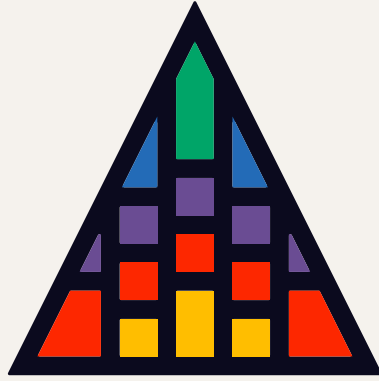




Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, October 25, 2026

Stewardship Sunday

GATHERING US IN

PRELUDE

Sonata II - Grave, Adagio, Allegro Maestoso
Felix Mendelssohn

Jane Nienaber,
organ

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

GATHERING MUSIC

As Those of Old Their First Fruits Brought
Dale Wood

see Hymn #712
for lyrics

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it.

People: The world and all who live in it!

Leader: We are God's own handiwork, created to do good works.

People: There is good work ahead that God has prepared for us to do.

Leader: All that we have is a gift from God's hand.

People: We offer our hearts in worship and our lives in service to God today.

Leader: Let us worship God!

† Hymn #475

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor Sheila Sheldon

God of creation, you made us, and you saved us, and you have good work ready for us to do. But we confess that we have treated your gifts as our own. We have held our time, our money, and our talents as if they were ours to keep. We have watched the needs around us and told ourselves someone else would meet them. We have let the good work wait while we busied ourselves with lesser things.

Forgive us for the work we have left undone. Free us from fear and from holding on too tightly, and make us ready to join you in the work that you are doing. In the name of Jesus 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 #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

Beach Spring
arr. John Matheny

Valley Bell Choir

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 2:7-10
translation from *The Message*

SERMON

Created to Do Good Works

Rev. Kyle Sandison

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† Hymn #694

Great God of Every Blessing

Great God of every blessing, of faithful, loving care,
you are the fount of goodness, the daily bread we share.
How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start:
sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.

Your Word is our salvation, the source of endless grace,
in death and life extending your covenant embrace.
In Christ we are one body; each member has a part:
sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.

Your Spirit is our teacher, the light that guides our search,
transforming broken people into the holy church.
For feeding us with mercy, for wisdom you impart:
sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.

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

Craig Gottschalk

OFFERTORY

Dance
Emma Lou Diemer

Jane Nienaber, organ
Hsu-hui Wang, piano

PRAYER FOR STEWARDSHIP

Generous God, everything we have has come from you, and we give back what is already yours. Receive these gifts, and receive us with them. You made us, and you saved us, and you call us to join in your work. Make us glad givers and willing workers, and let what we begin today be a sign of your goodness to the world that you love. Through Christ, who gave himself for us. Amen.

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

† Please rise in body or spirit.

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

*A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing.
Our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe.
His craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.*

*Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,
were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he.
Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same,
and he must win the battle.*

*And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us.
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him.
His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure.
One little word shall fell him.*

*That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth.
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also.
The body they may kill; God's truth abideth still.
His kingdom is forever.*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Recessional on A Might Fortress
Robert A. Hobby

The Worship Has Ended. The Service Begins.

Chancel Flowers

Sunday, October 25

Sponsored by [Jill Resiwig](#)

In loving memory of [Myrle Reiswig](#)

Sign up for Chancel flowers in Fellowship Hall!

This Week at Valley

Sunday, October 25 - Stewardship Kickoff

9:30 am Worship

10:30 am Fellowship Hour

11:00 am Adult Ed - **Jackie Wells - Voting Safety**

11:00 am New Members Class

*4:00 pm - 5:00 pm Trunk or Treat! *In the event of rain, we will hold the event in Fellowship hall.

Monday, October 26

6:30 pm Session Meeting

7:00 pm 12-Step Meeting

Tuesday, October 27

1:00 pm Bible Fellowship

6:30 pm Bell Choir practice

Wednesday, October 28

6:00 pm Joy of Recovery OA Group

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 29

10:00 am Meals on Wheels

5:30 pm 12-Step Unity

Friday, October 30

Saturday, October 31

Sunday, November 1 - Daylight Saving Time

9:30 am Worship

10:30 am Fellowship Hour

11:00 am Adult Ed - **Jennie & Paul Minter:**

Papua New Guinea

5:00 pm - TEAMS/Youth Group Bowling

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 & Handbell Director

Hsu-hui Wang

Choral & Handbell Director

Janet M.T. Carlson

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

October 11: 216 (91 in person)

October 18: 235 (120 in person)

Joys and Concerns

Our dear Valley family member and friend, **Taichi Chen**, passed away on Sunday morning. Please continue to hold **Robin, Katie, Davey, and Emi** close in your hearts and prayers as they grieve their immense loss. We ask for comfort for them and for all those who loved Taichi. We grieve with the **Chens** and give thanks for his life, for what he shared with us, and for the many ways in which Taichi was a blessing to so many. <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/taichichen>

Carole Martens We give thanks for a successful surgery for Carole. The best news is that the surgeon was able to do the repair in a less invasive manner that did not require skin grafting which will make the recovery less painful and quicker. The Martens say thank you for your prayers and care. Carole will have a follow up on her CLL in October.

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 on Sunday, November 15. Visitation begins at 2:00 pm, with the service at 3:00 pm, followed by a reception at 4:00 pm.

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: Continued prayers for Janet who remains in the hospital, with difficulty swallowing which has made eating hard. They are awaiting results of a swallowing test. They are hoping she can move to a TCU once the swallowing issue is resolved and eating becomes easier. 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" 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 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

Valley Community

PC(USA)



Hosted by
Valley Youth

Candy

A
Community
Event
with a
Cause!

Oct
25
4-5 PM

Trunk
or
Treat
for PRISM



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!

3100 Lilac Drive North | Golden Valley MN 55422





DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2026

SET YOUR CLOCKS
BACK ONE HOUR!

**Smart Phones/Devices
Will Set Automatically**



Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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 also 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



11/1



**Please bring in your
leftover Halloween candy to share with
voters on 11/3!**

Valley Lunch Bunch

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND
11:30 AM

50^s
GRILL

First Monday of every month!



STEWARDSHIP 2026



**75:
Valley
WORKS!**



**DEDICATION SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 8, 2026**



Valley Community

**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



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

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!

\$5 PER CHILD



Valley Community



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.



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

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**

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
Peggy Meyer
Linda Wold
Lilianna Schellhaas

Andrew Freeberg
Les Freeberg
Hanne Sandison
Ann Keen
Kyle Boyd
Earl Michael
Alex Graham
Nancy Olson
Mary Ann Winter
Janet Triplett
Catherine Paulson
Norman Chervany
Rev. Nancy Phillips
Ann Van Heest





Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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.



LOGO DESIGN BY WÓOKIYE WIN
(SISSETON WAHPETON DAKHÓTA
AND OJIBWAY)

3100 Lilac Drive North
Golden Valley, MN 55422

www.valleychurch.net

Office: 763-588-0831

Pastoral Care: 763-445-9665

Phone Ministry: 763-220-1455



Scan to give online!