

THE PRAYER SHAWL KNIT-TOGETHER will meet Tuesday, August 1 at 1:00 PM in the Fireside Room and 7:00 PM at Marilyn Tuffs’ home. Call Marilyn for directions.

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED on Fridays during the month of August.

THANK YOU for sending your check of \$32 for the 2017 Per Capita (for wider church expenses) for each Valley member. Go to: oga.pcusa.org/percapita for more information.

THE BEAUTY OF GOD’S CREATION is all around us. Share flowers with others by signing up on the Flower Calendar for one Sunday this summer - honor an anniversary, birthday, or loved one. Questions? Ask Pat Bryant.

VALLEY CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL is now enrolling for the 2017-2018 school year. VCP is a nurturing learning environment for 2, 3, and 4 year olds. For more information, contact Anne Searce, Director, at 503.292.3537 x146, anne@valleycommunity.org, www.valleychristianpreschool.com.

EYEGLASSES 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.

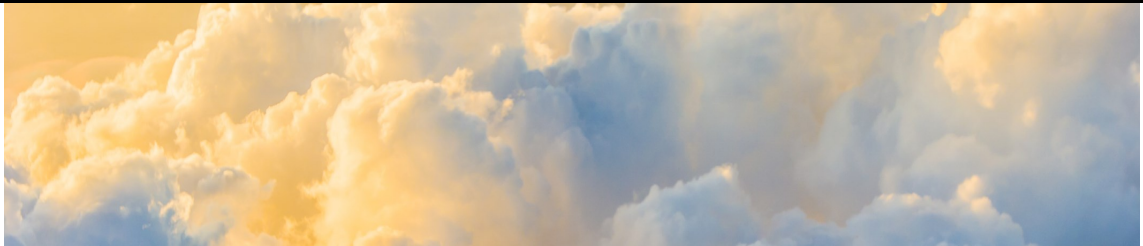
DO YOU HAVE YOUR NAME BADGE YET? Wear your name badge on Sundays to welcome visitors, meet new members and identify long-time members and friends. You may order yours with a strong magnet or pin. Request forms are available on the church office counter for new or replacement name badges.

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!

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE COMING WEEK

July 30-August 6, 2017

SUNDAY, July 30 Middle School City Camp 9:00 AM Adult Education Class 9:30 AM Early Coffee 10:00 AM Worship 11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship	TUESDAY, August 1 Middle School City Camp 11:00 AM Staff Meeting 1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:45 PM Christian Nurture for Youth meeting 7:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry	THURSDAY, August 3 Middle School City Camp 6:00 PM Christian Nurture for Children Meeting FRIDAY, August 4 8:00 AM Women’s Exercise
MONDAY, July 31 Middle School City Camp 8:00 AM Women’s Exercise Group 6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 7:00 PM Girl Scout Troop	WEDNESDAY, August 2 Middle School City Camp 8:00 AM Men’s Bible Study 8:00 AM Women’s Exercise Group 9:00 AM Valley Cleanup Day 7:00 PM Open Gym for Youth	SUNDAY, August 6 9:30 AM Early Coffee 10:00 AM Worship 11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship



LECTIONARY TEXTS FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

Genesis 32:22-31; Psalm 17:1-7; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:13-21



SERVICE OF WORSHIP



JULY 30, 2017 ✠ 10:00 AM

❖ Please stand as you are able
Bold Text is spoken by everyone

GATHER IN GOD’S PRESENCE

PRELUDE Hymn Sing Valley Congregation

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please pass and sign the friendship folders.

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 105:1-3
O give thanks to the LORD, call on his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples.
Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wonderful works.
Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

❖ OPENING HYMN What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine Nº 837

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Jim Sandberg, Liturgist

☸ Silence is kept ☸



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❖ KYRIE “Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy”

Musical score for Kyrie with lyrics: Ky - ri - e Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Chri - ste, Chri - ste, e - le - i - son. Chri - ste, Chr - ste e - le - i - son. Chri - ste, Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Chri - ste, Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son. E - le - i - son.

❖ ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS
The tomb is empty. The stone is rolled away. There is no darkness now, only light. God continues to renew us and restore us. We are forgiven, loved and restored, receiving the gift and promise of new life!
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 Spirit of the Living God
Nº 288 (purple), Nº 322(blue)
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 Ruthann Marquis

SOLO ANTHEM Lord God of Abraham Mendelssohn
Matt Hayward, Baritone

SCRIPTURE Romans 8:26-32 New Testament, p. 158

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE SCRIPTURE Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52 New Testament, p. 14

MESSAGE The Kingdom of Heaven is Like... Rev. Jeff Binder

RESPOND TO GOD’S GRACE

❖ HYMN OF RESPONSE I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord
Nº 310 (purple), Nº 441(blue)

OFFERTORY Pavane Gabriel
Faure

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

❖ DOXOLOGY
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

❖ CLOSING HYMN Be Thou My Vision
Nº 450 (purple), Nº 339 (blue)

❖ CHARGE & BENEDICTION PCUSA Book of Common Worship
Go out into the world in peace; hold on to what is good;
return no one evil for evil; honor all people;
strengthen the fainthearted;
support the weak, and help the suffering;
love and serve the Lord,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit!

POSTLUDE Italian Concerto (BWV 971) J. S. Bach

You are invited to remain seated to conclude worship with the postlude.

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.

AN OPEN NURSERY ROOM for infants-3 year olds is available in room 7 behind the sanctuary on Sundays, 9:45-11:15 AM. Audio of the worship service is available to listen to in the Nursery room.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP will be hosted by Sharon Baker, Pat Bird, Kay and Wally Phillips upstairs in Davis Hall/ Gym after worship. Coffee, tea, juice, conversation!

PLEASE WELCOME GUEST SOLOIST, Matthew Hayward. Matthew is an American lyric baritone who has rapidly established himself as one of the most versatile artists of his generation. He made his European debut in concert at the Salle Cortot in Paris, France. In recent seasons, Mr. Hayward’s operatic engagements included Michigan Opera Theatre, Lakewood Theater, Baltimore Opera, Opera Theater Oregon, Washington East Opera, Princeton Festival, Syracuse Opera, Skagit Opera, Opera New Jersey, Portland Opera, and Opera Idaho. As founder of Vox Northwest Voice Studios, he maintains a select private voice studio in Portland, Oregon and serves on the voice faculty of Portland State and George Fox Universities. He is sought after as a District and State Vocal Contest Adjudicator in Oregon and as a Master Clinician at major universities throughout the West Coast.

THE ADULT EDUCATION CLASS will take a break until September when we will feature Marcus Borg’s series, “Speaking Christian: Redeeming Christian Language.”

THE NEXT RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE is Tuesday, August 15, 2:00-7:00 PM. Please contact Jim Sandberg for more information.

SOUP KITCHEN THANKS: Many thanks to our Valley Deacons for hosting a wonderful Soup Kitchen meal on July 20. Special kudos to Janet Adkins for organizing all the volunteers. We are in need of volunteers for the August 17 Soup Kitchen. Please contact Jini at virginiadevries@comcast.net to help.

PRODUCE TABLE: Gardens are greening up and producing wonderful produce, both sweet and savory. Valley’s Produce Table is set up each Sunday during coffee fellowship and covered with whatever produce is brought in by members and friends of our church. Please stop by and see if something catches your eye and will enhance your next meal. All monetary donations will go directly to the Oregon Food Bank to help others in need and keep them from food insecurity.