

THE EXPLORING PRESBYTERIANISM CLASS will be on September 23, 11:15 AM in Armitage Hall. Rev. Brian Heron will be speaking about the role of the Presbytery of the Cascades within the larger PCUSA structure, and what stories, news, and new things are in store from around the state with our other Presbyterian churches. Rev. Brian Heron will also be the guest preacher during 10:00 AM worship.

**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!

**MISSION ENDOWMENT APPLICATIONS DUE**

**OCTOBER 1:** The Fall application deadline for grants from Valley’s Mission Endowment Fund is October 1. Mission Endowment Committee members review applications from both organizations and individuals, whether secular or church-related, local, national or international.

**SIGN UP ONLINE** for our new church pictorial directory! There is no cost to you or the church for the directory or to have your photographs taken. You will receive a complimentary professional 8x10 portrait and a church directory. Dates available are **October 3-6**. Go to: <https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/yddqb194/> and sign up today! Contact Glenys Craig or the church office with questions.

**MESSENGER NEWSLETTER ARTICLES** and photos are due September 20 for the October issue. Please send your submissions to messenger@valleycommunity.org. Thank you!

Valley Staff

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CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE COMING WEEK  
September 16-23, 2018

SUNDAY, September 16

9:00 AM Adult Education  
9:15 AM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal  
9:30 AM Early Bird Coffee  
10:00 AM Worship  
11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship  
11:30 AM Dining for Women  
11:30 AM Youth Musical Rehearsal  
12:00 PM Calvary Presbyterian Worship Service  
1:00 PM Calvary Presbyterian Fellowship Time  
5:00 PM Legacy Giving Seminar  
7:00 PM Scout Venture Crew

TUESDAY, September 18

12:00 PM Staff Meeting  
7:00 PM Deacons Meeting

WEDNESDAY, September 19

8:00 AM Men’s Bible Study  
9:15 AM MOPS Meeting  
7:00 PM Calvary Presbyterian Korean Church Bible Study  
7:00 PM Troop 592 Meeting

THURSDAY, September 20

‘The Messenger’ Newsletter Deadline  
8:00 AM Soup Kitchen  
4:00 PM Worship and Music Committee  
5:00 PM Music Selection Team  
6:30 PM Pack 592 Meeting  
7:15 PM Sanctuary Choir

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9:15 AM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal  
9:30 AM Early Bird Coffee  
10:00 AM Worship  
11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship  
11:15 AM Exploring Presbyterianism Class  
11:30 AM Membership Comm.  
11:30 AM Youth Musical Rehearsal  
12:00 PM Calvary Presbyterian Worship Service  
1:00 PM Calvary Presbyterian Fellowship Time

MONDAY, September 17

10:00 AM Meals on Wheels  
6:00 PM PIC Meeting  
7:00 PM Girl Scouts  
7:30 PM Boy Scouts 592  
7:30 PM Girl Scouts

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

SEPTEMBER 16, 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 Greig

ACOLYTES

Hayden Bach and Lars Hoffbeck

❖ WORDS OF PRAISE

Psalm 19

The heavens are telling the glory of God;  
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.  
Day to day pours forth speech,  
and night to night declares knowledge.  
There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;  
yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.  
Let us worship our God!

❖ OPENING HYMN

When Morning Gilds the Skies

Nº 667

OPENING PRAYER Georgia Hoffbeck, liturgist  
God, you created us to live in fellowship with you and with one another.  
Forgive us for thinking we can love you without showing love for others.  
Open our eyes to see the whole of your family – neighbors in need nearby  
and far away. Open our hands to share generously the gifts you have given  
us in life. Call us back from our failures to love in the past and free us for  
service in the future.

☸ Silence is kept ☸

❖ CONFESSIONAL RESPONSE Lord, Have Mercy upon Us Nº 575

❖ 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 Alleluia! Nº 587

PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

TIME WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH Donna Carlson and Kay Hope Gold

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

CENTS-ABILITY OFFERING

ANTHEM Gloria in excelsis Deo (from 12th Mass) Mozart

SCRIPTURE Luke 15:1-7 New Testament, p. 78  
The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE Seeking Out the Lost Rev. Jeff Binder

RESPOND TO GOD’S GRACE

❖ HYMN OF RESPONSE Will You Come and Follow Me Nº 726

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from A Brief Statement of Faith  
In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to  
bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of  
Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ  
of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a  
father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Kathy Bach, Deacon  
THE LORD’S PRAYER (p.35 in the hymnal)

OFFERTORY God’s Time Is the Best J. S. Bach

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

❖ DOXOLOGY Nº 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.

SHARE THE GOOD NEWS

❖ CLOSING HYMN Rejoice, the Lord Is King! Nº 363

❖ CHARGE & BENEDICTION A Gaelic Blessing  
God be in my head and in my understanding.  
God be in my eyes and in my looking.  
God be in my mouth and in my speaking.  
God be in my heart and in my thinking.  
God be at mine end and at my departing.  
Alleluia! Amen.

POSTLUDE Fanfare for the Common Man Aaron Copland

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 Deacons upstairs in Davis Hall/Gym. Coffee, tea, juice, conversation!

ADULT EDUCATION CLASS: Join us for a 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 children learned this summer, and hopefully enable intergenerational communication this fall! We meet from 9:00-9:50 AM Sunday mornings in Armitage Hall.

ON WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY (October 7), Valley will participate in the Peace and Global Witness special offering (formally Peacemaking Offering) which helps support our denomination’s efforts to bring justice, reconciliation, transformation, unity and peace to our world in these divisive times. 25% of the offering received at Valley will be retained here to support Valley’s efforts to support ministries working to bring people to Christ’s table of peace.

BACKPACKS WILL BE COLLECTED through October 1 for Project Backpack. Valley is again pairing up with Raleigh Park Elementary School to supply sturdy backpacks needed to help 35 students with weekend food. You may place your donated backpack in the collection bin by the Fireside Room. Come meet the creators of this ministry at our Mission Market in November... and remember, food is always accepted in the bins too!

DINING FOR WOMEN will learn about the Global AIDS Interfaith Alliance in Malawi today at 11:30 AM in the Fireside Room. The Global AIDS Interfaith Alliance is a secular nonprofit that develops innovative and caring healthcare programs in resource-deprived regions in Africa, especially those most affected by HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria. Come learn about this important nonprofit organization.

ONLINE GIVING NOW AVAILABLE: Valley is offering a new way to give to the church. In addition to placing cash or checks in the offering plate and using your bank’s online bill pay system, you can also give through Valley’s website, valleycommunity.org. Look for the “Give Now” button on our home page. Feel free to contact the church office, 503.292.3537, if you have questions.