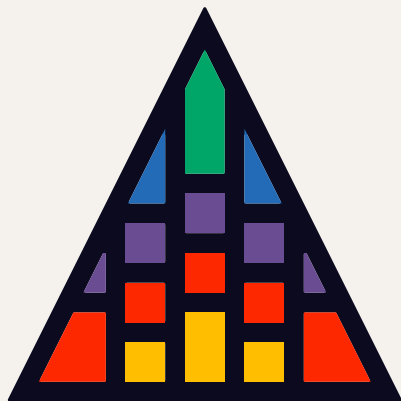




Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, October 4, 2026

GATHERING US IN

PRELUDE

Offertoire
Alexander Guilmant

Jane Nienaber,
organ

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

GATHERING MUSIC

Be Thou My Vision
Celtic Fiddle Music Georgia Nettleton

Kyle Sandison,
guitar
Taichi & Robin Chen,
strings

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: People will come from east and west,

All: from north and south,

One: and will eat in the kingdom of God.

All: Thanks be to God for welcoming us to the table.

One: Come with hope or hesitation; come with joy or yearning;

All: All who hunger and all who thirst for life in all its fullness will find fullness through the generosity of our God.

One: Let us worship God!

† Hymn #79

Light Dawns on a Weary World

ALL SING

Light dawns on a weary world
when eyes begin to see all people's dignity.
Light dawns on a weary world: the promised day of justice comes.

Refrain:

The trees shall clap their hands;
the dry lands, gush with springs;
the hills and mountains shall break forth with singing!
We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,
as all the world in wonder echoes shalom.

CHOIR ONLY

Love grows in a weary world
when hungry hearts find bread and children's dreams are fed.
Love grows in a weary world: the promised feast of plenty comes. **Refrain**

ALL SING

Hope blooms in a weary world
when creatures, once forlorn, find wilderness reborn.
Hope blooms in a weary world: the promised green of Eden comes. **Refrain**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, you have poured out your grace without measure and set a table with room for everyone. Forgive us when we forget that we are beloved and live as though love were scarce.

Where you call us to do justice, we have looked away.

Where you call us to love kindness, we have kept score.

Where you call us to walk humbly, we have grown too sure of ourselves.

We have narrowed the table with our fear and left out those you welcome.

Have mercy on us. Open our hands, soften our hearts, and widen our welcome, through Jesus Christ, who receives us all. 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

Jesus Loves Me

Valley Kids' Choir

Congregational Blessing:

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

Amani Utupe
(Grant Us Peace, Give Us Courage)
Patsy Ford Simms

Valley Choir
Brian Ruohoniemi,
percussionist

SCRIPTURE READING

Micah 6:8; Matthew 25:35-40

SERMON

A Table Without Edges

Pastor Sheila Sheldon

MUSICAL REFLECTION

Bigger Table
Matt Maher

Rev. Kyle Sandison,
guitar & vocals

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Bread for the World
World Communion Sunday

Karen Chancellor

† Hymn #530

One Bread, One Body

Refrain:

One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.

Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
woman or man, no more. **(Refrain)**

Many the gifts, many the works,
one in the Lord of all. **(Refrain)**

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
gathered to one, for all. **(Refrain)**

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

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.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

SHARING OF THE BREAD & CUP

MUSICAL REFLECTION

Two Preludes on Bread of the World
Edward Good and David Cherwien

Jane Nienaber,
organ

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Generous God, we thank you for this feast of grace, for bread that strengthens and the cup that renews. You have fed us at a table with no edges and shown us that your love is enough for all. Send us into the world you love to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with you. Keep the table wide in us, that we never close a door you have opened. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SENDING US OUT

† Hymn

O God, By Your Mercy, We Come to this Place

vss. 1, 2, 4 & 5

Tune: Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

*O God, by your mercy we come to this place.
We feast at your table on gifts of your grace.
We taste your forgiveness, then learn what to do:
"Do justice, love kindness, walk humbly" with you.*

*O Christ, we're not strangers or enemies here.
For we're at your table, and you've made it clear:
We all are God's children, and blessed from above,
we're global, connected, and shaped by your love.*

*Through missions and meetings where justice is shown,
though co-ops where farmers learn they're not alone,
through all who are willing to try something new,
God, make us good partners in working with you.*

*O Spirit, we pray that you'll move through the church,
till peace, love and unity cover the earth.*

*O God, bless these gifts with your grace from above,
till others find joy in the feast of your love.*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Recessional on In Christ There is No East or West
Charles Callahan

The Worship Has Ended. The Service Begins.

Chancel Flowers

Sunday, October 4

Sponsored by Valley Staff

*In celebration of October birthdays and
anniversaries*

Sign up for Chancel flowers in Fellowship Hall!

Joys and Concerns

Join the **Munns** family as they host a reception celebrating the life of former Valley member and custodian, **Marilyn Munns**, in the Cornerstone Room on Friday, October 9, at 12:30 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:

Carole Martens prayers of healing as she recovers from the burns she sustained on Sept. 19th. She will have a follow up on her CLL in October.

Taichi Chen: After his recent scans and appointments, the Chens have learned that the next step for Taichi is hospice. While their hearts are heavy, they are grateful for the connections, bonus time, and love and support from their Valley family.

<https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/taichichen>

Janet (& Rick) Carlson: It's been a rough week post-transplant for **Janet**. She is experiencing weakness and fatigue, thus, she's been sleeping a lot. On September 27, she received a growth factor injection. "Come on, little stem cells let's get busy and grow." She continues to be thankful for the support.

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 had a blood/port draw and PET scan on Monday, September 29th. Both tests went well. 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, October 4

9:30 am Worship

10:30 am Fellowship Hour

11:00 am Adult Ed - **Cassandra Roy (Ojibwe):**

Hāhā Wakpádaŋ (Bassett Creek)

1:00 pm TEAMS & Youth Group

Monday, October 5

7:00 pm 12-Step Meeting

Tuesday, October 6

1:00 pm Bible Fellowship

Wednesday, October 7

6:00 pm Joy of Recovery OA Group

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 8

5:30 pm Clare Housing Community Event

at Clare Terrace - 3555 France Ave. N

5:30 pm 12-Step Unity

Friday, October 9

12:30 pm Reception for Marilyn Munns

7:00 pm Fridays in the Valley

Steve Lehto & John Wright

Saturday, October 10

Sunday, October 11

9:30 am Worship

10:30 am Fellowship Hour

11:00 am Adult Ed -**Kassy Nystrom & Abbie**

Zahler - Hennepin County -Informed Food

Security Initiative

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!

Valley Staff

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The entire Valley Community!

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Rev. David Phillips

Rev. Nancy Phillips

Rev. Rebecca Tollefson

SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

September 20: 219 (110 in person)

September 27: 214 (110 in person)



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(SISSETON WAHPETON DAKHÓTA
AND OJIBWAY)

Adult Education | October 4 | 11:00 AM

ĤAĤÁ WAKPÁDAN (BASSETT CREEK)

with Cassandra Roy (Ojibwe)

Cassandra Roy (Anishinaabe), an Indigenous artist who's photographing ĤaĤá Wakpádan (Bassett Creek) in all four seasons. This event will feature her landscape photography, portrait photography, and other artistic projects.

The creek photography project is supported by a Community Grant from the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization. Additional support is provided by Valley Community Presbyterian Church, Golden Valley Historical Society, Hennepin History Museum, The Loppet, and many others.

Hosted in The Cornerstone Room

clare housing

HOME • HEALTH • HOPE



**MN Senate 43, and House 43A and 43B
Candidate Meet- &-Greet and HIV Long-term
Survivor Town Meeting**

- Hear stories from HIV long-term survivors
- Meet our state candidates
- Learn where state candidates stand on issues that matter to you, such as home, health, and hope

Join us for a free meal, community conversations, and an opportunity to learn more about your candidates and community!

EVENT DETAILS

Date: **Thursday, October 8, 2026**

Time: **6:00-7:30 PM CST**

(Doors open at 5:30PM for community meal)

Location: **Clare Terrace**

(3555 France Ave N, Robbinsdale, MN 55422)



Register by scanning the
QR code or visiting
bit.ly/districts43forum



**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.**



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Adult Education | October 11 | 11:00 AM



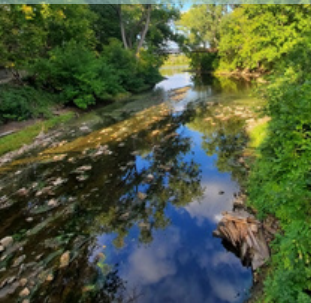
INFORMED FOOD SECURITY INITIATIVE - HENNEPIN COUNTY

Kassy Nystrom, Hennepin County Food Security Coordinator
Abbie Zahler, Hennepin County Public Health Promotion Manager

Kassy Nystrom and Abbie Zahler, will share about Hennepin County's Community-Informed Food Security Initiative. They will describe the history of the initiative and the work being done to support food needs across the county. They will also be able to answer general questions on SNAP benefits and how current legislation impacts those who rely on these services.

Hosted in The Cornerstone Room

Fourth Annual
Haha Wakpadan
Water Blessing



MONDAY, OCTOBER 12
10-11:30 AM

**WESTWOOD HILLS
NATURE CENTER**

8300 W FRANKLIN AVE,
ST LOUIS PARK, MN 55426

**RAIN OR SHINE, FREE,
AND FAMILY-FRIENDLY!**

**Please join us in honoring
Haha Wakpadan (Bassett Creek)
through a water blessing and
educational activities.**

We'll also celebrate Indigenous Peoples' Day through song and land acknowledgment. Indigenous participants will share ways to care for the lands and waters of Mni Sota Makoce (Minnesota).

New Volunteer Opportunity at PRISM!

PRISM is piloting a program to get more Faith Partner churches involved in the week to week work being done at PRISM, and **Valley Community** is the first group they are asking.

Who: Valley - members, couples and families

When: **Thursday** evenings in **OCTOBER**
from **5:00 - 7:00 pm**

What: Sort and pack Hygiene Kits and Diaper Bundles for families who receive services at PRISM.

Need: 4 to 6 volunteers each week

Where: PRISM 1220 Zane Ave N
Golden Valley, MN 55422

Click here to [Sign Up](#)

DOWN BY THE RIVERSIDE



TICKETS AND INFO AT
THEHIVECOLLABORATIVEMN.COM

SONGS AND POEMS
PERFORMED BY
JAMIE MARSHALL

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

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

THE HIVE COLLABORATIVE
677 HAMLINE AVE.

Valley
Community
PC(USA)

Candy

Hosted by
Valley Youth

**Oct
25**
4-5 PM

**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!**

3100 Lilac Drive North | Golden Valley MN 55422

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
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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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