

SOUP KITCHEN THANK YOU: Many thanks to the Men's Bible Study group for hosting, preparing, and serving the December 31 soup kitchen meal at Bud Clark Commons. A special thanks to Wally Phillips for organizing the dinner.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT OUT is coming January 10! This is an event for children ages 4-11 that will happen every second Wednesday from 5:45-6:45 PM every month through May 2018. Cherub and Kings Kids Choir members are encouraged to stay after practice, but you do not have to be a choir member to participate in this event! Kids will have a simple meal and then have a great time playing in our gym, singing songs, doing a craft and learning simple truths about faith. There is no cost but space is limited to around 30 children. Contact Misty, misty@valleycommunity.org, to RSVP or join on our Facebook events page (and follow us while you're there).

AN OPEN GYM will be available for all to use on January 18, 6:00-7:00 pm. Bring your family (every child must have an adult with them) and enjoy the gym! Open gym will occur every third Thursday through May 2018.

KIDS NIGHT OUT begins again on January 19 from 5:30-8:30 PM. Kids ages 3-11 are invited. The cost is \$10 per child or a max cost of \$25 for three siblings or more. We will have dinner, watch a movie, and play in the gym along with other activities. There is limited space for this event so sign up early through our Facebook Events page or contacting Misty, misty@valleycommunity.org, in the church office.

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 (\$9) or pin (free). Request forms are available on the church office counter for new or replacement name badges.

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.

POINSETTIAS in honor and in memory of loved ones are available to take home after worship today.



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CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE COMING WEEK		
December 31, 2017-January 7, 2018		
SUNDAY, December 31 New Year's Eve 9:15 AM Sanctuary Choir 9:15 AM New Spirit Ringers 9:30 AM Early Coffee 10:00 AM Worship 11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship	TUESDAY, January 2 10:15 AM Tai Chi Class 6:30 PM Christian Nurture for Children Meeting 6:30 PM Girl Scout Troop 7:00 PM Christian Nurture for Youth Meeting	FRIDAY, January 5 8:00 AM Women's Exercise Group SUNDAY, January 7 9:00 AM Adult Education 9:15 AM Sanctuary Choir 9:15 AM New Spirit Ringers 9:30 AM Early Coffee
MONDAY, January 1 New Year's Day - Church Building Closed	WEDNESDAY, January 3 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	10:00 AM Worship 10:20 AM Sunday Funday 11:00 AM Clippers Mariner Ship Gathering 11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship 11:30 AM Youth Choir
	THURSDAY, January 4 6:30 PM Cub Scout Patrol 7:15 PM Sanctuary Choir	

LECTIONARY TEXTS FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

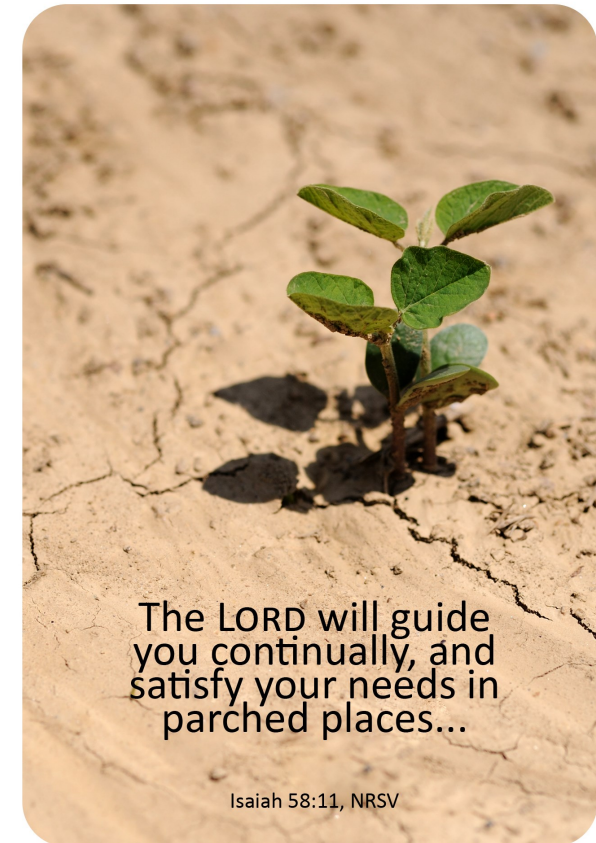
Genesis 1:1-5; Psalm 29; Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11

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
Preston Russell.....	Director of Youth Ministries, ext. 131
Amy Rheingans	Director of Youth & Children's Music, ext. 145
Anne Scarce	Preschool Director, ext. 146

SERVICE OF WORSHIP



DECEMBER 31, 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

Carol Sing
Valley Congregation

ACOLYTES

Kjel Carlson and Katie Craig

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth:

sing the glory of God's name;

give to God glorious praise.

All the earth worships you;

they sing praises to you, sing praises in your name.

Let us worship God.

❖ PROCESSIONAL HYMN *When Morning Guilds the Skies* № 667

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Kent Busch, Liturgist

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your forgiveness. We have not loved you with all our heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.

☪ 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* No 658

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH Misty Bonham

SOLO ANTHEM *Gesù Bambino* Yon
Jimmy Yohe, baritone

HEBREW SCRIPTURE *Isaiah 58:6-11* Old Testament, p. 688

MESSAGE SCRIPTURE *Matthew 25:31-46* New Testament, p. 29
Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.
Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE *Dare to Care* Rev. Chuck Falconer

RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

❖ HYMN OF RESPONSE *Take My Life* No 697

❖ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe that God has revealed himself as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people; . . . That the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need, which implies, among other things, that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

SOLO OFFERTORY

Mariä Wiegenlied (Mary's Lullaby)

Reger

Grace Skinner, mezzo-soprano

Translation:

*Mary sits in the rosegrove and rocks Baby Jesus;
gently through the leaves streams a warm summer wind.
At her feet sings a gaily colored little bird: Sleep, baby, sweetly.
Go to sleep!*

*Lovely is your smile, lovelier still your slumber's pleasure.
Lay your weary little head close against your mother's breast!
Sleep, my sweet baby, go to sleep!*

❖ 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 *Called as Partners in Christ's Service* No 761

❖ CHARGE & BLESSING

Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God through him.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Amen.

POSTLUDE

While Shepherds Watched

arr. Gerre Hancock

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

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

ADULT EDUCATION CLASS next Sunday, January 7 at 9:00 AM in Armitage Hall. In the DVD series, *Jesus and His Jewish Influences*, it discusses the Sadducees who were members of the aristocratic priestly class who were anxious to preserve their status. They were politically and religiously conservative. Unlike the Pharisees, they rejected the principal of oral law and denied the possibility of physical resurrection. However, the Pharisees' beliefs concerning free will, determinism and the sanctity of oral law ultimately gained acceptance in the Jewish community. Jesus criticized the Pharisees for being more preoccupied with oral tradition than with the principals of loving God and their neighbors.

OUR RECIPE COLLECTION for the 75th Anniversary Cookbook continues to grow! We would love to add your tasty dishes to our collection. You may do this by submitting recipes to Claudia Askew, clade9@gmail.com, the church office during the week or at coffee fellowship today.

IT IS NOT TOO LATE to contribute to the reverse Advent box items. These items help support Good Roots Food Pantry & Clothing Closet in SE Portland. Place one or two items into a box or bag each day through Epiphany (January 6, 2018) and return them to the Christmas tree in the church entryway now through January 7, 2018. See the weekly e-blast for more information and a list of items needed.

THE CHURCH BUILDING and office will be closed Monday, January 1, in observance of the New Year's holiday.

END OF YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS must be postmarked by Saturday, December 30, or received in the offering plate **today**, December 31 to be credited towards 2017 giving.

SCOUT PACK 592 invites you to a free CPR Training night from 7:00-9:00 PM on Monday, January 8. Contact Scoutmaster Jim Crawford or the church office for more information.

IF YOU MISSED THE CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING on December 24, it's not too late to contribute to this special offering of our denomination. The special offering envelopes will remain in the pew racks for the next few weeks.