

TODAY is the first class of a new education series entitled: *Exploring Presbyterianism with Pastor Jeff & Friends!* These classes will be offered once a month, and are open to the public. We start the series with our Membership Class **'Presbyterian Jeopardy!'** where teams will learn more about Valley Community, and being Presbyterian. All are welcome to attend at 11:15 AM in Armitage Hall. **MESSANGER NEWSLETTER ARTICLES** and photos are due March 20 for the April issue. Please send your submissions to messenger@valleycommunity.org. Thank you!

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE COMING WEEK

March 18-25, 2018

<p>SUNDAY, March 18 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 11:15 AM Membership Class 11:30 AM Dining for Women 11:30 AM Youth Choir 12:00 PM Calvary Presbyterian Korean Church Worship 1:00 PM Calvary Presbyterian Korean Church Fellowship Time 5:00 PM High School Youth 7:00 PM Scout Venture Crew</p>	<p>TUESDAY, March 20 'The Messenger' newsletter deadline 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 10:15 AM Tai Chi Class 7:00 PM Deacons Meeting</p> <p>WEDNESDAY, March 21 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study 8:00 AM Women's Exercise 5:00 PM Cherub Choir 5:00 PM King's Kids Choir 5:45 PM Wednesday Night Out 6:00 PM Royal Ringers 6:30 PM Scouts Den 6 7:00 PM Middle School Youth 7:00 PM Calvary Presbyterian Korean Church Bible Study 7:30 PM Scout Troop 592</p>	<p>FRIDAY, March 23 8:00 AM Women's Exercise 10:00 AM Gamble Library Book Group</p> <p>SUNDAY, March 25 Palm Sunday 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 Committee 11:30 AM Dining for Women 11:30 AM Youth Choir 12:00 PM Calvary Presbyterian Korean Church Worship 1:00 PM Calvary Presbyterian Korean Church Fellowship Time</p>
<p>MONDAY, March 19 8:00 AM Women's Exercise 10:00 AM Meals on Wheels 6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 592 7:30 PM Girl Scouts</p>	<p>THURSDAY, March 22 5:30 PM Scout Pack 592 7:15 PM Sanctuary Choir</p>	

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER AT VALLEY

- **Palm Sunday, March 25:** Worship will center on gospel readings and anthem. The One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be received during worship. The children will process with palms at the beginning of the service. Please have children arrive at 9:30 AM to rehearse.
- **Maundy Thursday, March 29:** A simple dinner will be served at 6:00 PM. Following dinner, we will remain in Davis Hall/Gym to celebrate the Lord's Last Supper in scripture and music.
- **Good Friday, March 30:** The sanctuary will be open from 12:00-6:00 PM for personal reflection. Organized prayer, scripture reading, and music program will be offered from 12:00-12:30 PM. This somber and contemplative time is to help us focus on the Passion of Christ and his sacrifice to us.
- **Easter Sunday, April 1 - 8:00 and 10:00 AM** services will include music from the combined Sanctuary, Youth and King's Kids Choirs, organ and trumpet.
- **Easter Sunday, April 1 - 9:00 AM Egg Fun!** Kids are invited to meet in the Youth House for an Easter egg hunt. Bring a basket!

Please note: if you are able, please park in the Tri-Met Park & Ride Parking lot one block south of the church on Easter Sunday. We want to open parking spaces for guests and friends on Easter.

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TREASURER'S REPORT FOR ADULT GIVING

(Through February 28, 2018)

	Year to Date		
	Annual	Budget	Actual
Pledged	\$428,877	\$51,394	\$53,401
Non-pledge	\$51,950	\$8,658	\$3,898
Total	\$480,827	\$60,052	\$57,300

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

The hour has come
for the son of man to be

Glorified.

~ John 12:23

MARCH 18, 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

Tocatta
Royal Ringers

Helman

ACOLYTES

Macy Vermillion and Sophie Vermillion

❖ WORDS OF PRAISE

Psalm 119:12-16

Blessed are you, O LORD; teach me your statutes.

With my lips I declare all the ordinances of your mouth.

I delight in the way of your decrees as much as in all riches.

I will meditate on your precepts, and fix my eyes on your ways.

I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word.

❖ OPENING HYMN

Lift High the Cross

No 826

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Psalm 51

Edie Leland, liturgist

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

☸ *Silence is kept* ☸

❖ KYRIE *"Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy"*

6 Ky - ri - e Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e

12 Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Chri - ste, Chri - ste, e - le - i - son. Chri - ste, Chr - ste e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e

18 Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

24 son. E - le - i - son.

❖ 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

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

Nº 203

(Refrain and verse 4)

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love;

show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

Loving puts us on our knees,

willing to wash others' feet;

this is the way we should live like you.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC

Come and Join the Circle

Farrell

Cherub Choir; Greg Russell, piano

TIME WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH

Misty Bonham

CENTS-ABILITY OFFERING

ANTHEM

Surely He Hath Borne Our Grievs

Händel

from *Messiah*

MESSAGE SCRIPTURE

John 12:20-33

New Testament, p. 106

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

What Do We Glorify?

Rev. Jeff Binder

RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

❖ HYMN OF RESPONSE

Stay with Me (sing twice)

Nº 204

❖ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

For us and for our salvation Christ came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Jean Sowers, Deacon

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

OFFERTORY

My Heart Ever Faithful

J. S. Bach

❖ *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

To God Be the Glory

Nº 634

❖ CHARGE & BENECTION

John 16:33

Jesus says to us even now,

I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace.

In this world you will have trouble, but take heart.

Christ has overcome the world!

Go from this place embracing such Good News!

❖ POSTLUDE

Rejoice, the Lord is King

John Darwall

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

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 Navigators Mariner Group upstairs in Davis Hall/Gym after worship. Coffee, tea, juice, conversation!

ADULT EDUCATION CLASS next Sunday, March 25 at 9:00 AM in Armitage Hall. In the DVD series, *Does Christianity Have a Future?* Rev. Marcus Borg discusses "The Cross and the Christian Future." He will discuss doctrines, proposing that Jesus' death was an act of atonement vs. an inspiration to live loving and meaningful lives in the present. The concept of atonement emerged 1,000 years after his death.

DINING FOR WOMEN will meet today, March 18 at 11:30 AM for lunch and an outstanding educational program featuring Women's Justice Initiative in Guatemala. Through their non-profit work, they empower indigenous women and girls to improve their lives through education, access to legal services, and gender-based violence prevention. Their grant request will aim to increase access to justice for Mayan women living in 24 communities in Patzún, Chimaltenango by developing a network of Community Advocates who promote women's rights at the local level. Join us for this opportunity to use your dining out dollars to change the world one meal at a time.

ORDER LILIES FOR EASTER: Lilies will grace the sanctuary on Easter. If you would like to order a lily in honor or memory of a loved one, you may make a donation of \$15 for each lily ordered. Please indicate "lilies" on your check with the name you wish to honor, and place the envelope in the offering plate, or send it to the church office. Names will be printed in the Easter bulletin. Donations and names must be in the office by Monday, March 26.

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. 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, valleycommunity.org, for a grant application.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING will be received during worship on March 25. The offering is divided among three impactful programs: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People.

FOR AFTER HOURS PASTORAL EMERGENCIES, please contact Rev. Jeff Binder at 434.944.6716.