STEWARDSHIP 2027

Dedication Sunday

Sunday, November 8, 2026



Valley Community

GATHERING US IN

PRELUDE *Autumn Leaves* — Joseph Kosma — Rachel Williams, piano

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

GATHERING MUSIC *Keep on the Sunny Side* — Ada Blenkhorn & J. Howard Entwisle — Matt Weiss, guitar & vocals

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The earth is the Lord's and all who live in it.
People: Come, let us worship the Giver of all good gifts!
Leader: Christ has filled each of us with unique and beautiful gifts of grace.
People: We are called together to be one body, united in God's love.
Leader: God invites us to share these gifts to serve, to heal, and to build up the church.
People: When we work together, we reveal God's love to a hurting world.
Leader: Come, let us offer our hearts, our resources, and our lives to the Lord.
All: Let us praise our God and worship together in love!

† **Hymn #305** ***Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!***

Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has led us through the ages long!

Refrain:
In bold accord,
come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns supreme,
empowering us to catch the vision, dream the dream! **Refrain**

Let courage be our friend; let wisdom be our guide,
as we in mission magnify the Crucified! **Refrain**

Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has triumphed o'er the ages long! **Refrain**

† Please rise in body or spirit.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Pastor Sheila Sheldon

Gracious God, you have given each of us gifts to do the work you have called us to do, yet we confess that we often hold back. We protect our own resources out of fear, forgetting that you are the source of all abundance. You call us to work together; yet we often choose division and hold on to grudges rather than seek the unity of your people.

Heal our brokenness, renew our trust, and knit us together so that our shared lives might reflect your generous heart. 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 ever 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 ever 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 *In the Garden*
C. Austin Miles

SCRIPTURE READING Ephesians 4:7, 11-16 (CEB)

SERMON *Valley WORKS...Together* Rev. Kyle Sandison

† Please rise in body or spirit.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† Hymn #300 ***We Are One in the Spirit***

We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;
we are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord,
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:

Refrain:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand;
we will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand,
and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land: ***Refrain***

We will work with each other; we will work side by side;
we will work with each other; we will work side by side,
and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride: ***Refrain***

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one: ***Refrain***

MINUTE FOR MISSION *75: Valley WORKS!* Pat Daily

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 *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*
Traditional Spanish Melody

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

† Please rise in body or spirit.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND STEWARDSHIP DEDICATION

Generous God, we thank you for nourishing us at this table, feeding us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation. Through this meal, you have made us one body, bound together by your grace and held by your love.

We now dedicate our pledges, our resources, and our lives to your service. Send us out from this table into the world to share your abundance, heal what is broken, and show your love to all people. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

SENDING US OUT

† **Hymn #769** ***For Everyone Born*** vss. 1, 3, & 5

For everyone born, a place at the table,
for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
for everyone born, a star overhead,

Refrain:
and God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy!

For young and for old, a place at the table,
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,
for young and for old, the right to belong, ***Refrain***

For everyone born, a place at the table,
to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
for everyone born, the right to be free, ***Refrain***

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *I'll Fly Away*
Albert E. Brumley

The Worship Has Ended. The Service Begins.

Chancel Flowers
Sunday, November 8

Sponsored by Rachel & Brian Hole

In honor of our 14th anniversary tomorrow!

Sign up for Chancel flowers in Fellowship Hall!

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This Week at Valley

Sunday, November 8 - Communion Dedication Sunday
9:30 am Worship
10:30 am Fellowship Hour
11:00 am Adult Ed - **Rooted Documentary & Discussion**
12:00 pm-4:00 pm Youth PRISM Event: New Hope Hy-Vee
2:00 pm-4:00 pm TEAMS at Valley
3:00 pm Golden Valley Orchestra Concert - Fellowship Hall

Monday, November 9
7:00 pm 12-Step Meeting

Tuesday, November 10
1:00 pm Bible Fellowship
6:30 pm Bell Choir practice
6:30 pm Mission Possible Meeting

Wednesday, November 11
6:00 pm Joy of Recovery OA Group
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

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

Friday, November 13
7:00 pm - Fridays in the Valley: **Pavel and Dean**

Saturday, November 14
9:00 am-12:00 pm Bridging Dresser Build
5:00 pm Parents' Night Out

Sunday, November 15
9:30 am Worship
10:30 am Fellowship Hour
11:00 am Adult Ed - **Funeral Planning at Valley**
12:00 pm Teams & Youth Football Party & Games
2:00 pmVisitation
3:00 pm Judy Maghakian Memorial Service

SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

October 25: 250 (138 in-person)
November 1: 288 (155 in-person)

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

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!

Joys and Concerns

As we remember them, we ask for comfort and offer gratitude to God for the lives of Carolyn Kaehr, Jerry Wilkens, Dr. William Dudley, Janet Biggs, Margaret Sandberg, Jeff Lund, Diane McCunn, Margie Deutsch, Lois Schmidt, Taichi Chen, and Mary Anderson.

We lift up prayers of comfort for the family of Valley member, **Mary Anderson**, who passed away peacefully at home on October 24. She was 100! Her Celebration of Life open house will be on Tuesday, December 1, from 4 pm-7pm at Brookview. Please call the office at 763-588-0831 if you need the address to send a card.

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, Davey,** and **Emi** and all those who loved Taichi. https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/taichichen

Judy Maghakian'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.

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' 23 stitches were removed this week and she slept well for the first time in 2 months! She will have a follow up in 3 months. She will have a follow up on her CLL soon.

Janet (**& Rick**) **Carlson:** Continued prayers for **Janet** as she recovers at the U's Rehab Building at 2512 S. 7th St., room 414. Visitors are welcome and Janet would love to see you!

To support the Carlsons, Valley Staff set up a Meal Train. To sign up and provide a meal, visit https://mealtrain.com/ne11n6. For updates on her treatment, follow **Rick's** CaringBridge. https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/rickcarlson101

Susie Potter will have a blood draw and PET scan on November 24, 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.

Meet the Class of 2029 Elders & Deacons

Bennett Goiffon, Finance: My wife, Jackie, and I have two children, Landon (12) and Sullivan (almost 9), and joined VCPC shortly after in-person worship resumed following COVID. I am an actuary at Marsh, specializing in government health. I enjoy skiing and cycling and have volunteered as an adaptive alpine ski instructor with Courage Kenny for 20 years. Jackie and I also volunteer with our faith partners when our busy schedules allow. I previously served on the PNC and look forward to serving as an elder.

Richard Marshall, Stewardship: My wife, Melinda, and I joined VCPC in 1987 and raised three sons in the church. I have been an elder and also served on the Endowment, Stewardship & Nominating committees, as well as the piano and organ acquisition committees. I have been playing music with Melinda and long time dear friends, the Chens, for many services at Valley. I'm now retired, but played for almost 40 years with the Minnesota Orchestra. I've been active in service with PRISM, Meals on Wheels, and the Minnesota Youth Symphony. Valley for me is a community of faith, service, and love.

Pat Daily, Growth: I tell a story that on Easter, 1980, it was so crowded in Valley's sanctuary that the baby I would give birth to a few days later kicked me hard enough that my husband Dar felt it sitting next to me. I always took that as a sign of Geoff telling us we should join here. So we did. Valley was a welcoming place for even formerly Catholic me. Our three children were actively involved and nurtured. Early on I discovered the wonder of Clearwater Forest, especially the fabulous women's Chrysalis program. I have served as a deacon and an elder; chaired the board of Valley's childcare center; was on the team that wrote Valley's mission statement, and more recently, the Mission Study; served on and chaired the Endowment committee for many years; recently chaired the Stewardship team; and have a regular volunteer "gig" at PRISM.

Audrey Gabe, Growth: I recently moved back to my hometown of Plymouth after many years in Austin, TX. I spend my weekdays organizing field trips for the Minnesota Historical Society, and my weekends loving on her family and friends. I have kept a deep connection to Clearwater Forest, as I met my husband Kyle there 20 years ago, and I'm absolutely giddy to now send our kids, Axel and Simon, there for their own camp adventures. I'm is grateful for the community-oriented opportunities Valley provided during my transition home to Minnesota, and I'm honored to continue Valley's welcoming tradition by serving as an Elder.

Kelsie Hagelin, Personnel (2nd Term): My husband and I started attending Valley in 2015 and became members in 2016 after getting married. We were drawn to Valley's commitment to open hearts, open minds. We have since grown our family to welcome Everett in 2018 and Iris in 2020. I have served Valley as a Deacon for 3 years and a member of the Personnel for the last several years. I have been a pediatric physical therapist at Courage Kenny Kids in Coon Rapids for the past 13 years. In my spare time, I enjoy spending time with family and friends, running, playing volleyball,and reading. I am looking forward to continuing my service to Valley and the community in my 2nd term as the Personnel elder.

Anne Mollerus, Mission Possible: I'm excited that I found Valley Community Presbyterian Church and have been welcomed so warmly into its community. I retired a year ago and beside volunteering at VCPC, I volunteer at the Animal Humane Society, MN Zoo and the Hennepin County Fix-it Clinic. I enjoy walking my dogs, spending time with my Mom/family and traveling to new places.

Gwyn Lang (returning): I've been a member of Valley since 1982. I've been involved in many activities and committees over the years, including Nominating, Stewardship and Adult Education. While on Session, I served as Clerk. Most of all, I've enjoyed being a deacon, especially visiting with our older members. I feel very honored to be a deacon and I'm looking forward to continuing on in my fifth term. I feel blessed to have so many friends and to feel a part of this congregation. As a retiree, I enjoy being a member of our Tuesday morning Bible Fellowship group. I enjoy spending time with my family and my friends, traveling, participating in OLLI (Adult Education), going to concerts, stamping greeting cards, baking, and gardening.

Roger Michael (returning): I`m a lifelong Presbyterian. Only belonged to 3 churches: North Presbyterian in Denver, CO, Burrows Presbyterian in Burrows, IN, and Valley. This is my 3rd tour of duty as a deacon, having served five as an elder. I like the contact with the members of my circle and serving the church in various capacities as I've served on many different committees over the years. I'm looking forward to what's ahead.

Jennie Minter: Having grown up at Valley, I returned 4-1/2 years ago. Homeowners for the first time, we are just a quick walk away from Valley - a congregation I very much resonate with. There's a wonderful but too long story in that statement. God is good. This past year or so has been a journey of preparing for and receiving a much needed kidney from our oldest, Emily. What a gift. I feel better each month as I continue to recover. I took some time off from being a deacon, but I'm looking forward to getting back to it.

Ann Roach: My husband, Don, and I joined Valley in 2018 after retiring and moving from Wisconsin to Minneapolis to be closer to our children & grandchildren. We were impressed with the friendliness of people at Valley and the focus on Mission. This congregation doesn't just talk about issues, but rolls up its sleeves and gets involved in the greater community. I've volunteered for Meals on Wheels, Coffee Host, Valley Community Garden, Nursery, PRISM, and, most recently, food packing/delivery during Operation Metro Surge. In my free time, I enjoy reading; outdoor activities such as gardening, hiking, biking, pickleball, skiing etc; and most of all, spending time with our kids and grandkids. Our daughter and her family (the Willeys) are also members here. I look forward to serving Valley as a deacon again.

Bonnie Goslinga: My husband, Terry and I have been members of Valley since 1982. I have been Presbyterian my whole life. We moved up to Minneapolis in 1979 and found Valley while traveling on Highway 100, before there was a wall. We have 3 children. Jessica, who is a member here; Rachel, who lives in North Dakota; and Ryan, who is married to Autumn and are parents to our grandson, Wayne. I worked as part-time secretary for Valley for 15 years and have been a deacon twice before. As deacon, it gives me more opportunity to connect with others in the congregation I don't know as well.

STEWARDSHIP 2026

75: Valley WORKS!

Scan the QR Code to Make Your Pledge

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$13 PER PLANT

ORDER BY NOVEMBER 30

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

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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

Golden Valley Orchestra

presents

Teddy Bears and Marimbas: A Musical Fiesta





SUNDAY, November 8, 2026 | 3:00 pm

BRING ONE NEW, UNWRAPPED TOY
OR $20 DONATION TO BENEFIT
PRISM HOLIDAY TOY SHOPPE

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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

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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Adult Education | November 15| 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.

Hosted in The Cornerstone Room

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

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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