

VALLEY CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL will be supporting the Ronald McDonald House this Christmas season by sponsoring a stuffed animal drive. We invite you to join us in this effort by donating a new, unwrapped stuffed animal to be given as a gift to a child staying at Ronald McDonald House. Donation bins will be located in the front entry and preschool wing through Thursday, December 13.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE! December 5, 5:45-7:00 PM. After dropping your child off for choir, feel free to take some free time for yourself while your child enjoys our Wednesday Night Live event. There is no charge for this event which will include a full dinner, holiday crafts, and a special Advent message for the children. A sign up sheet for WNL will be made available in the choir room as parental consent is needed for children to attend this event. All children are invited! Parents: from 5:00-6:00 pm in the Fireside Room, we have “Unplug the Christmas Machine” conversation happening! (See below)

UNPLUG THE CHRISTMAS MACHINE: Valley member Joyce Wood will be leading an informal conversation based on the book *Unplug the Christmas Machine* by Jo Robinson and Jean Coppock Staeheli. Participants need not purchase the book or read ahead. We will be meeting in the Fireside Room from 5:00-6:00 PM on Wednesday, December 5. If child care is needed, contact kurtztk@comcast.net.

Advent and Christmas at Valley

- December 1 Community Tree Lighting and Carol Sing, 5:00 PM
- December 2 Advent Craft Fair, 11 AM
- December 16 Christmas Pageant with Lessons and Carols, 10 AM
- December 23 Christmas Carols, 10 am
- December 24:
 - 6:00 PM Worship with the Children’s Nativity Tableau
 - 8:00 PM Candles and Carols

Valley Community Presbyterian Church Staff	
Jeff Binder.....	Pastor
Chuck Falconer and Jenny Hale	Pastoral Associates
David Jimerson	Minister of Music
Bob Hinson	Organist/Pianist
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CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE COMING WEEK		
November 25-December 2, 2018		
SUNDAY, November 25 9:00 AM Adult Education 9:15 AM Sanctuary Choir 9:30 AM Early Bird Coffee 10:00 AM Worship 11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship 11:30 AM Youth Choir 12:00 PM Calvary Presbyterian Worship Service 1:00 PM Calvary Presbyterian Fellowship Time	WEDNESDAY, November 28 8:00 AM Men’s Bible Study 5:00 PM Adult Education 5:00 PM Cherub Choir 5:00 PM King’s Kids Choir 6:00 PM Royal Ringers 6:00 PM Youth Service Night 7:00 PM Calvary Presbyterian Korean Church Bible Study	SATURDAY, December 1 9:00 AM Hanging of the Greens 5:00 PM Community Tree Lighting and Caroling
MONDAY, November 26 7:00 PM Girl Scouts 7:30 PM Boy Scouts 592 7:30 PM Girl Scouts	THURSDAY, November 29 6:00 PM Pack 592 7:00 PM High School Youth 7:15 PM Sanctuary Choir	SUNDAY, December 2 9:00 AM Adult Education 9:15 AM Sanctuary Choir 9:30 AM Early Bird Coffee 10:00 AM Worship 11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship 11:00 AM Advent Fair 12:00 PM Calvary Presbyterian Worship Service 12:30 PM Youth Choir 1:00 PM Calvary Presbyterian Fellowship Time
TUESDAY, November 27 10:15 AM Tai Chi Class 12:00 PM Staff Meeting		
Building Improvement Campaign Update (As of November 5, 2018)		
Total 3-year pledges		\$500,671
Pledges received - 86%		\$430,895
Outstanding pledges		\$69,776
Non-pledges received		\$93,656



SERVICE OF WORSHIP



VALLEY COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
NOVEMBER 25, 2018 10:00 AM
CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY
❖ 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 Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now J. S. Bach

ACOLYTES Paige Bedsaul and Claire Bedsaul

❖ WORDS OF PRAISE
We praise you, great God, for you are ruler of the universe, and have sent your Son to be King of kings.
Christ has triumphed over all the powers of this world in justice and righteousness.
We celebrate his victory in his life, death, resurrection, and ascension to honor at your side.
By your Spirit, claim our complete loyalty, establish Christ’s rule in every land and in every heart.
He is Lord forever and ever. Let us worship our God!

❖ OPENING HYMN The Church’s One Foundation Nº 321

OPENING PRAYER John Purcell, Liturgist
Righteous God, you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all.
We confess that we have not bowed before him, and are slow to acknowledge his rule.
We give allegiance to the powers of this world, and fail to be governed by justice and love.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Raise us to acclaim him as ruler of all,
that we may be loyal ambassadors, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ.

☸ Silence is kept ☸

- ❖ CONFESSIONAL RESPONSE Lord, Have Mercy upon Us N° 575
Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us; Lord, have mercy upon us.
- ❖ ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS & 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! N° 587

PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

TIME WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH Donna Carlson

ANTHEM I Looked and Behold a White Cloud Willan
Luke Smith, tenor

SCRIPTURE Jeremiah 32:6-15 Old Testament, p. 736
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE The Field Rev. Jeff Binder

RESPOND TO GOD’S GRACE

- ❖ HYMN OF RESPONSE My Life Flows On N° 821
- ❖ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Heidelberg Catechism
Since we have been delivered from our misery by grace through Christ without any merit of our own, why then should we do good works?
Because Christ, having redeemed us by his blood, is also restoring us by his Spirit into his image, so that with our whole lives we may show that we are thankful to God for his benefits, so that he may be praised through us, so that we may be assured of our faith by its fruits, and so that by our godly living our neighbors may be won over to Christ.

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

OFFERTORY God’s Time Is Best J. S. Bach
❖ Congregation rising, row by row, as ushers pass ❖

❖ DOXOLOGY N° 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 The Church of Christ in Every Age N° 320
- ❖ CHARGE & BENEDICTION
On this day we go out into the world proclaiming our true king in Christ Jesus!
On this day we go out into the world with grateful hearts for all that he has done for us.
Let us share God’s love for us with such gratitude and thankfulness.
May our very lives reflect God’s love and grace not just this holiday season, but each and every day.
Go out into the world to love and serve the Lord.
Alleluia! Amen.

POSTLUDE Grand Chorus in B flat Theodore Dubois
You are invited to remain seated to conclude worship with the postlude.

Community Tree Lighting



Saturday, December 1 at 5:00 PM.
Christmas Carols, Hot Chocolate & Cider Bar,
Fellowship and Fun!
Bring your family, friends, neighbors!

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 Daniel Nyounai and Imma Herrera upstairs in Davis Hall/ Gym. Enjoy coffee, tea, juice, and conversation!

ADULT EDUCATION CLASS: Join us for a return to a viewing and discussion of John Dominic Crossman’s “Faith and Reason” video series. We will take a look at ‘The Challenge of Paul’ and review Paul and Jesus in context. Join us! We meet from 9:00-9:50 AM Sunday mornings in Armitage Hall.

COMMUNITY TREE LIGHTING EVENT! Join us at 5:00 PM on Saturday, December 1 for Valley’s tree lighting event. Let’s start the Advent season off with Christmas carols and an outdoor tree lighting on Valley’s front lawn. Please come! Bring your neighbors and friends for hot cider, hot chocolate, cookies and carols. All are welcome!

ADVENT FAIR DECEMBER 2: Please plan on attending Valley’s traditional Advent Fair in Davis Hall/Gym following the 10:00 AM worship service on December 2. A light lunch of pizza and cider will be provided as the entire church will have fun making tree and Christmas decorations.

COOKIES... COOKIES... Let’s begin December by baking Christmas cookies! We need cookies for both the Community Tree Lighting and Advent Fair events.

MEMBERSHIP CLASS: Please join us at 11:30 AM on December 9 in Armitage Hall for a class about membership led by Pastor Jeff and Glenys Craig.

POINSETTIAS will enhance the sanctuary chancel on the third Sunday of Advent and Christmas in memory and honor of our loved ones. If you wish to participate, please provide the name of the honoree and a donation of \$15 noted to “VCPC Flower Fund” in an envelope, and place it in the offering plate, or deliver it to the church office by Monday, December 17. Honorees names will be published in the Christmas Eve bulletin. Participants may take their poinsettias home after Christmas Eve services.

THE SALVATION ARMY GIVING TREE is located in the front entryway. Valley is hosting a single mother and her teenage children. Take a tag and bring the *unwrapped* item (along with the tag) to be placed under the tree by 1:00 PM on Monday, December 10. Your generosity will ensure this family will have a very merry Christmas!

KIDZ MART is coming to Valley! Please bring in your new or gently used items to be donated to Kidz Mart. Donation bins are located in the church office lobby. Proceeds benefit Children’s Ministries.