

ADULT EDUCATION CLASS Sunday, November 27 at 9:00 AM in Armitage Hall will feature a DVD on Faith and Reason. This is a multiple authored presentation discussing the impact and consequences of religious teachings and philosophy on our lives and current society. All are welcome to attend!

ADULT/SENIOR CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON: Plan to join the senior luncheon group, Wednesday, December 7 at noon, for a Christmas season kick-off gathering. For a mere \$5, you will enjoy a scrumptious holiday lunch, gorgeous decorations, and time to visit with friends both old and new. For entertainment, Pastor Ben will accompany the preschoolers as they sing their Christmas repertoire. Bob Hinson, our church Organist/Pianist, and David Jimerson, our Minister of Music, will lead us in singing your favorite Christmas carols. An RSVP to the church office helps the cooks plan, but there is always plenty of food and you will be welcomed!

ALL ARE INVITED to the next meeting of the Gamble Library Book Group at 10:00 AM, Friday, December 9 (a change of usual date). The group will discuss *The Little Paris Bookshop* by Nina George.

EYEGASSES AND HEARING AIDS: Thank you for donating to the Yellow Box in the stairwell to Davis Hall. Keep bringing your old prescription glasses and aids; these are taken to Third World Countries and distributed to those who need help seeing.

SCAT 2016 CHRISTMAS BASKET PROGRAM: During December, the SCAT Team will provide holiday food and gifts to more than 300 families in our community. There are many opportunities for you to get involved with this special Christmas celebration! All training and instruction will be provided. Just bring your willing hands and your Christmas spirit. Go to www.signup.com/go/P78PQ4 to volunteer!



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CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE COMING WEEK		
November 20-27, 2016		
SUNDAY, November 20	MONDAY, November 21	FRIDAY, November 25
9:00 AM Adult Education Class	8:00 AM Women's Aerobics	Church Building Closed
9:15 AM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	10:00 AM Meals on Wheels	SATURDAY, November 26
9:30 AM Early Coffee	6:00 PM Girl Scout Leaders Meeting	9:30 AM Hanging of the Greens and Brunch
10:00 AM Worship	7:00 PM Girl Scout Troop	SUNDAY, November 27
10:20 AM Sunday Funday	7:30 PM Girl Scout Troop	The First Sunday of Advent
11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship	7:30 PM Scout Pack 592	9:00 AM Adult Education Class
11:30 AM Dining for Women Meeting	TUESDAY, November 22	9:15 AM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
4:15 PM New Spirit Ringers	11:00 AM Staff Meeting	9:30 AM Early Coffee
5:00 PM Valley Youth Choir	6:30 PM Girl Scout Troop	10:00 AM Worship
	WEDNESDAY, November 23	10:20 AM Sunday Funday
	8:00 AM Men's Bible Study	10:20 AM Youth Bible Study
	8:00 AM Women's Aerobics	11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship
	THURSDAY, November 24	4:15 PM New Spirit Ringers
	Thanksgiving Day - Church Building Closed	5:00 PM Valley Youth Choir



SERVICE OF WORSHIP



CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 20, 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 22:37-39*
 You shall love God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.
And you shall love your neighbor as yourself.

PRELUDE *Hymn Sing* Valley Congregation

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
Please pass and sign the friendship folders.

❖ **CALL TO WORSHIP**
 Blessed be our God who looks with kindness on us.
We are the inheritors of the promises made long ago to our ancestors.
 Blessed be our God who gathers us here in this place.
From across the street, from around the world, God brings us home to the heart of grace.
 Blessed be our God who has remembered us.
Scoffers and singers, watchers and wigglers, we are those redeemed by God.

ACOLYTES Macy Vermillion and Sophie Vermillion

❖ **OPENING HYMN** *Rejoice, the Lord Is King* No 155

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Richard Gold, 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° 2091
**The King of Glory comes, the nation rejoices.
Open the gates before him, lift up your voices.
Who is the King of Glory; how shall we call him?
He is Emmanuel the promised of ages.
The King of Glory comes, the nation rejoices.
Open the gates before him, lift up your voices!**

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH

CENTS-ABILITY OFFERING

ANTHEM *My Eternal King* Jane Marshall
From 17th Century Latin, translated by Rev. Edward Caswall

<i>My God, I love Thee; not because I hope for heav'n thereby, Nor yet because who love Thee not Must die eternally. Thou, O my Jesus, Thou didst me Upon the cross embrace; For me didst bear the nails, the nails and spear, And manifold disgrace. Why, then why, O blessed Jesus Christ, Should I not love Thee well?</i>	<i>Not for the hope of winning heav'n, Or of escaping hell; Not with the hope of gaining aught, Not seeking a reward; But as Thyself hast loved me, O ever-loving Lord! E'en so I love Thee, and will love, And in Thy praise will sing; Solely because Thou art my God, And my Eternal King.</i>
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SCRIPTURE *Luke 17:20-21* New Testament, p. 80
Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON *The Kin-dom of God, Part 2* Ben Paroulek

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Christine Danner, Deacon

RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

OFFERTORY *Improvisation on a Hymn* Bob Hinson

❖ *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.**

❖ PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

SHARE THE GOOD NEWS

❖ SENDING HYMN *Now Thank We All Our God* N° 555

❖ CHARGE & BENEDICTION
Let us go as inheritors of God's promises,
carrying the gifts of joy and hope to the world.
Let us go as inheritors of Jesus' grace,
to bring justice to all, to share mercy with the forgotten.
Let us go as inheritors of the Spirit's peace,
to work for reconciliation in the brokenness of our places.
Go in peace. Amen!

POSTLUDE *Now Thank We All Our God* Bach/Fox

*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.

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

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.

DINING FOR WOMEN will meet today at 11:30 AM. Amman Imman: Water is Life will be the featured non-profit. Amman Imman empowers and helps preserve Africa's most vulnerable indigenous people. Come to our fabulous potluck lunch, an engaging presentation and the opportunity to contribute to Amman Imman's grant request.

VALLEY'S ANNUAL ADVENT FAIR is Sunday, December 4 after worship until 1:30 PM that afternoon. There will be fresh greens for making wreaths and swags. There will be many tables set up for crafts and holiday creations. There will be music in the air. There will be pizza and cider to give you energy for the event, plus a few sweet treats! Advent Fair at Valley is always a joy-filled time of fellowship and creativity. Please plan to be part of this special annual event!

KIDZ MART: Thank you for your donations! We will continue to collect "gently used" items in the Kidz Mart bins located in the office lobby until the first day of sale. All proceeds will go to Valley's Children's Ministry. Kidz Mart will be open to:

- Children only on December 7, 4:00-7:00 PM
- Children only on December 10, 9:00 AM-1:00 PM
- Adults and kids on December 11, 11:30 AM-1:00 PM

POINSETTIAS will enhance the sanctuary chancel on the 4th Sunday of Advent and Christmas in memory and honor of loved ones. If you wish to participate, please offer a donation of \$15 in a pew envelope with the name of the honoree. Write "Flower Fund" on the envelope or check and place it in the offering plate or deliver it to the church office by Monday, December 12. Honorees names will be published in the Christmas Eve bulletin.

CHRISTMAS COOKIES ARE BACK IN TOWN! December 11 from 11:00 AM-12:00 PM, our youth will be selling Christmas cookie platters. Please sign up at coffee fellowship if you would be willing to donate cookies or would like to pre-order a tray.