

VALLEY’S ANNUAL ADVENT FAIR is Sunday, December 5 after worship until 1:30 PM that afternoon. 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 IS COMING...now accepting your gently used donations for Valley Kids to purchase as Christmas gifts for their families. Look for the Kidz Mart donation bin located in the church office lobby. Kidz Mart offers children an opportunity to shop for Christmas gifts for their family, friends, and pets, under the guidance of our adult and teen shop keepers. Money received through sales will go to Children’s Ministries.

This year’s Kidz Mart schedule:

- Children only on Wednesday, December 6, 4:00-7:00 PM
- Children only on Saturday, December 9, 10:00 AM-1:00 PM
- Adults and children on Sunday, December 10 after worship

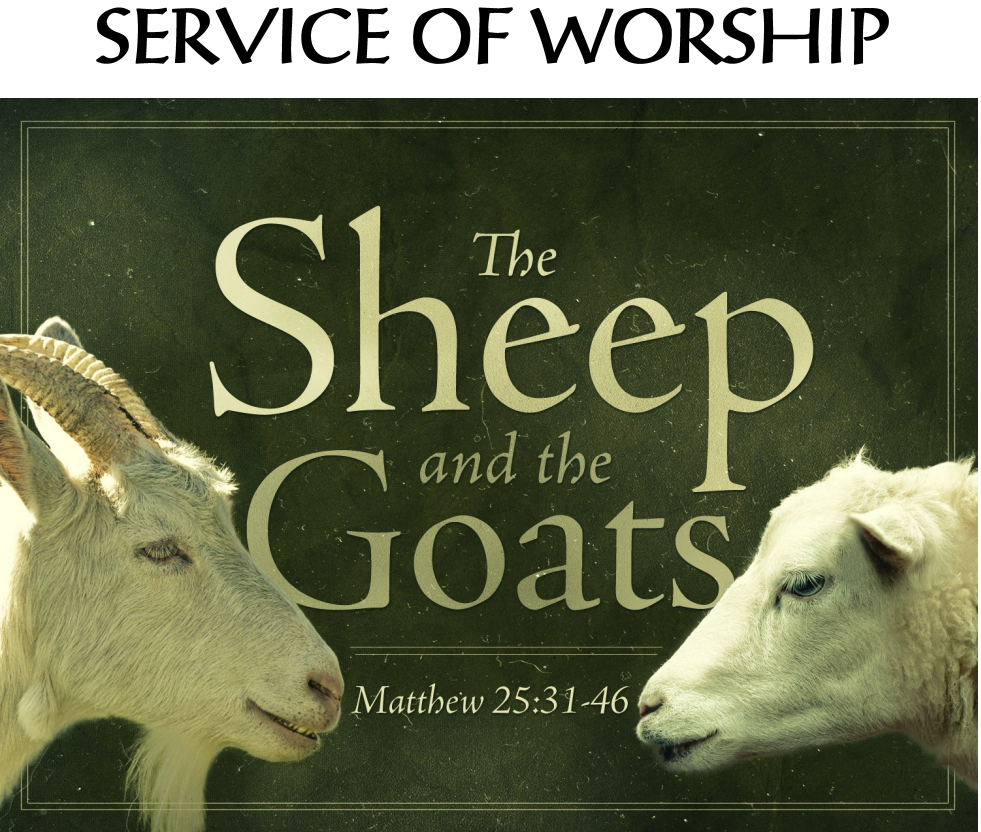
THE VALLEY BOOK GROUP will meet on Friday, December 8, in the Fireside Room at 10:00 AM to discuss “The News of the World” by Paulette Jiles. This story takes place in the aftermath of the Civil War and follows an aging itinerant news reader who agrees to transport a young captive of the Kiowa Indians back to her people in Texas. In this exquisitely rendered, morally complex, multilayered novel of historical fiction the boundaries of family, responsibility, honor, and trust are explored. All are welcome to join the discussion!

OUR VALLEY KIDS TIME CAPSULE celebration is set for December 3 during the 10:00 AM worship service. Be sure to write your personal letter to your FUTURE SELF before we close up the time capsule! Special stationary for your letters and baggies for your small keepsake is available in the church office lobby. Please place your items in Mrs. Gold’s folder located in the file cabinet in the office lobby.



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CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE COMING WEEK			
November 26-December 3, 2017			
SUNDAY, November 26 9:00 AM Adult Education Class 9:15 AM New Spirit Ringers 9:15 AM Sanctuary Choir 9:30 AM Early Coffee 10:00 AM Worship 11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship 11:30 AM Youth Choir	TUESDAY, November 28 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 10:15 AM Tai Chi Class 11:00 AM Worship Long-term Planning Meeting WEDNESDAY, November 29 8:00 AM Men’s Bible Study 8:00 AM Women’s Exercise Group MONDAY, November 27 8:00 AM Women’s Exercise Group 11:30 AM Century Club General Meeting 6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 7:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 7:30 PM Girl Scout Troop	SUNDAY, December 3 First Sunday of Advent 9:00 AM Adult Education Class 9:15 AM New Spirit Ringers 9:15 AM Sanctuary Choir 9:30 AM Early Coffee 10:00 AM Worship 11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship 11:30 AM Advent Fair 11:30 AM Youth Choir	
	THURSDAY, November 30 6:00 PM Scout Pack 592 7:15 PM Sanctuary Choir FRIDAY, December 1 8:00 AM Women’s Exercise Group	LECTIONARY TEXTS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3 <i>Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37</i>	
Ministers: All members of the congregation			
Valley Staff: Jeff Binder Pastor, ext. 133 Misty Bonham..... Director of Children’s Ministries, ext. 135 Connor Campbell Building Superintendent, ext. 143 Chuck Falconer and Jenny Pratt..... Pastoral Associates Angela Graham Publication & Office Administrator, ext. 126 AmyAnn Green..... Business Manager, ext. 128 Bob Hinson.....Organist/Pianist, ext. 139 David Jimerson..... Minister of Music, ext. 139 Frank Powers Treasurer, ext. 129 Amy Rheingans Director of Youth & Children’s Music, ext. 145 Anne SearcePreschool Director, ext. 146			
Session Elders: Connie Brenner Richard Bryant Allison Carlson	Birgitta Carlson Glenys Craig Kay Hope Gold Eben Jenkins	David Jimerson Ruthann Marquis Phil Miller Cheryl Rees	Roger Rees Greg Russell Carol Powers, Clerk



NOVEMBER 26, 2017 ✠ 10:00 AM
 ❖ *Please stand as you are able*
Bold Text is spoken by everyone

GATHER IN GOD’S PRESENCE
 CHIMING OF THE HOUR
 WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
Please pass and sign the friendship folders.

PRELUDE	<i>O Worship the King, All Glorious Above</i>	Kraus
	(reference Hymn Nº 41)	

ACOLYTES Aaron Jenkins and Turner Sanderman

❖ **CALL TO WORSHIP** *Psalm 100:1-5*
 Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come into God’s presence with singing.
Know that the LORD is God. It is God that made us, and we are his; we are God’s people, and the sheep of his pasture.
 Enter God’s gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to God, bless his name.
For the LORD is good; God’s steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

❖ **PROCESSIONAL HYMN** *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* Nº 267

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Cheryl Rees, Liturgist

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

☸ Silence is kept ☸

❖ GLORIA PATRI “Glory Be to the Father” No. 581

❖ ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

❖ 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 God Is So Good (verse one sung twice) N^o 658

PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

TIME WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH Misty Bonham

ANTHEM Sent from Heaven arr. Wilhousky

MESSAGE SCRIPTURE Matthew 25:31-46 New Testament, p. 29

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE I Just Wanna Be A Sheep....Bah, Bah Rev. Jeff Binder

RESPOND TO GOD’S GRACE

❖ HYMN OF RESPONSE Rejoice, the Lord Is King! N^o 363

❖ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from The Confession of 1967

God’s redeeming work in Jesus Christ embraces the whole of a person’s life: social and cultural, economic and political, scientific and technological, individual and corporate. It includes humanity’s natural environment as exploited and despoiled by sin. It is the will of God that God’s purpose for human life shall be fulfilled under the rule of Christ and all evil be banished from creation.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Jeff Binder

THE LORD’S PRAYER (p.35)

OFFERTORY The King of Love My Shepherd Is Dykes/Thalben-Ball

❖ 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 O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing N^o 610

❖ CHARGE & BENEDICTION from A Prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi

Lord, grant that we may seek rather to comfort, than to be comforted.

To understand, than to be understood.

To love, than to be loved.

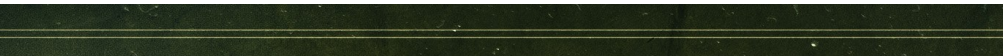
For it is by self-forgetting that one finds.

It is by forgiving that one is forgiven.

It is by dying that one awakens to Eternal Life.

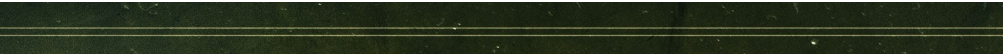
POSTLUDE Now Thank We All Our God Bach/Fox

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



Sermon notes:

- Who are the ‘least of these’ in today’s society?
- How can we help feed, give drink, welcome, clothe, or visit these people today?
- What is one word to describe Jesus?



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 7) is available for your infant-three year olds every Sunday from 9:45-11:15 AM. Our Nursery is clearly marked and only a few steps down from the main entrance. Audio of the worship service is available to listen to in the Nursery.

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

BRING A THERMOS! Most Sundays there is leftover coffee that gets poured down the drain after coffee fellowship. Please feel free to bring a thermos or insulated mug and take the leftover coffee home.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASS next Sunday, December 3. Join us again in December at 9:00 AM in Armitage Hall. In the DVD series, “Jesus and His Jewish Influences,” it talks about religious reforms in the rein of Josiah which led to the destruction of all materials associated with Baal and Asherah. Josiah’s reforms, based on Deuteronomy, greatly strengthened Judaism, but his death in battle was metaphorically described as “the battle of the end of day.” The Babylonian exile extended from 586 B.C. to 539 B.C.

A WONDERFUL VALLEY COOKBOOK to commemorate our 75th Anniversary is in the process of being put together. We are eagerly collecting your best recipes for our book. We intend to have a little of everything in the way of tasty recipes. There will also be extra helpful household hints. We are asking that you submit two to five recipes as soon as possible so we can meet our printing deadline. They can be emailed to Claudia Askew at clade9@gmail.com, turned in to the office during the week, or collected during coffee fellowship after church on Sunday. We will also be collecting them during the Advent Fair.

POINSETTIAS will enhance the sanctuary chancel on the 3rd Sunday of Advent and Christmas in memory and honor of our loved ones. If you wish to participate, please provide the name of the honoree and a donation of \$15 noted to “VCPC Flower Fund” in an envelope, and place it in the offering plate, or deliver it to the church office by Monday, December 18. Honorees names will be published in the Christmas Eve bulletin.

SOUP KITCHEN sends a big thank you to the Navigator Mariner ship and Skippers Donna and Dan Rueff for hosting, preparing, and delivering Valley’s November 16 soup meal at Bud Clark Commons. Also, thanks to Connor Campbell for gathering the donated baked goods from New Seasons Market.