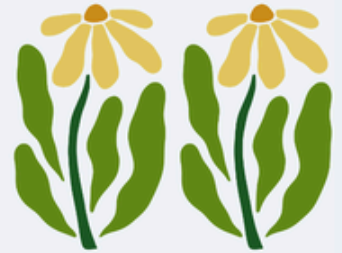
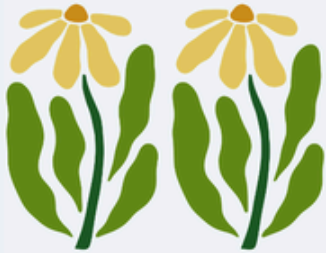
2026

SAT
19
SEPT

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



PRISM

- COMMUNITY BLOCK PARTY -

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3RD
11AM-3PM**

JOIN US IN CELEBRATING THE POWER OF COMMUNITY

COMMUNITY VENDORS

GAMES

FOOD

MUSIC

FOOD DRIVE

SHOP FOR CHANGE SALE

-1220 Zane Ave N, Golden Valley, MN 55422-

PRISM

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FALL FESTIVAL



**BACK
TO THE
50's**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3
5:00 - 8:00 PM**

Silent Auction Items:

- Gopher sports & Timberwolves tickets
- Baskets for Valley mission partners
- Fun Theme Baskets
- Wide variety of services and experience
- AND MUCH MORE!



DJ!

Live Auction!

Gift Card Wall

Food

Kid's Activities

Bounce House • Games • Face Painting

Tickets On Sale Now!

**\$15 ADULT
\$10 KIDS**

**On Sale in
Fellowship Hall or Online**





VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

FALL FESTIVAL

Sign up in the Fellowship Hall!

*Friday 10/2 Evening -
Decoration Crew*

*Bring salads (think potluck
style or "MN salads" that aren't
really salads)*

*Bring a crock pot of
Sloppy Joes*

*Bring 2-3 dozen bars
or cookies

*Kitchen Crew Slots - Set up,
Serving and Clean up*

*Fellowship Hall
Reset

**BACK
TO THE
50'S**

**Special Request: Do you have 50s Decor that
Valley could borrow for the Fall Festival?**

Please call the office 763-588-0831
or email office@valleychurch.net



• 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

**Fridays in the Valley
Presents:**



Steve Lehto & John Wright

Friday, October 9, 2026
Concert begins @ 7:00 PM

FREE-WILL OFFERINGS BENEFIT
**MISSIONS INC. PROGRAMS AND
THE HOME FREE SHELTER.**



Valley Community

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PC(USA)

**Oct
25
4-5 PM**

**Hosted by
Valley Youth**

Candy

**Trunk
or
Treat
for PRISM**



**A
Community
Event
with a
Cause!**

**Bring pantry items for PRISM and
help us fill the trailer at our annual
Trick or Treat for PRISM drive.
Can't wait to see you there!**

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Happy Birthday Valley Family!

Frankline Nyongkah

Lennox Mead

Alan Wold

Arik Sandison

Aaron Craven

Arnold Schellhaas

Pius Nti

Jeff Soltau

Hayden Gautsche

Claire Reinert

Pete Messer

Christine Phelan

Jonathan Schellhaas

Ted Arneson

Steve Bauer

Katie Decker

Gwen Rouleau

Evonne Kirchenwitz

Liam Bonner

Sevdina (Nina) Bonner

SuAnn Bygd

Mark Freeman

James Decker

Tom Jenson

Mariah Messer

Andrew Westerlund

Helmut Winter

Peter Brant

Paul Minter

Emily Steffel

Sarah Gonsior

Deborah Poynter

Jennifer Biggs

Bellinda Nti





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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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