Valley Community



Sunday, November 29, 2026

First Sunday in Advent

GATHERING US IN

PRELUDE Two Chorale Preludes on *Savior of the Nations, Come*
Robert Powell and J.S. Bach — Jane Nienaber, organ

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

GATHERING MUSIC *People Look East*
Robert Powell

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In God's house,
People: we may come exactly as we are.
Leader: In God's house,
People: we dare to hope. We dream new dreams. We cry out. We call upon God.
Leader: In God's house,
People: all are welcome and all are heard.
Leader: So come and worship.
People: God is here. God is listening.
Leader: Let us worship our with-us God.

† Hymn #88 **O Come, O Come Emmanuel** vss. 1, 6 & 7

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind;
bid envy, strife, and discord cease; fill the whole world with heaven's peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE: Hope — The Messer Family
Aurora, Walter, Pete & Mariah

ADVENT RESPONSE #137

He came down that we may have Hope;
he came down that we may have Hope;
he came down that we may have Hope;
hallelujah forevermore.

† Please rise in body or spirit.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we have been known to sweep our pain under the rug, to look too quickly for the bright side, to choose ignorance for the benefit of bliss. We have been known to keep the hurt in our heart to ourselves. Forgive us for filtering our honesty. Forgive us for ignoring the power of lament. Forgive us for not turning to you first. Remind us that you are a God who listens and you are a God who restores. With open hearts, 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.

RESPONSE TO GOD'S PROMISE IN ADVENT

The Light Shines in the Darkness by Dakota Road

Oh the light shines in the darkness and the light will not be overcome.
In this world broken and scattered, the light will not be overcome.

HEARING THE WORD

TIME WITH YOUNG WORSHIPPERS

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

SPECIAL MUSIC *Fuga da Capella from Sonata in G minor*
Antonio Vivaldi, arr. Josef Marx
Eric Moen, alto sax
Hsu-hui Wang, piano

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

SERMON *Until the Dawn... Cry Out* Rev. Kyle Sandison

† Please rise in body or spirit.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† Hymn #355 ***O Hear Our Cry, O Lord*** vss. 1, 2, & 4

O hear our cry, O Lord;
now hear us as we pray.
You guide us as a shepherd leads,
so keep us in your way.
O come; Lord, come;
restore and save us now.

Enthroned above all worlds,
you shine with holy light.
Lord, pour your power upon us all
and save us with your might.
O come; Lord, come;
restore and save us now.

O Lord, our God, return;
bring peace into each home.
So let your face shine on us all;
restore us as your own.
O come; Lord, come;
restore and save us now.

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 *The Season of Advent*

OFFERTORY *Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah*
Wayne L. Wold

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, giver of all that is good, may the gifts that we bring today—gifts of money, energy, and commitment—be gathered up into your great love, and through us, may your love overflow more and more into all the world. Amen.

† Please rise in body or spirit.

SENDING US OUT

† Hymn #82 ***Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus***

Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us;
let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver,
born a child and yet a king,
born to reign in us forever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal Spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit
raise us to thy glorious throne.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry*
David Cherwien

The Worship Has Ended. The Service Begins.

Chancel Flowers
Sunday, November 29
Sponsored by Carole Martens
Happy Thanksgiving to family & friends
Sign up for Chancel flowers in Fellowship Hall.

† Please rise in body or spirit.

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of healing for **Peggy Neibling** who is at North Memorial - Maple Grove with pneumonia. Please call the office if you'd like her room number.

The Celebration of Life Open House for **Mary Anderson**, will be on Tuesday, December 1, from 4 pm-7pm at Brookview. If you'd like to send a card, please call the office for the address.

Taichi's Celebration of Life will be held at 3 pm on Friday, December 4. More details will be forthcoming. Continued prayers of comfort for **Robin, Katie, Davie,** and **Emi** and all those who loved Taichi. https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/taichichen

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:

Carole Martens: Continued prayers for **Carole** as she heals from her burns and surgery. She will have a follow up in 3 months to see how she is progressing. She will have a follow up on her CLL soon.

Janet (& Rick) Carlson: Continued prayers for **Janet** as she recovers at home. Follow **Rick's** CaringBridge. https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/rickcarlson101 for updates on Janet's treatment.

Susie Potter will had a blood draw and PET scan on Tuesday, November 24. She will have with an oncology follow up on December 2. Meanwhile, she'll have a fun Thanksgiving in Boise, Idaho, with dear friends! 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, November 29
1st Sunday in Advent
Hanging of the Greens
9:30 am Worship Service
10:30 am Fellowship Hour
11:00 am Full Cast Pageant Rehearsal
5:00 pm Youth Group & TEAMS

Monday, November 30
7:00 pm 12-Step Meeting

Tuesday, December 1
1:00 pm Bible Fellowship
6:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, December 2
6:00 pm Joy of Recovery OA Group
7:00 Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 3
5:30 pm 12-Step Unity

Friday, December 4
3:00 pm Taichi Chen Memorial Service

Saturday, December 5
4:30 pm Full Cast Pageant Rehearsal

Sunday, December 6 - Pageant Sunday
2nd Sunday in Advent
9:30 am Worship Service
10:30 am Fellowship Hour
5:30 pm Christmas Dinner
7:00 pm *Sunday* in the Valley concert:
Above Average Tuba Quartet

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

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Rev. Rebecca Tollefson
Rev. David Mwihia

SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE
November 15: 280 (159 in-person)
November 22: 226 (115 in-person)

2026 CHRISTMAS PAGEANT



The VCPC 2026 Christmas Pageant

The pageant will be performed during worship at 9:30 AM on
Sunday, December 6th, 2026
Cast reports at 8:45 am!

Pageant Practices:
Sunday 11/29 | 11:00-12:45 pm
(we'll have lunch first)
Saturday 12/5 | 4:30-5:30 pm

Calling All Youth Grades 3-12!

Clearwater Forest

WINTER CAMP ADVENTURE AWAITS!

Snow Camp

"Chill & Be Still"

JANUARY 8-10

Let your kids turn winter into an unforgettable experience!

Snow Camp is packed with outdoor games, creative activities, and learning about God!

www.clearwaterforest.org

$175/camper
Adults and families welcome!

SAFE · FUN · FAITH FORMING

Use Promo Code: ValleyComm27 to save $75!

Limited spots available. Register today!

Scan here to Register

Sign Up!

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!

Sign Up in Fellowship Hall or call the Office at 763-588-0831!

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

Scan the QR Code to Reserve Your Seat

VEGETARIAN AND KIDS MEALS ALSO AVAILABLE

DINNER WILL BE CATERED!

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



Fridays in the Valley Presents:



ABOVE AVERAGE TUBA QUARTET

SUNDAY, December 6, 2026 | 7:00 pm

FREE-WILL OFFERINGS BENEFIT
PRISM HOLIDAY TOY SHOPPE

Valley Community

POINSETTIA SALE

$13 PER PLANT

ORDER BY NOVEMBER 30

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

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

- Barb Wasmoen
- Tom Wasmoen
- Ann Roach
- Don Roach
- Karen Harms
- Mike Pinter
- Mary Wilkens
- Roger Michael
- Charlie Rudeen
- Mae Rudeen

BAKERS & TREAT-BRINGERS

- Arlene Freeberg
- Karen Harms
- Lucy Mungai



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

Valley Community



ALTERNATIVE GIFT CATALOG

CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE FOR INFORMATION ON HOW TO MAKE AN ALTERNATIVE GIFT DONATION THIS SEASON!

SEE ARLENE FREEBERG IN FELLOWSHIP HALL BEGINNING NOVEMBER 29!

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

MONDAY, JANUARY 18, 2027: MLK JR. DAY



3 VOLUNTEER SPOTS STILL AVAILABLE!

1064 Cannon Ave, Shoreview

8:30 AM - 3:30 PM

3 volunteers also needed to provide & deliver lunch to the work crew of 10 around noon

Sign up in the Fellowship Hall. Contact **Andrew Pitan** or **Valley** for sign-up instructions.

Valley Lunch Bunch

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7TH
11:30 AM

50s GRILL

First Monday of every month!



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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Adult Education

December 13 | 11:00 AM

FUNERAL PLANNING AT VALLEY

Sheila Sheldon, CRE

Sheila Sheldon will walk you through the funeral plannig process here at Valley. She will provide materials for you to fill out and leave for your family and the church. We will cover topics such as service planning and reception options.

Cookie Exchange

Sunday,
December 20
11:00 am
Fellowship Hall

Valley Community





ATTENTION COOKIE BAKERS!

BAKE 6+ DOZEN OF YOUR FAVORITE COOKIE(S) AND
BRING THEM TO FELLOWSHIP HALL FOR THE BIG SWAP!

Sign up in the Fellowship Hall or email Katie Decker (katiebdmn@gmail.com) or Sheila Sheldon (sheila.sheldon@valleychurch.net).

LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE

DECEMBER 20TH, 4:30 PM

The holidays are a time to celebrate and think back fondly on years past, which can be both heartwarming and difficult for those who have lost loved ones. For that reason, Valley will be holding a Longest Night service on **Sunday, December 20th at 4:30pm.**

It will be a service of music and scripture as we remember those we love and name the mixed emotions that come with the season.

A light meal and time for fellowship will follow in the Cornerstone Room.



Advent in the Valley

ADVENT 2026 SCHEDULE

Sunday, 12/6 | **9:30 AM** **2nd Sunday of Advent | Christmas Pageant** (during worship)

Sunday, 12/13 | **9:30 AM** **3rd Sunday of Advent**

Sunday, 12/20 | **9:15 AM** **4th Sunday of Advent | Christmas Music Sunday**
| **11:00 AM** Christmas Cookie Exchange
Sign up in the Fellowship Hall or contact Katie Decker
| **4:30 PM** **Longest Night Service**



Christmas Eve Services

LIVE-STREAM & IN-PERSON

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2026

4:30 PM | Christmas Eve Family Service
(music starts at 4:15 pm)

9:30 PM | Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
with communion

Happy Birthday Valley!

Karen Chancellor
Brad Pleimling
John Chancellor
Madeline Lund
Marisol Freeberg
Betsy Malecha
Aubrey Soens
Brian Parks
Leigh Gautsche
Terry Goslinga
Jill Reiswig
Stephanie Toering-Peters
David Hole
Leo Kummer
Andrew Pitan
Emi Chen
Melinda Marshall
Sydney Kara
Jennifer Malecha
Nikii Minter
Jim Tarbell
Sarah Willey

Eda Inman
Rev. David Phillips
William Chancellor
Kurt Modert
Pam Magill
Melissa Novy
Mary Rom
Sheila Sheldon
Michael Craven
Rory Messer
Sharon Pleimling
Ellen Vannucci
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Rick Morisette
Cynthia Malinowski
Beverly Mattin
Evan Jurgensen
Chuck Ulmer
Dave McCunn
Theo Morrow
Sara Schiebout
Carrie Priem



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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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