

**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.

**PLEASE FIND BELOW THE RESULTS** of our Stewardship 2017 campaign as of the end of 2016. Thank you for all who responded, and of course, if you have not yet done so, please return your pledge cards or notify the church office.



As of 12/31/2016: 131 Pledges Returned, ~\$357,500

## CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE COMING WEEK

January 15-22, 2017

<b>SUNDAY, January 15</b> <b>'The Messenger' Newsletter Deadline</b> 10:00 AM Worship 10:20 AM Sunday Funday 10:20 AM Youth Bible Study 11:00 Confirmation 11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship 11:30 AM CONC TBA New Spirit Ringers TBA Valley Youth Choir	<b>TUESDAY, January 17</b> 10:00 AM Tai Chi Class 11:00 AM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM Deacons Meeting  <b>WEDNESDAY, January 18</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 Cub Scout Lion Den 6:30 PM Scout Pack 592 6:30 PM Youth Group Night	<b>SATURDAY, January 21</b> 7:00 PM Fundraiser Concert and Pie Reception  <b>SUNDAY, January 22</b> 9:00 AM Adult Education Class 9:15 AM Confirmation Class and Hike 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
<b>MONDAY, January 16</b> <b>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - Church Office Closed</b> 8:00 AM Women's Aerobics 10:00 AM Meals on Wheels 10:00 AM PNC Meeting 6:00 PM Girl Scout Leaders Meeting 7:00 PM Finance Committee 7:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 7:30 PM Boy Scout Troop	<b>THURSDAY, January 19</b> 8:00 AM Soup Kitchen 5:00 PM Music Selection Team 7:15 PM Sanctuary Choir  <b>FRIDAY, January 20</b> 8:00 AM Women's Aerobics	4:15 PM New Spirit Ringers 5:00 PM Valley Youth Choir

# SERVICE OF WORSHIP



JANUARY 15, 2017 ✠ 10:00 AM

❖ Please stand as you are able

**Bold Text is spoken by everyone**

## GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

SCRIPTURE FOR GATHERING

from Psalm 147

Praise God, all you people, who sends out a command to the earth;  
 God gives snow like wool; and scatters frost like ashes.

**God hurls down hail like crumbs—  
 who can stand before this cold?**

PRELUDE

*Adagio in D minor*

Albinoni-Giazotto

ACOLYTES

Georgia Hoffbeck and Lars Hoffbeck

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please pass and sign the friendship folders.*

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the day that God has made

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

❖ OPENING HYMN *What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright* № 68



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INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Carol Powers, Liturgist

☪ Silence is kept ☪

❖ ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS Gloria Patri Nº 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 Nº 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 Kay Hope Gold

SOLO ANTHEM Be Thou Faithful Unto Death from "St Paul" Mendelssohn  
Justin Peters, tenor

SCRIPTURE Psalm 18:6-15 Old Testament, p. 497

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.  
Thanks be to God!

SERMON Who's in Charge of the Weather? Ben Paroulek

MINUTE FOR MISSION Valley Mission Committee Andrea Murdoch

RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

OFFERTORY New Songs of Celebration Render arr. Michael Burkhardt  
❖ Congregation rising, row by row, as ushers pass ❖

❖ DOXOLOGY Nº 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 God of the Sparrow Nº 272

❖ CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Another Year is Dawning Wesley-McDonald

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

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 within 60 days of purchase. Again, thanks and blessings for the new year!

SAVE THE DATE! On January 21 at 7:00 PM, 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 Sunday, January 22, 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.

DONATIONS for the Reverse Advent boxes are still being collected. Please drop off your donation under the tree in the front entryway of the church.

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

MESSENGER NEWSLETTER ARTICLES and photos are due today, January 15 for the February issue. Please send your submissions to messenger@valleycommunity.org. Thank you!