Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, November 1, 2026

All Saints Sunday

GATHERING US IN

PRELUDE *Come, Now Is the Time to Worship*
Brian Doerksen
Rachel Williams, piano

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

GATHERING MUSIC *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*
William Croft

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: As we come to worship, we enter this place surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, saints below and saints above.

People: We remember the saints who ran this race before us, whose faithful lives and generous hearts paved the way for our journey today.

Leader: Inspired by their legacy, let us offer our own lives in service to the work of God's kingdom.

All: Let us worship God together, running our race with joy and giving our lives with gratitude!

† **Hymn #712** ***As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought***

As those of old their firstfruits brought of vineyard, flock, and field
to God, the giver of all good, the source of bounteous yield,
so we today our firstfruits bring, the wealth of this good land:
of farm and market, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.

A world in need now summons us to labor, love, and give,
to make our life an offering that all may truly live.
The church of Christ is calling us to make the dream come true:
a world redeemed by Christ-like love, all life in Christ made new.

In gratitude and humble trust we bring our best today,
to serve your cause and share your love with all along life's way.
O God who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ your Son,
help us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.

† Please rise in body or spirit.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Pastor Sheila Sheldon

God of our past, present, and future, we confess that we do not always run the race you set before us. You surround us with a legacy of generosity, yet we cling tightly to what we have out of fear and scarcity. You call us to lay aside every weight, yet we carry the heavy burdens of self-reliance and indifference.

Forgive us, merciful God. By the power of your Holy Spirit, unburden our hearts. Inspire us by the witness of the saints to give freely, live boldly, and run with perseverance until your kingdom comes. 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 #695

Change My Heart

Change my heart, O God; make it every true
Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.
You are the Potter; I am the clay
Mold me and shape me; this is what I pray.
Change my heart, O God; make it every true
Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.

HEARING THE WORD

TIME WITH YOUNG WORSHIPPERS

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

SPECIAL MUSIC *Shall We Gather at the River* Valley Choir
Traditional, arr. John Carter

SCRIPTURE READING Hebrews 12:1-2

SERMON *The Cloud of Witnesses* Rev. Kyle Sandison

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RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† Hymn #321 ***The Church's One Foundation*** vss. 1 & 5

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord.
She is his new creation by water and the word.
From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride.
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly, may live eternally.

A TIME FOR REMEMBERING

I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry
John C. Ylvisaker

Rachel Williams, piano
Jamie Marshall, tenor

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE 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 *75: Valley WORKS!* Pat Daily

OFFERTORY *Give Me Jesus*
Traditional, arr. Moses Hogan

Jamie Marshall, tenor

PRAYER FOR DEDICATION

Generous God, we give you thanks for those whose faithful stewardship built the foundation of this church. Accept these gifts of our tithes, our offerings, and our lives as our continuation of that legacy. Use what we bring today to further your ministry and care for your world. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

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

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SENDING US OUT

† **Hymn #326** ***For All the Saints***

All: *For all the saints who from their labors rest,*
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

High Voices: *Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;*
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Choir Only: *O blest communion, fellowship divine!*
We feebly struggle; they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Low Voices: *And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,*
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

All: *From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,*
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Faith Everlasting*
Edward Broughton

The Worship Has Ended. The Service Begins.

Chancel Flowers
Sunday, November 1

Sponsored by Valerie Robinson
In honor of our son Phillip's 46th birthday

Sign up for Chancel flowers in Fellowship Hall!

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This Week at Valley

Sunday, November 1 - Daylight Saving Time
9:30 am Worship
10:30 am Fellowship Hour
11:00 am Adult Ed - **Papua New Guinea w/Minters**
5:00 pm - TEAMS/Youth Group Bowling

Monday, November 2
11:30 am Lunch Bunch
7:00 pm 12-Step Meeting

Tuesday, November 3 - Election Day
1:00 pm Bible Fellowship
6:30 pm Bell Choir practice

Wednesday, November 4
6:00 pm Joy of Recovery OA Group
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 5
5:30 pm 12-Step Unity

Friday, November 6

Saturday, November 7

Sunday, November 8 - Communion
Dedication Sunday
9:30 am Worship
10:30 am Fellowship Hour
11:00 am Adult Ed - **Rooted Documentary:** *Stories From Minnesota's Farming Future*
12:00 - 4:00 pm Youth PRISM Event at the New Hope Hy-Vee
2:00 - 4:00 pm TEAMS at Valley
3:00 pm - Golden Valley Orchestra Concert - Fellowship Hall (Bring a new, unwrapped toy or a $20 donation to PRISM)

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, Kurt Wheeler and others for broadcasting the services!

Valley Staff

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The entire Valley Community!

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SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE
October 18: 235 (120 in person)
October 25: 250 (138 in-person)

Joys and Concerns

We lift up prayers of comfort for the family of Valley Member, **Mary Anderson,** who passed away peaceully at home on Saturday, October 24. She was 100! Her family is planning an open house that will be held at a funeral home and will share those details with us as soon as they are available.

Please continue to hold **Robin, Katie, Davey,** and **Emi** close in your hearts and prayers as they grieve their immense loss of **Taichi**. A service will be held on the afternoon of December 4. More details will be forthcoming. Prayers of comfort for the **Chens** and all those who loved Taichi. https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/taichichen

Carole Martens We give thanks that **Carole** did not need a skin graft and that her stitches are coming out this week. The **Martens** say thank you for your prayers and care. Carole will have a follow up on her CLL in October.

Lisa Cawhorn is thankful to be back home after her heart surgery and is grateful for all the prayers during her 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 **Caring Bridge** profiles here:

Janet (**& Rick**) **Carlson:** Good news! **Janet** has moved to the U's Rehab Building at 2512 S. 7th Street. Continued prayers for healing. As for the stem cell transplant, her bloodwork has remained stable throughout her hospilization. Follow **Rick's** CaringBridge for updates on **Janet:** https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/rickcarlson101.

To support the Carlsons, a Meal Train was set up by Valley staff. To sign up and provide a meal, visit https://mealtrain.com/ne11n6.

Susie Potter's recent labs and PET scan showed that her cancer marker number went up & showed some cancer growth. **Susie** will continue a treatment "vacation" and then possibly start on a hormone replacement pill after spending Thanksgiving with her family in Boise. 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.

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Adult Education | November 1 | 11:00 AM

PAPUA NEW GUINEA
Jennie & Paul Minter

Jennie and Paul will share about their experience living as missionaries in Papua New Guinea. They will aslo talk about what is involved in a language program for the speakers of a previously unwritten minority language. They will show a slide show that chronicles the dedication of the Iyo New Testament in Papua New Guinea.

Hosted in The Cornerstone Room

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

- Ray Anderson
- Carolyn Anderson
- Rev. David Phillips
- Rev. Nancy Phillips
- Bonnie Goslinga
- Mary Ann Winter
- Ann Roach
- Don Roach

BAKERS & TREAT-BRINGERS

- Jenny Peters
- Ann Roach
- Missy Rudeen
- Connie Freeman



Valley Lunch Bunch

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND
11:30 AM

50s GRILL

First Monday of every month!



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Adult Education | November 8| 11:00 AM

ROOTED DOCUMENTARY

Stories From Minnesota's Farming Future

Directed and produced by Liz Tracy, this documentary short follows the day-to-day lives of two Minnesota farmers, offering an intimate portrait of small-scale agriculture in the Upper Midwest. Rooted is a love letter to land stewardship and climate resilience, reminding us that local solutions can respond to global challenges and model a more sustainable food future for all. (run time 25 minutes)

Hosted in The Cornerstone Room

STEWARDSHIP 2027

75: Valley WORKS!



DEDICATION SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 8, 2026

Scan the QR Code to Make Your Pledge

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2026
FOLLOWING WORSHIP

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

For the Purpose of electing new officers.

Valley Community
PC(USA)

Fridays in the Valley Presents:



Pavel Jany & Dean Harrington

Friday, November 13, 2026 | 7:00 PM

FREE-WILL OFFERINGS BENEFIT
CLARE HOUSING

Valley Community

5th grade & under

LET'S GLOW

Parents' Night Out!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14
5:00-8:00 PM

Kids 5th grade and under ENJOY a night of fun with Valley friends! We're having a glow party! Dinner, glow tag, dance party and more! Mom and Dad enjoy a night out!

Click here or Scan the QR code **to register!**

$5 PER CHILD

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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,
NOVEMBER 21, 2026
10 AM - 2:00 PM
LUNCH AT 12 PM

YOU'RE INVITED!

TO VALLEY'S THANKSGIVING POTLUCK

Thursday, Nov. 26th at 12:00 PM

We are hosting a Thanksgiving Potluck for anyone looking for a place to gather for the holiday. Come to Valley, share a delicious meal & gratitude for our Valley family.

Please sign up to let us know you're coming and what you plan to bring.

SIGN UP IN FELLOWSHIP HALL, OR CALL THE OFFICE.

Save the Date!

CHRISTMAS DINNER
SUNDAY, DEC. 6
5:30 PM

Join us on **December 6 at 5:30 p.m.** for our annual Christmas dinner and holiday music performance by Above Average Tuba Quartet!

Tickets available in Fellowship Hall!

DINNER WILL BE CATERED!

TICKETS:
$20 FOR ADULTS
$10 FOR KIDS (10 & UNDER)

VEGETARIAN AND KIDS MEALS ALSO AVAILABLE

MENU:

- Fresh baked rolls with butter
- Field greens berry salad with Feta
- Roasted root vegetables
- Au gratin potatoes
- Holiday Baked Ham/Pineapple Sauce
- Oven roasted chicken w/garlic parmesan sauce

POINSETTIA SALE



ORDER BY NOVEMBER 30 | $13 EACH

Order forms in the Narthex, Fellowship Hall,
or email office@valleychurch.net

PRISM 2026
HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE

VALLEY IS COLLECTING NEW, UNWRAPPED TOYS AND GIFTS FOR PRISM'S HOLIDAY TOY SHOPPE

Holiday Toy Shoppe

MOST NEEDED ITEMS

- ACTION FIGURES
- TODDLER TOYS
- SPORTS ATTIRE
- BLANKETS
- NERF TOYS
- LEGOS
- GAMES
- **TEEN GIFTS** (HEADPHONES, GAMING KEYBOARDS, HAIR TOOLS, SLIPPERS)
- **$25 GIFT CARDS** (TARGET, AMAZON, VISA, ETC.)

QUESTIONS CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE

DROP OFF GIFTS AT VALLEY BY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6

• 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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Happy Birthday Valley!

Evan Miller
Carolina Michael
Joel Larsen
Sara Perry
Larry Dunham
Miranda Graham
Lotti Matkovits
Sue Modert
Diane Shenk
Gary Roback
Chuck Thurston
Everett Hagelin
Landon Goiffon
Megan Parks
Vonnie Olson
Mabel Willey
Mary Dunham
Larry Melander
Walter Messer
Jasmyn Swanson
Hsu-hui Wang
Lyn Boyd
Mary Roback
Angela Zywicki
Janelle Carlson
Karen Chancellor
Brad Pleimling



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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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