

LIBRARY BOOK SALE in Davis Hall/Gym April 2 after 10:00 AM worship. Bring donated books for sale to the church office or library during March. The proceeds will go towards new library materials.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING will be received during worship on April 9. This important opportunity to participate in the work of our denomination (Presbyterian Church U. S. A.) helps to support outreach efforts in several important areas around the world and at home. The offering is divided among three impactful programs: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People.

VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH are going on a Mission Trip to Hollywood, California July 9-15, and we need a chaperone who is 25 years or older to assist with driving and encouraging the youth as they serve. Please contact Laurel Cluthe if you are interested and would like more information.

CROP HUNGER WALK: April 30 at First Christian Church, 1314 SW Park Ave., Portland starting at 1:30 PM. This year, 25% of funds raised will benefit the local work of NE Emergency Food Program and Partners for a Hunger-Free Oregon. The remaining 75% will assist groups around the world, including those who have been displaced in recent years. Registration will take place during coffee fellowship or online. Look for Team Valley at www.crophungerwalk.org/portlandor. For more information, see Andrea Murdoch.

THANK YOU: Jan and Raoul Bellis-Squires thank the congregation for the many expressions of condolences after the passing of Jan's mom, Connie Nielson. A service will be held Saturday, March 25 at 2:00 pm at the Episcopal Parish of St. John the Baptist, 6300 SW Nicol Road, Portland, followed by a reception.

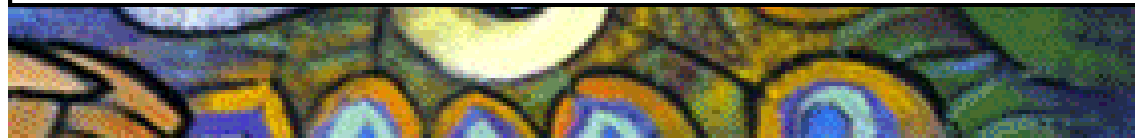


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CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE COMING WEEK		
March 19-26, 2017		
SUNDAY, March 19 Third Sunday in Lent 9:00 AM Adult Education Class 9:15 AM Confirmation Class 9:30 AM Early Coffee Fellowship 10:00 AM Worship 10:20 AM Sunday Funday 10:20 AM Youth Bible Study 11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship 11:30 AM Dining for Women 4:15 PM New Spirit Ringers 5:00 PM Valley Youth Choir	TUESDAY, March 21 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 10:15 AM Tai Chi Class 7:00 PM Deacons WEDNESDAY, March 22 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study 8:00 AM Women's Exercise Group 5:00 PM Cherub Choir 5:00 PM King's Kids Choir 6:00 PM Royal Ringers 6:30 PM Youth Group Night	FRIDAY, March 24 8:00 AM Women's Exercise Group 10:00 AM Gamble Library Book Group SUNDAY, March 26 Fourth Sunday in Lent 9:00 AM Adult Education Class 9:30 AM Early Coffee Fellowship 10:00 AM Worship 11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship 4:15 PM New Spirit Ringers 5:00 PM Valley Youth Choir
MONDAY, March 20 8:00 AM Women's Exercise Group 10:00 AM Meals on Wheels 6:00 PM Girl Scout Leaders 7:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 7:30 PM Scout Pack 592	THURSDAY, March 23 10:00 AM Habitat Faith Relations Meeting 6:00 PM Pack 592 Meeting 7:15 PM Sanctuary Choir	



SERVICE OF WORSHIP



MARCH 19, 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 27

God is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

God is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

PRELUDE *Sixth Sonata: Adagio* Alexander Guilmant

ACOLYTES Georgia Hoffbeck and Lars Hoffbeck

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please pass and sign the friendship folders.

❖ **CALL TO WORSHIP** from Psalm 32

Be glad in God, and rejoice.

Shout for joy, all faithful souls!

❖ **OPENING HYMN** *My Life Flows On* No 2212

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lyle Chadwick, Liturgist

☪ Silence is kept ☪

KYRIE

“Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy.”

Nº 2275

*Kyrie, Kyrie, eleison. Kyrie, Kyrie, eleison.
Christe, Christe, eleison. Christe, Christe, eleison.
Kyrie, Kyrie, eleison. Kyrie, Kyrie, eleison... eleison.*

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

Be glad and rejoice! Grace abounds for everyone.

Thanks be to God!

❖ 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

(sing twice)

Nº 2226

*Bind us together, Lord,
Bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.
Bind us together, Lord, Bind us together, Lord.
Bind us together in Love.*

PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

TIME WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH

CENTS-ABILITY OFFERING

ANTHEM

You Are Always With Me
Cherub Choir; Sue Derting, accompanist

Bob Hurd

SCRIPTURE

John 4:3-15

New Testament, p. 94

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Radical Acceptance

Ben Paroulek

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Richard Gold, Deacon

RESPOND TO GOD’S GRACE

OFFERTORY

My Faith in Thee Is Sure

J. S. Bach

❖ 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

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley

Nº 80

❖ CHARGE & BENEDICTION

Let us take God’s grace into the world.

We will greet others with acts of acceptance.

Let us go to fill the world with God’s forgiveness.

We will confront fear with acts of love.

Let us go to spread the message of peace.

We will follow the Spirit into the grace of God

which is offered to all people, without exception!

Go in peace!

POSTLUDE

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing! Valpius/Burchardt

*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, Disturb 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! Please fill out a Visitor Card, located in the pew back, and drop it in the Offering Plate when it is passed around.

A STAFFED NURSERY for infants-3 year olds is available in room 3/4 in the preschool wing on Sundays, 9:45-11:15 AM.

CHILDREN AGES 3-11 remain in Worship today. Rainbow busy bags are available in the Narthex.

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

ADULT EDUCATION CLASS Sunday, March 26 will feature a discussion on the dynamics of forgiveness, as presented in the book of Matthew. It will focus on Jesus’ relationship to his Jewish heritage. We will also examine subtleties of Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount and issues related to his resurrection. All are welcome to join this discussion on Sunday at 9:00 AM in Armitage Hall.

LOOKING FOR A WAY TO HELP OTHERS? Valley’s Meals on Wheels team needs another driver to deliver meals on the third Monday of each month. Call Marilyn Tuffs at 503.297.2622 for more details.

PLEDGE ENVELOPES are available for pick up near the Fireside Room for those who requested them.

THANK YOU for sending your check of \$32 for the 2017 Per Capita (for wider church expenses) for each Valley member. For more information about what per capita is, and how it helps, go to: oga.pcusa.org/percapita.

IT’S TIME FOR FLOWERS IN THE ENTRY! A calendar is available for you to sign up to provide flowers for the front entry. Vases and water are available in the workroom, as is reimbursement for your expense.

PRESBYTERY OF THE CASCADES PW SPRING GATHERING April 1 at First Presbyterian Church of Newberg. This year’s focus is *Welcoming the Stranger: Stories of Immigration*. Cost is \$10, including lunch, until March 27; \$15 after March 27. Registration forms are available in the church office.

APRIL 1 is the Spring application deadline for grants from Valley’s Mission Endowment Fund. The Mission Endowment Committee meets in April and May to consider applications requesting funds for mission work. Committee members review applications from both organizations and individuals, whether secular or church-related, local, national, or international. No applications will be accepted after the deadline. Contact Elaine Rea at elaine@iname.com, visit the church office, or go to the church website, www.valleycommunity.org, for a grant application.