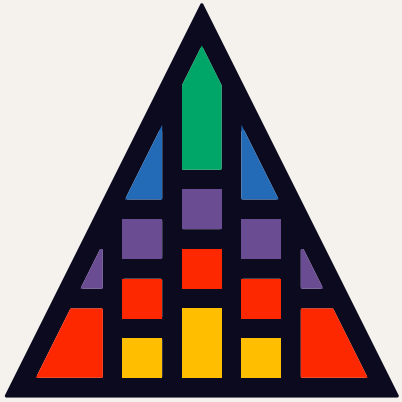

Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, October 18, 2026

GATHERING US IN

PRELUDE — *As the Deer*, Martin Nystrom, arr. Bruce Greer — Rachel Williams, piano

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

GATHERING MUSIC — *The Call*, R. Vaughan Williams, words by George Herbert — Jamie Marshall, tenor

CALL TO WORSHIP — Carolyn Anderson

Leader: The earth is the Lord's, and all that is in it, the world and all who live in it.
People: All creation belongs to God!
Leader: Let us lift up our hearts to the living God, the one who created all things.
People: We offer our lives to the one who made us.
Leader: Let us worship the Lord, creator of heaven and earth!

† Hymn #41 — ***O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!*** — vss. 1, 4 & 5

O worship the King, all glorious above!
O gratefully sing God's power and God's love:
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

Your bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills; it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

† Please rise in body or spirit.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, forgive us for forgetting whose image we bear. You have stamped your likeness upon our hearts, yet we live as if we belong to the empires of our day. We value what can be counted and spent, while neglecting the weightier matters of justice, mercy, and love. We try to fit you into our partisan divisions rather than letting your gospel transform our lives.

Turn our hearts back to you, O Lord. Help us to give unto you the fullness of our lives, our resources, and our worship. Remake us in your image, so that our lives may clearly reflect your grace. 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 #447 **We Are Forgiven**

We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God. (2x)

HEARING THE WORD

TIME WITH YOUNG WORSHIPPERS Julie Westerlund

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

SPECIAL MUSIC *Look at the World* Valley Choir
John Rutter

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 22:15-22

SERMON *Belonging to God* Rev. Kyle Sandison

† Please rise in body or spirit.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† Hymn #708 ***We Give Thee but Thine Own***

We give thee but thine own,
whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone,
a trust, O Lord, from thee.

May we thy bounties thus
as stewards true receive,
and gladly, as thou blessest us,
to thee our firstfruits give.

The captive to release,
to God the lost to bring,
to teach the way of life and peace:
it is a Christ-like thing.

And we believe thy word,
though dim our faith may be;
whate'er we do for thine, O Lord,
we do it unto thee.

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 *Per Capita* Denise Kara

OFFERTORY *Somebody's Knockin' at Yo' Door*
arr. Moses Hogan

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy God, everything in heaven and on earth belongs to you. We are stewards of your abundant grace, created in your image to reflect your love to the world. Receive these gifts we offer today, and use them to feed the hungry, welcome the stranger, lift up the brokenhearted, and work for justice in our community. Amen.

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

† Please rise in body or spirit.

SENDING US OUT

† **Hymn #697** ***Take My Life*** vss. 1, 2, 4 & 6

Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee, swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my sliver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use
every power as thou shalt choose, every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself and I will be
ever, only, all for thee, ever, only, all for thee.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Built on a Rock*
Franklin Ritter, based on the tune by Ludwig M. Lindeman

The Worship Has Ended. The Service Begins.

Chancel Flowers
Sunday, October 18
Sponsored by Carole and Rick Martens
In honor of all our Grandchildren
Nanny and Papa Martens
Sign up for Chancel flowers in Fellowship Hall!

† Please rise in body or spirit.

This Week at Valley

Sunday, October 18 - Education Sabbath
9:30 am Worship
10:30 am Fellowship Hour

Monday, October 19
7:00 pm 12-Step Meeting

Tuesday, October 20
11:30 Valley Men's Lunch
1:00 pm Bible Fellowship
6:30 pm Bell Choir practice

Wednesday, October 21
6:00 pm Joy of Recovery OA Group
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 22
10:00 am Meals on Wheels
5:30 pm 12-Step Unity

Friday, October 23

Saturday, October 24
9:00 am - 12:00 pm Fall Clean Up
10:00 am - 2:00 pm Craft & Connect

Sunday, October 25 - Stewardship Kickoff
9:30 am Worship
10:30 am Fellowship Hour
11:00 am Adult Ed - **Kathy Wells - Voting Safety**
11:00 am New Members Class
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm Trunk or Treat!

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

SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE
October 4: 238 (127 in person)
October 11: 216 (91 in person)

Joys and Concerns

Continued prayers for the **Beckstrom** family as they mourn the loss of **Tony's** father, **Walter** (**Wally**). The memorial service will take place at Washburn-McReavy in Crystal (5125 West Broadway). Visitation will be on Saturday, October 17, from 3:00-4:00 pm, with service beginning at 4:00 pm.

Prayers for the family of **Judy Maghakian** as she passed away on Thursday, October 8. Judy was a former Valley staff member and the wife of Valley's former pastor, **Harry Maghakian**. Judy's service will be held here at Valley on November 15, in the afternoon. Full details are pending.

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:

Carole Martens will have skin graft surgery at the HCMC burn unit, on a spot that just isn't healing. She will have a follow up on her CLL in October.

Taichi Chen: Continue to hold the **Chens** close in prayer, as **Taichi** is now in hospice care. He and his family enjoyed a beautiful day together on Saturday, October 10 at the family farm. https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/taichichen

Taichi, **Robin**, and **Rev. Kyle** performed a moving arrangement of "Be Thou My Vision" during a recent service. Enjoy here: https://www.youtube.com/live/YZCJofYbNI4?t=948s

Janet (**& Rick**) **Carlson:** It's been another difficult week for Janet. She remains hospitalized and her care team is running multiple tests to determine what's going on, including upcoming MRIs. Please pray for **Janet**, and for **Rick, Janelle,** and **Beth** as they navigate this setback. 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. 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" for another 6 weeks 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.

Valley

Men's Lunch

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20
11:30 AM

50s GRILL

3rd Tuesday of every month!

DOWN BY THE RIVERSIDE

OCTOBER 23, 7PM
OCTOBER 24, 7PM
OCTOBER 25, 2PM

SONGS AND POEMS
PERFORMED BY
JAMIE MARSHALL

WITH WESLEY FRYE, JENESSA IVERSON, RYAN MARSHALL, AUDREY SNYDER, JACK STRAND, AND HUNTER BATTERSON

THE HIVE COLLABORATIVE
677 HAMLINE AVE.

TICKETS AND INFO AT
THEHIVECOLLABORATIVEMN.COM

Fall Clean Up

SATURDAY, October 24
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Exterior cleaning of the church grounds

SIGN UP IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

*If needed, weather make up day:
Saturday, November 7

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!

Crafting isn't your thing? That's okay! Come for the low-key fellowship - get to know Valley friends while working on a puzzle or playing a game or two.

***Optional* Bring a dish to share for lunch at 12 PM.**

SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 24, 2026
10 AM - 2:00 PM
LUNCH AT 12 PM

STEWARDSHIP 2026

KICK-OFF:
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2026

75: Valley WORKS!

DEDICATION SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 8, 2026

Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Adult Education | October 25 | 11:00 AM

VOTING SAFETY

Jackie Wells

MN League of Women Voters

Jackie will be here to discuss, voting safety in Minnesota, the checks and balances built into the system, and provide information on researching candidates to help you make an informed decision.

Hosted in The Cornerstone Room

NEW MEMBER CLASS

Sunday, October 25 at 11:00

Valley Library

Lunch will be served.

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A Community Event with a Cause!

Hosted by Valley Youth

Oct 25 4-5 PM

Trunk or Treat for PRISM

DJ

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!

Happy Birthday Valley!

Lisa Cawhorn
Lonnie Johnson
Brayden Rude
Reid Nichols
Gail Smith
Rachel Hole
Brandon Novy
Cathy LaPoint
Valerie Craven
Nancy Husnik
Aubrie Larsen
Thom Reinert
Madelyn Soens
Alexander Kara
Jack Perry
Earl Robertson
Max Westerlund
Ginger Jackson
Myron Jones
Chrisdel Nyongkah
Cheryl Smith
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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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