

THANK YOU for sending your check of \$32 for the 2018 Per Capita (for wider church expenses) for each Valley member. For more information about what per capita is, go to: oga.pcusa.org/percapita.

“EXCELLENCE IN ALL THINGS, AND ALL THINGS TO THE GLORY OF GOD.” Perhaps it is time to consider offering your talent by singing in the Sanctuary Choir here at Valley. We rehearse Thursday evenings from 7:15-9:00 PM and offer music in most worship services September through June. Please speak with David Jimerson after worship or via email at david.a.jimerson@gmail.com.

THE ASSISTANCE LEAGUE OF PORTLAND is again holding its “Legacy of Literacy” book drive. We will collect and distribute new and gently used books for grades K-8, many of whom live in shelters, friends’ homes, or cars. You can find our collection box next to the Fireside Room. The drive runs through February 20. We are grateful for your help in this venture. Thank you!

REGISTRATION BEGINS AT VALLEY CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL: We are now accepting new enrollments for the 2018-2019 school year. VCP provides a quality, nurturing environment where children ages 2-5 years learn through a creative, play-based and child focused curriculum. To make inquiries or schedule a tour, please contact the Preschool Director, Anne Scarce, at 503.292.3537 x146 or by email, anne@valleycommunity.org. We invite all interested families to our **Preschool Open House** on Monday, February 12 from 6:30-7:30 PM. On this night we will open our classrooms and invite you to come in and check us out, ask questions of our teachers, and see how we play and learn at VCP. We are very proud of our experienced and wonderful teaching staff. Come meet our team!

HAPPINESS IS A NEW JIGSAW PUZZLE! Does your family enjoy jigsaw puzzles? Everyone is welcome to enjoy our new jigsaw puzzle exchange program! Bring in a jigsaw puzzle that you have previously enjoyed and exchange it for one on the shelves in the Sunday School wing of the church.



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CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE COMING WEEK		
January 28-February 4, 2018		
SUNDAY, January 28 9:00 AM Adult Education Class 9:15 AM New Spirit Ringers 9:15 AM Sanctuary Choir 9:30 AM Early Coffee 9:45 AM Nursery 10:00 AM Worship 10:20 AM Sunday Funday 11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship 11:30 AM Membership Comm. 11:30 AM Youth Choir MONDAY, January 29 8:00 AM Women’s Exercise Group 6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 7:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 592 7:30 PM Girl Scouts	TUESDAY, January 30 10:00 AM Staff Meeting WEDNESDAY, January 31 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 5:30 PM Youth Service Night 6:00 PM Royal Ringers THURSDAY, February 1 6:30 PM Cub Scout Patrol 7:15 PM Sanctuary Choir FRIDAY, February 2 8:00 AM Women’s Exercise Group	SUNDAY, February 4 9:00 AM Adult Education Class 9:15 AM New Spirit Ringers 9:30 AM Early Coffee 9:45 AM Nursery 10:00 AM Worship 10:20 AM Sunday Funday 11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship 11:30 AM Youth Choir 5:00 PM High School Youth Group

Ministers: All members of the congregation

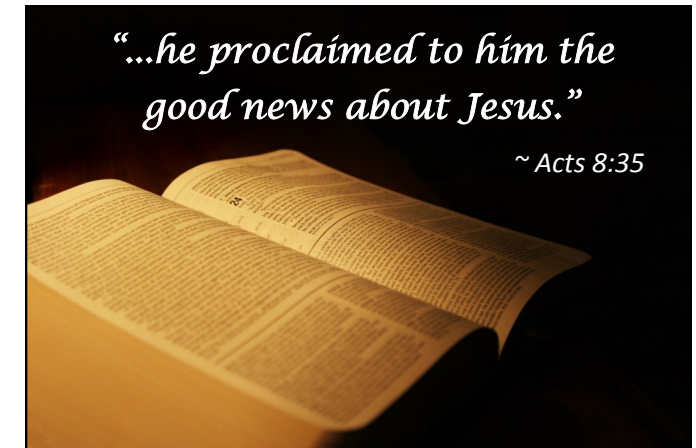
Valley Staff:

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

Session Elders:

Connie Brenner	Birgitta Carlson	David Jimerson	Roger Rees
Richard Bryant	Glenys Craig	Ruthann Marquis	Greg Russell
Allison Carlson	Kay Hope Gold	Phil Miller	Carol Powers, Clerk
	Eben Jenkins	Cheryl Rees	

SERVICE OF WORSHIP



JANUARY 28, 2018 † 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 *Meditation* Edvard Grieg

ACOLYTES Elise Jenkins and Aaron Jenkins

❖ **CALL TO WORSHIP** *Psalm 111*
Praise the LORD!
I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.
Great are the works of the LORD,
studied by all who delight in them.
Let us worship our God!

❖ **PROCESSIONAL HYMN** *Holy, Holy, Holy!* No 1

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Lyle Chadwick, Liturgist
from Iona Worship Book

Holy God, Maker of all, Jesus Christ, Servant of the poor, Holy Spirit,
Breath of life,
have mercy on us.
Let us confess our faults and admit our frailty.

☪ *Silence is kept* ☪

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

❖ ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Before God, with the people of God, I confess to my brokenness: to the ways I wound my life, the lives of others, and the life of the world.

May God forgive you, Christ renew you, and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.

Amen.

Before God, with the people of God, we confess to our brokenness: to the ways we wound our lives, the lives of others, and the life of the world.

May God forgive you, Christ renew you, and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.

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

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

Nº 591

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH

Misty Bonham

ANTHEM

Assurance

John Ness Beck

MESSAGE SCRIPTURE

Acts 8:26-40

New Testament, p. 127

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

Coincidence?

Rev. Jeff Binder

RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

❖ HYMN OF RESPONSE

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

Nº 494

❖ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *The Confession of 1967*

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of a person's mind.

Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful people. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of love.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Jeff Binder

THE LORD'S PRAYER (p.35 in the hymnal)

OFFERTORY

To Render Thanks Unto Our God

Jeremiah Clarke

❖ 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

Live into Hope

Nº 772

❖ CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Fanfare for the Common Man

Aaron Copland

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

Mission Statement

Valley Community Presbyterian Church is the people of God in one place and one time. We are called by God to gather, in the name of Christ, and we have responded to that call with a commitment to active membership in this body, this community of Christians.

We are called, and we have committed:

to worship God regularly in this place,
in hearing the word, in prayer,
in sacrament and sacred music.

We are called, and we have committed:

to care for each other, individually,
in large groups and small;
to form a community in the midst of a rushing world.

We are called, and we have committed:

to care for our children and youth,
not only telling them of the love of God
but also showing them.

We are called, and we have committed:

to continue to learn and to grow, to discuss,
to wrestle with the challenges of applying our faith
to our place and time.

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 14/15) is available for your infant-three year olds every Sunday from 9:45-11:15 AM. Our Nursery is located in the Sunday School wing of the church.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP will be hosted by the Deacons 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, February 4 at 9:00 AM in Armitage Hall. In the DVD series, *The Gospel of Jesus and Jesus of the Gospels* by Rev. R.W. Funk, concerns messages from the Gospel of Jesus and Paul. It emphasizes that God's dominion is absolute and eternal. Multiple factors impair our ability to perceive and respond to the messages of the Gospels. Foremost of these is our sense of limited societal responsibility. Rev. Funk emphasizes our need to broaden our commitments and expand our humanitarian involvement.

SOUP KITCHEN THANK YOU: Many thanks to the Starfish Mariners group who hosted the January 18 Soup Kitchen meal at Bud Clark Commons. Edie Leland and Kathy Bach prepared the meal, and Kay and Richard Gold, along with Ruthann Marquis, delivered and served.

IS THERE ANYTHING YOU HAVE FORGOTTEN? ...like maybe turning in your favorite recipes? February 1 is the deadline for our Valley Cookbook and we still need recipes. Turning them in during coffee fellowship, the office during the week, or emailed to clade9@gmail.com will work just fine. Thank you!

CHILI COOK OFF coming on Sunday, February 25 - start looking for your winning recipe!

THE SOUPER BOWL OF CARING OFFERING will be collected by Valley Youth following 10:00 AM worship on Super Bowl Sunday, February 4. Souper Bowl of Caring is a national movement of young people working to fight hunger and poverty in their own communities. The youth give 100% of your donation directly to a local hunger-relief charity of their choice. They invite you to help tackle hunger in Beaverton by dropping dollar bills and change into soup kettles on Super Bowl Sunday!