

**JOIN US NEXT SUNDAY**, January 8 for 10:00 AM worship featuring the Sanctuary Choir who will sing "A Ceremony of Carols" with a guest harpist. It will be a meaningful service full of songs and prayers!

**THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED** Monday, January 2, 2017. Have a blessed and happy new year!

**JANUARY MISSION PROJECT:** Valley is collecting warm socks, hats/scarves, mittens/gloves. These can be deposited into the bins by the Fireside Room. Donations will be shared between Nightstrike, Nightwatch and Son Rise Church cold weather shelter. Thank you for your donations!

**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.

**THE CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES AND THE MISSION TEAM** wish to thank everyone who participated in the Reverse Advent Calendar activity. We are still collecting through Epiphany Sunday, January 8. All items collected will go to the Good Roots food pantry and clothes closet in Southeast Portland.

**DO YOU HAVE YOUR NAME BADGE YET?** Wear your name badge on Sundays to welcome visitors, meet new members and identify long-time members and friends. You may order yours with a strong magnet or pin. Request forms are available on the church office counter for new or replacement name badges.

**BUILDING USE REMINDER:** Please be sure and close all doors and windows as you leave, as well as turn off all lights. We thank everyone for their assistance!

**VALLEY'S NEXT HABITAT BUILD DAY** is Saturday, February 18. If you are interested in taking part, please contact Chuck Falconer. Thank you!



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CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE COMING WEEK		
January 1-8, 2017		
<b>SUNDAY, January 1</b> <b>New Year's Day</b> 10:00 AM Worship 11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship	<b>WEDNESDAY, January 4</b> 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study 8:00 AM Women's Aerobics 5:00 PM Cherub Choir 5:00 PM King's Kids Choir 6:00 PM Royal Ringers Bell Choir 6:30 PM Bear Den Meeting 6:30 PM Scout Pack 592 6:30 PM Youth Group Night	<b>SATURDAY, January 7</b> 10:00 AM Britten Rehearsal
<b>MONDAY, January 2</b> <b>Church Office Closed</b> 8:00 AM Women's Aerobics 6:00 PM Girl Scout Leaders Meeting 7:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 7:30 PM Scout Pack 592	<b>THURSDAY, January 5</b> 6:00 PM Christian Nurture for Children Meeting 7:15 PM Britten Rehearsal	<b>SUNDAY, January 8</b> 9:00 AM Adult Education Class 9:15 AM Confirmation Class 9:15 AM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 9:30 AM Early Coffee Fellowship 10:00 AM Worship 10:20 AM Sunday Funday 10:20 AM Youth Bible Study 11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship 12:00 PM Clippers Mariner Group
<b>TUESDAY, January 3</b> 11:00 AM Staff Meeting 1:00 PM Mission Committee 1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:00 PM Wolf Den Meeting 6:45 PM Christian Nurture for Youth Meeting 7:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry	<b>FRIDAY, January 6</b> 8:00 AM Women's Aerobics	4:15 PM New Spirit Ringers 5:00 PM Valley Youth Choir



# SERVICE OF WORSHIP

NEW YEAR'S DAY



**JANUARY 1, 2017 ✠ 10:00 AM**

❖ *Please stand as you are able*

***Bold Text is spoken by everyone***

## GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

**SCRIPTURE FOR GATHERING**

*Matthew 2:6*

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah.

**For from you shall come a ruler  
who is to shepherd my people Israel.**

PRELUDE

*Von Himmel Hoch*

Johann Pachelbel

ACOLYTES

Kjel Carlson and Hayden Bach

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

***Please pass and sign the friendship folders.***

❖ **CALL TO WORSHIP**

We thank the God who lights our way in the darkness.

**We thank the God who gives us stars to follow.**

Leading us from darkness to light,  
From confusion to understanding.

**We thank the God who calls us and leads us into truth.**

❖ **OPENING HYMN**

*Angels, from the Realms of Glory*

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## INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Beth Busch, Liturgist

☪ *Silence is kept* ☪

❖ **ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS** *Gloria Patri* N<sup>o</sup> 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 the peace of Christ.*

❖ **RESPONSE OF PRAISE** N<sup>o</sup> 322  
**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Melt me, mold me. Fill me, use me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

## PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

### TIME WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH

**SCRIPTURE** *Matthew 2:1-12* New Testament, p. 2  
Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.  
**Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON** *After Christmas, What?* Chuck Falconer

## RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

**SOLO OFFERTORY** *The Virgin's Slumber Song* by Max  
Reger  
Soloist: Grace Skinner, Mezzo Soprano

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

❖ **DOXOLOGY** N<sup>o</sup>  
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.**

## EUCCHARIST

### INVITATION

May God be with you.

**And also with you.**

People of faith, let us offer our prayers of joy and thanksgiving to God.

**Let us gladly remember the presence of Christ.**

Let us pray.

### GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** Cantor, Jimmy Yohe  
Malotte

*Please join in singing as you are able.*

### BREAKING THE BREAD & FILLING THE CUP

### COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

### PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

## SHARE THE GOOD NEWS

❖ **SENDING HYMN** *As with Gladness Men of Old* N<sup>o</sup>  
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### ❖ CHARGE & BENEDICTION

Let us go, to join the magi, bowing down to worship the Christ.

**Let us go to share the good news,**

**that Jesus, the brother of the vulnerable and forgotten is in our midst  
still.**

Let us go to offer peace and goodwill to everyone...

**to spread the Good News of all we have seen and heard.**

Go in peace!

### POSTLUDE

*Wachet Auf* A. W. Leupold

#### **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!***

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

## 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 Deacons upstairs in Davis Hall/Gym after worship. Coffee, tea, juice, conversation!

**MANY THANKS** to the Wednesday Men's Bible Study for hosting the December 15 Soup Kitchen, and especially to Wally Phillips, who organized the shopping, cooking, delivering and serving.

**THE SOUP KITCHEN** is in need of volunteers. Please contact Jini De Vries, Valley Soup Kitchen Coordinator, at virginidevries@comcast.net if you, your group, or your family would like to participate in this mission to feed local homeless people.

**A WARM THANK YOU** to all who provided flowers for the entry this past year. They provided a welcome to all worshippers. The flower calendar is available now on the office entry wall. Please sign up for any dates you want. Sign-ups can be for birthdays, anniversaries, or just because. There are funds available if you would like to be reimbursed. Again, thanks and blessings for the new year!

**OUR MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH** will be recycling Christmas trees again at Valley. If you would like to participate, you can drop your Christmas tree off in the grey trailer parked in front of the youth house now until Sunday, January 8 at noon along with a suggested donation of \$10 in the donation box on the trailer. If you live in the neighborhood, our youth will be driving by to collect trees on Sunday, January 8 from 12:00-2:00 PM. Please contact Allison Carlson if you have questions or would like to arrange a pick up.

**SAVE THE DATE!** On January 21 you are invited to an evening of piano music and singing featuring concert pianist, Thomas Rheingans, and the King's Kids and Valley Youth choirs. A pie reception will follow. All donations will benefit the Children's Ministries summer program scholarship fund.

**ADULT EDUCATION CLASS** Sundays, January 8, 15, and 25, at 9:00 AM in Armitage Hall will feature presentations by Dr. Richard Rohrbaugh about how Jesus was understood by those who heard him first. A fundamental, but usually unrecognized truth is that the Bible is not a western book. It was written by, for, and about people in the ancient Mediterranean world whose culture differed from ours in nearly every respect. In this brief class, we will focus on core values in first century Galilee that shaped the way Jesus' stories were originally heard.