

KICK OFF SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9: Join us for a day of Bluegrass music, teacher commissioning, ministry fair and more! Begin with worship at 10:00 AM featuring Bluegrass music by The Oak Street Ramblers. There will also be a commissioning for teachers with a special blessing that will be given to individuals working with children and youth. Following worship, join us in the gym to experience the many things that Valley has to offer. This “kick off” for the Fall season will certainly entice you to learn of the abundant ministries and small groups active in our church as they present options for your enrichment and service. All are welcome to attend!

YOUTH CHOIR (6th-12th graders) begins with a musical rehearsal on Sunday, September 9, from 11:30 AM-1:00 PM in the choir room. The musical, “Land of the Lost and Found” will be performed on October 21. Interested youth should stop by the church office lobby and pick up a script and CD to listen to the musical prior to the first rehearsal. All youth are invited to participate!

CHILDREN’S MUSIC: There are three musical offerings for children from preschool-5th grade as follows:

-Cherub Choir: 4 year olds through 1st grade - begins Wednesday, October 3, from 5:00-5:45 PM.

-King’s Kids Choir: 2nd through 5th grade - begins Wednesday, October 3, from 5:00-6:00 PM.

-Royal Ringers Bell Choir: 2nd-5th grade - begins Wednesday, October 3, from 6:00-6:30 PM.

Contact Amy Rheingans, amy@valleycommunity.org, or 503.351.2153, if your child would like to sign up!

THE SANCTUARY CHOIR is looking for new members. Contact david.a.jimerson@gmail.com or any choir member for more information. Choir practice begins Thursday, September 6, 7:15-9:00 PM. All voices are welcome!

PLEASE NOTE: The church office will be closed Monday, September 3 in observance of Labor Day. Have a fun and safe weekend!

Valley Staff

Jeff Binder.....Pastor
 Chuck Falconer and Jenny Hale Pastoral Associates
 David Jimerson Minister of Music
 Bob Hinson Organist/Pianist
 Preston Russell Director of Youth Ministry
 Amy RheingansDirector of Youth & Children’s Music
 Anne Scearce Preschool Director
 Angela Graham Publication & Office Administrator
 AmyAnn Green Business Manager
 Alex Mendoza..... Building Custodian

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE COMING WEEK

August 26-September 2, 2018

<p>SUNDAY, September 2 9:30 AM Early Bird Coffee 10:00 AM Worship 11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship 12:00 PM Calvary Presbyterian Worship Service 1:00 PM Calvary Presbyterian Fellowship Time</p> <p>MONDAY, September 3 Labor Day - Church Office Closed 8:00 AM Women’s Exercise 7:00 PM Girl Scouts 7:30 PM Boy Scouts 592</p>	<p>TUESDAY, September 4 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 10:15 AM Tai Chi Class 1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry 1:30 PM Mission Committee 6:30 PM Christian Nurture for Children Meeting 7:00 PM Christian Nurture for Youth Meeting</p> <p>WEDNESDAY, September 5 8:00 AM Men’s Bible Study 8:00 AM Women’s Exercise 6:30 AM Pack 592 Den 6 Parent Meeting 7:00 PM Calvary Presbyterian Korean Church Bible Study 7:30 PM Pack 592 Den 6</p>	<p>THURSDAY, September 6 7:15 PM Sanctuary Choir</p> <p>FRIDAY, September 7 8:00 AM Women’s Exercise Group</p> <p>SUNDAY, September 9 Kick Off Sunday 9:30 AM Early Bird Coffee 10:00 AM Worship 11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship 11:00 AM Ministry Fair 11:30 AM Youth Musical Rehearsal 12:00 PM Calvary Presbyterian Worship Service 1:00 PM Calvary Presbyterian Fellowship Time</p>
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Building Improvement Campaign Update (As of August 27, 2018)

Total 3-year pledges	\$500,671
Pledges received - 84%	\$422,385
Outstanding pledges	\$78,287
Non-pledges received	\$93,066

SERVICE OF WORSHIP



SEPTEMBER 2, 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

PRELUDE *Hymn Sing* Valley Congregation

ACOLYTES Faith Bridges and Ryan Smyth

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
Please pass and sign the friendship folders.

❖ WORDS OF PRAISE from *Ukirk Worship Resource*

Lord, today we gather to witness you.
You bring glory to the earth, from the deepest valley to the highest mountain.

Lord, today we gather to listen to you.

You call us to go and bring good news to your people.

Lord, today we gather to praise you.

You invite us to your table and draw us into your presence.

Lord, today we gather to worship you.

❖ OPENING HYMN *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Nº 366

OPENING PRAYER

David Jimerson, liturgist

And what is 'the image of God' if not love, justice, equality?

God who loves us into being, how can we live 'in Your image' unless we share a deep and abiding commitment to each other – to cherishing the innate dignity and worth of each human person and the beloved created order? Re-imagine us, God. Put not only your words in our mouths, but take us completely. Take our feet and we will walk to each other. Take our hands and we will embrace. Take our hearts and break them, our prejudices and explode them. When we speak your words, may it not be with our lips only.

☪ Silence is kept ☪

❖ **RESPONSE** *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying* N^o 469

❖ **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** *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!* N^o 591

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH

Rev. Jeff Binder

SCRIPTURE

Proverbs 31:10-31

Old Testament, p. 613

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

Woman

Rev. Jeff Binder

RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

OFFERTORY

Let Us Break Bread Together arr. Douglas E. Wagner

Jimmy Yohe, baritone

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

❖ **DOXOLOGY**

N^o 606

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.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

May God be with you.

And also with you.

People of faith, let us offer our prayers of joy and thanksgiving to God.

Let us gladly celebrate with praise the presence of Christ.

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Cantor, Jimmy Yohe

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Please join in singing as you are able

SHARING OF THE GIFTS OF BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

SHARE THE GOOD NEWS

❖ **CLOSING HYMN** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* N^o 12

❖ **CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

Micah 6

With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?

Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"

God has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you, but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God.

❖ **POSTLUDE**

Old Hundred

Van Denman Thompson

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

"God's grace is a gift that is freely given to us. We don't earn a thing when it comes to God's love, and we only try to live in response to the gift. No one is climbing the spiritual ladder. We don't continually improve until we are so spiritual we no longer need God. We die and are made new, but that's different from spiritual self-improvement. We are simultaneously sinner and saint, 100 percent of both, all the time.

The movement in our relationship to God is always from God to us. Always. We can't, through our piety or goodness, move closer to God. God is always coming near to us."

- Nadia Bolz-Weber,

Pastrix: The Cranky, Beautiful Faith of a Sinner & Saint

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.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER will be celebrated today. Please come forward, as you are able, directed by the ushers. Take the bread, dip it in the cup and consume it. If you choose not to dip, you may eat the bread, take a small cup and drink. Please leave the cup in the basket provided. Return to your pew via the outside aisles. If you are unable to come forward, a server will offer the elements to you in your pew. Gluten-free bread is available in a red cup. **COFFEE FELLOWSHIP** will be hosted by the Deacons upstairs in Davis Hall/Gym. Coffee, tea, juice, conversation!

ADULT EDUCATION CLASS: Join us starting Sunday morning, September 16 for a five-week study based on the scripture lessons in the Gospel of John and the Book of Acts that were studied by our children during Vacation Bible School in July. Valerie Conner, who led the church through this content, will facilitate our adult review. This is a unique opportunity to look more deeply into what our kids learned this summer, and hopefully enable intergenerational communication this fall! We meet from 9:00-9:50 AM in Armitage Hall. Please contact Valerie at vmconner@msn.com, or at 503.453.7193. Look for more adult education offerings during Kick Off Sunday on September 9!

PLEASE SIGN UP for an informational seminar "Overview of Legacy Giving" which will be presented by Rev. Dr. Rob Hagan and Joe Tackett on Sunday, September 16. This program will help you familiarize yourself with various estate planning concepts and considerations for reducing estate and probate taxes. The seminar will be at 5:00 PM and last approximately one and a half hours. A light dinner will be provided. For planning purposes, please RSVP to the church office by September 12. This is an educational seminar courtesy of the Presbyterian Foundation. They will not be selling any programs. Come and learn about charitable giving opportunities.

HELP IS NEEDED to manage the Valley Produce Table on September 9 and 16. The Green Goddess who typically sets up the table, handles the donations, and puts things away, will not be available. Please contact Ruthann Marquis, dracmarq@comcast.net, before September 8 with your interest and availability. Thank you.