

THE EXPLORING PRESBYTERIANISM CLASS TODAY, at 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.

THE DEACONS’ RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE is Wednesday, September 26, 2:00-8:00 PM. Contact Karen Miller or Jim Sandberg to sign up or for more information.

KIDS NIGHT OUT: On Friday, September 28, kids ages 4K-7th grade are invited to a fun night at Valley! This event starts at 5:30 pm and ends at 8:30 pm. Cost is \$10 per child or max cost of \$25 for three siblings or more. We will have dinner, watch a movie, and have lots of fun crafts and exciting games in the gym! We really hope your son or daughter can join us in all the fun. Be sure to email donna@valleycommunity.org to RSVP for this event.

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. Email missionendowment@valleycommunity.org for an application or go to our website.

SIGN UP ONLINE for our new church pictorial directory! 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!

THE NEXT VALLEY HABITAT BUILD will be Saturday, November 3 during the afternoon from 12:00-4:00 PM. If you would like more information or to sign up, contact Chuck Falconer at chuckf@clankeith.com or 503.645.3318.

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CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE COMING WEEK

September 23-30, 2018

SUNDAY, September 23

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

11:15 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 24

7:00 PM Girl Scouts

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TUESDAY, September 25

10:15 AM Tai Chi Class

12:00 PM Staff Meeting

WEDNESDAY, September 26

8:00 AM Men’s Bible Study

2:00 PM Deacons’ Red Cross Blood Drive

6:00 PM Youth Service Night

7:00 PM Calvary Presbyterian Korean Church Bible Study

THURSDAY, September 27

6:00 PM Pack 592 Meeting

7:15 PM Sanctuary Choir

FRIDAY, September 28

10:00 AM Gamble Library Book Group

5:30 PM Kids Night Out

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Building Improvement Campaign Update

(As of August 27, 2018)

Total 3-year pledges

Pledges received - 84%

Outstanding pledges

Non-pledges received

\$500,671

\$422,385

\$78,286

\$93,066

SERVICE OF WORSHIP



SEPTEMBER 23, 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

ACOLYTES Katie Craig and Kjel Carlson

❖ WORDS OF PRAISE Psalm 63
O God, you are my God, I seek you,
my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.
So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.
Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.
So I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on your name.

❖ OPENING HYMN Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! Nº 1

OPENING PRAYER Lars Hoffbeck, liturgist
Gracious God, searcher of hearts, help us to know and to live in your forgiving light. Empower and embolden us to live in such a way that people in every corner of our community would experience the joy and passion of your love through what we say and do. We ask in the name that is above all names, Jesus our Lord and Savior.

☪ 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

ANTHEM Assurance John Ness Beck

SCRIPTURE Psalm 63 Old Testament, p. 527
John 14:1-11 New Testament, p. 108
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE Waking Up in the Mission Field Rev. Brian Heron

RESPOND TO GOD’S GRACE

❖ HYMN OF RESPONSE O Lord My God Nº 625

❖ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from Confession of Belhar
We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Jeff Binder
THE LORD’S PRAYER (p.35 in the hymnal)

OFFERTORY

❖ 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.*

❖ PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

SHARE THE GOOD NEWS

❖ CLOSING HYMN Lift High the Cross Nº 826

❖ CHARGE & BENEDICTION
Go out into the world in peace. Have courage!
Hold fast to what is good. Return no evil for evil.
Strengthen the faint-hearted, support the weak, help the suffering.
Honor all people.
Love and serve the Lord your God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.
Alleluia! Amen.

POSTLUDE

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

The Rev. Brian Heron is the Presbyter for Vision and Mission for the Presbytery of the Cascades, a geographic region that includes 96 churches over a 65,000 square mile area. Brian has often considered himself a bridge between the traditional church and his “spiritual but not religious” contemporaries. He grew up in the Presbyterian church and loves its seasonal rhythms, the way church folk look out for each other, and the integrity of its Reformed theology. At the same time, Brian often encounters the Sacred most intimately while hiking, biking, and snowshoeing in God’s beautiful creation. He considers it a privilege to worship with us today.

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 children 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.

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.

THANK YOU to all who have completed pledges to the Building Improvement Capital Campaign! There is evidence in and around our building of projects completed. The remaining project is the upgrade of our restrooms to meet ADA guidelines. Plans are drawn and budget determined for this last project by the amount of pledges, please prayerfully consider giving before the end of 2018. Let’s have an updated building in early 2019!

PROJECT BACK: Thank you, one and all, who brought backpacks for the Raleigh Hills Elementary School weekend food project. We have collected 50 backpacks for the 2018/2019 school year! Please remember we are still collecting non-perishable food for St. Matthew’s Food Pantry which stocks the backpacks for the weekend. Food and unopened toiletries may be placed in the bins by the Fireside Room. Many thanks from your Mission Team.