

**ADULT EDUCATION CLASS** next Sunday, October 9, will feature Valley's own, Baird Smith who will present a discussion of "Technology and Theology." Join us at 9:00 AM in Armitage Hall.

**THE WORSHIPERS AT VALLEY** have been enriched by the beauty of the flowers provided by many people during the past year, thank you! In anticipation of the new year, it is time to sign up for front entry flowers. Please share your bounty by signing the flower calendar, available in the lobby.

**CHILDREN'S BOOK DRIVE - A Legacy of Literacy:** Assistance League of Greater Portland is asking for books for Doernbecher and our own Operation School Bell. Last year we clothed 3,000 kids, grades K through 12. All those in grades K through 5 may choose a book, as well as their younger siblings. Doernbecher would like new books (see list attached to the container located next to the Fireside Room) and Operation School Bell would like new or like new books. The donations will be picked up from the bins by the Fireside Room on October 20. If you have questions, please call Pat Bird at 503.244.5342.

**CALLING ALL COOKS AND HAPPY TASTERS!** Please join us on October 30 for our Third Annual Chili Cook-off in Davis Hall/gym after 10:00 AM worship. The middle and high school youth are raising money for their summer mission trips by hosting another chili cook-off following the Children's Sabbath in October. We are hoping to recruit 12 contestants to enter the contest. If you would prefer to join as a taster, the suggested donation is \$10/adult ages 12 and older, and \$5/child. Extra voting tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10. Please contact Allison Carlson if you are willing to provide a chili for the contest or want to purchase tickets ahead of time.



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CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE COMING WEEK		
October 2-9, 2016		
<b>SUNDAY, October 2</b>	<b>TUESDAY, October 4</b>	<b>THURSDAY, October 6</b>
9:00 AM Adult Education Class	10:00 AM Tai Chi Class	10:00 AM Tai Chi Class
9:15 AM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	11:00 AM Staff Meeting	1:30 PM Mission Committee
9:30 AM Early Coffee	11:00 AM Women's Bible Study	6:00 PM Christian Nurture for Children Meeting
10:00 AM Worship	1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry	7:15 PM Sanctuary Choir
10:20 AM Sunday Funday	5:00 PM Membership Comm.	<b>FRIDAY, October 7</b>
10:20 AM Youth Bible Study	6:00 PM Wolf Den Meeting	8:00 AM Women's Aerobics
11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship	6:45 PM Christian Nurture for Youth Meeting	<b>SATURDAY, October 8</b>
4:15 PM New Spirit Ringers	7:00 PM Facilities Committee	4:30 PM Navigators Meeting
5:00 PM Valley Youth Choir	7:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry	<b>SUNDAY, October 9</b>
<b>MONDAY, October 3</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY, October 5</b>	9:00 AM Adult Education Class
8:00 AM Women's Aerobics	8:00 AM Men's Bible Study	9:15 AM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
6:00 PM Girl Scout Leaders Meeting	8:00 AM Women's Aerobics	9:30 AM Early Coffee
7:00 PM Girl Scout Troop	4:00 PM PNC Meeting	10:00 AM Worship
7:30 PM Scout Pack 592	5:00 PM King's Kids Choir	10:20 AM Sunday Funday
	6:00 PM Royal Ringers Bell Choir	10:20 AM Youth Bible Study
	6:30 PM Bear Den Meeting Pack 592	11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship
	6:30 PM Cub Scout Lion Den Meeting	11:15 AM Session Meeting with New Members
	6:30 PM Scout Pack 592	11:30 AM Congregational Luncheon
	6:30 PM Youth Group Night	4:15 PM New Spirit Ringers
		5:00 PM Valley Youth Choir

# SERVICE OF WORSHIP



**OCTOBER 2, 2016 † 10:00 AM**

❖ *Please stand as you are able*

**Bold Text is spoken by everyone**

## GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

**SCRIPTURE FOR GATHERING**

*Matthew 22:37*

You shall love God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.

**And you shall love your neighbor as yourself.**

**PRELUDE**

*Jesus, Lover of My Soul*

Parry/Thalben-Ball

*Please see hymn N<sup>o</sup> 303 to follow the text.*

**ACOLYTES**

Ryan Smyth and Kjel Carlson

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Please pass and sign the friendship folders.*

❖ **CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Psalms 118*

This is the day that God has made.

**We will be glad and rejoice in it!**

❖ **OPENING HYMN**

*Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation* N<sup>o</sup> 516

## INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Sam Connell, Liturgist

☪ *Silence is kept* ☪

❖ **ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS** *Gloria Patri* N° 579  
**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen, Amen.**

❖ **THE PEACE**  
The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you!**

*Please greet those around you with words of peace.*

❖ **RESPONSE OF PRAISE** *(sing twice)* N° 2026  
**Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-yah! Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-yah!  
Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-yah! Ha-le-lu-yah, Ha-le-lu-yah!**

## PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH Laurel Cluthe

SCRIPTURE *2 Thessalonians 3:6-13* New Testament, p. 207  
Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.  
**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON *Shouldering the Load* Ben Paroulek

## RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE Lizz Brown

CHORAL OFFERTORY *Prayer of St. Francis* Gerig

❖ *Congregation rising, row by row, as ushers pass* ❖

❖ **DOXOLOGY** N° 592  
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER WORLD COMMUNION

### INVITATION

### THE STORY OF THE MEAL

### GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Jimmy Yohe, cantor*  
*Please join to sing as you are able.*

### SHARING OF THE GIFTS OF BREAD AND CUP

### PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

## SHARE THE GOOD NEWS

❖ **SENDING HYMN** *I've Got Peace Like a River* N° 368

❖ **CHARGE & BENEDICTION** from Iona Abbey Worship Book  
Look at your hands, see the touch and the tenderness.  
Look at your feet, see the path and the direction.  
**God's own for the world.**  
Look at your heart, see the fire and the love.  
Look at the cross, see God's child and our guide.  
**God's own for the world.**  
This is God's world.  
**And we will serve God in it.**  
Go in peace!

POSTLUDE *Christ Is Alive!* Williams/Mason  
*Please see hymn N° 108 to follow the text.*

*You are invited to remain seated to conclude worship with the postlude  
or exit quietly after the benediction.*

### May God bless you as you worship here today:

Touch you, Challenge you, Heal you, Inspire you, Direct you to new paths  
in your unfolding journey. Valley Community Presbyterian Church is a place for

**Awakening Souls, Sharing Joy, Serving God in Christ,**

**TRANSFORMING LIVES!**

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

**A SPECIAL WELCOME TO ALL NEWCOMERS:** we greet you in the name of Jesus Christ! A special gift will be offered to you during worship today.

**A STAFFED NURSERY** for infants-3 year olds is available in room 7 behind the sanctuary on Sundays, 9:45-11:15 AM. Loving care offered by Angela Kirby and volunteers are available each week for our youngest ones.

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP** will be hosted by the Clippers Mariner Group upstairs in Davis Hall/Gym after worship. Coffee, tea, juice, conversation!

**QUESTIONS ABOUT VALLEY?** Meet with church leaders in the Fireside Room following worship next Sunday, October 9. We will share information about the mission and ministry of Valley. You may also inquire about church membership.

**THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER** will be celebrated today. Please come forward, as you are able, directed by the ushers. Take the bread, dip it in the cup and consume it. If you choose not to dip, you may eat the bread, take a small cup and drink. Please leave the cup in the basket provided. Return to your pew via the outside aisles. If you are unable to come forward, a server will offer the elements to you in your pew. Gluten-free bread is available in a red cup.

**THE PRAYER SHAWL KNIT-TOGETHER** will meet Tuesday, October 4 at 1:00 PM in the Fireside Room and 7:00 PM at Marilyn Tuffs' home. Call Marilyn for her new address and for directions.

**THE WOMEN'S MONTHLY BIBLE STUDY** will meet on Tuesday, October 4 at 11:00 AM in the office conference room. All are welcome to join!

**YOUTH CHOIRS (6th-12th graders)** have begun at Valley on Sundays, 5:00-6:00 PM. Some of our treasured traditions include: Christmas Pageant, singing at Doernbecher Children's Hospital, Christmas Eve, Youth Sunday, Easter Sunday, Graduate Sunday, and many more Sundays to share the gift of music. Contact Amy Rheingans, amyreingans@comcast.net or 503.351.2153.

**A...to Z PASTA POTLUCK!** What kind of pasta will you prepare? So many choices: vermicelli, rigatoni, lasagna! That's right, October 9 following worship, the Fellowship Committee will be hosting a pasta potluck upstairs in Davis Hall (gym). You may either prepare a main dish, a salad, or a dessert. There are no alphabetic assignments, so we will be going on faith that there will be a variety of bountiful dishes to share. The Fellowship Committee will provide bread and beverages! Plan to attend this event and find out the answer to A...to Z!