

**KIDZ MART** is here! Kidz Mart offers children an opportunity to shop for Christmas gifts for their family, friends, and pets, under the guidance of our adult and teen shop keepers. Money received through sales will go to Children's Ministries. All adults and children are invited to shop today, December 16, after worship.

**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE** on Wednesday, December 19, 2:00-7:00 PM. Contact Karen Miller or Jim Sandberg to sign up or for more information.

**PASTOR JEFF HAS A NEW CELL NUMBER:** Please use 503.310.4310 for after hours pastoral emergencies.

**THANK YOU** for sending your check of \$35.50 for the 2019 Per Capita (for wider church expenses) for each Valley member.

**HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS:** The church office will be open from 10:00 AM-2:00 PM on Christmas Eve, December 24 as well as December 27-31. The office will be closed Tuesday, December 25 and Tuesday, January 1. Happy holidays!

**END OF YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS** must be postmarked by Monday, December 31, or received in the offering plate on Sunday, December 30 to be credited towards 2017 giving. We are a little behind our budget for giving this year and would like to end on a positive note!

**ONLINE GIVING AVAILABLE:** We have partnered with the Presbyterian Foundation to create simple ways to give back to the church through online tithes and offerings. Click on "Give Now" button on the front page of our website (valleycommunity.org) and that will take you to our online donation form.

### Advent and Christmas at Valley

☞ **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  
 Donna Carlson ..... Director of Children's Ministry  
 Preston Russell ..... Director of Youth Ministry  
 Amy Rheingans ..... Director of Youth & Children's Music  
 Anne Scarce ..... Preschool Director  
 Angela Graham ..... Publication & Office Administrator  
 AmyAnn Green ..... Business Manager  
 Alex Mendoza ..... Building Custodian

## CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE COMING WEEK

December 16-23, 2018

### SUNDAY, December 16

9:00 AM Adult Education  
 9:15 AM Sanctuary Choir  
 9:30 AM Early Bird Coffee  
 10:00 AM Worship-Christmas Pageant with Lessons and Carols  
 11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship  
 11:00 AM Kidz Mart  
 11:30 AM Dining for Women  
 11:30 AM Membership Comm.  
 12:00 PM Calvary Presbyterian Worship Service  
 1:00 PM Calvary Presbyterian Fellowship Time  
 2:00 PM Gail Neidhart Memorial and Reception  
 7:00 PM Scout Venture Crew

### MONDAY, December 17

10:00 AM Meals of Wheels  
 7:00 PM Girl Scouts  
 7:30 PM Boy Scouts 592  
 7:30 PM Girl Scouts

### TUESDAY, December 18

10:15 AM Tai Chi Class  
 12:00 PM Staff Meeting  
 7:00 PM Deacons Meeting

### WEDNESDAY, December 19

8:00 AM Men's Bible Study  
 2:00 PM Red Cross Blood Drive  
 5:00 PM Nativity Tableau Rehearsal  
 6:30 PM Youth Christmas Party  
 7:00 PM Calvary Presbyterian Korean Church Bible Study  
 7:00 PM Troop 592 Meeting

### THURSDAY, December 20

'The Messenger' Newsletter Deadline  
 8:00 AM Soup Kitchen  
 6:00 PM Pack 592  
 7:00 PM Youth House Alumni Christmas Dinner  
 7:15 PM Sanctuary Choir

### SUNDAY, December 23

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

#### Cast Information

**Mary and Joseph** ..... Sarah and Evan Martin  
**Baby Jesus** ..... Henry Martin  
**Cherub Angel** ..... Clara Martin  
**Angel of Annunciation** ..... Lindsay Kurtz  
**Angel of the Shepherds** ..... Ariel Derting  
**Flower Angels** ..... Lily Boyle, Ciara Crouse, Renee Flavell, Macy Vermillion  
**Mary's Angels** ..... Claire Baker, Paige Bedsaul, Annika Carlson, Georgia Hoffbeck, Olivia Hoffbeck, Elise Jenkins, Jacqueline Rheingans  
**Piper** ..... Maria Rinella  
**Shepherds** ..... Faith Bridges, Eric Browning, Hayden Bach, Kjel Carlson, Joshua Darwin  
**Wisemen and Train Bearers** ..... Bert and Lars Hoffbeck, Lyn and Claire Bedsaul, Paul and Duncan Brown

**Staging and Choreography** ..... Lizz Brown  
**Director of Sanctuary Choir** ..... David Jimerson  
**Director of Youth Choir and King's Kids** ..... Amy Rheingans  
**Director of Cherub Choir** ..... Lizz Brown  
**Sound Technicians** ..... David Derting and Steve Rees

# SERVICE OF WORSHIP



THIRD SUNDAY  
 OF  
*Advent*

VALLEY COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
 DECEMBER 16, 2018 ✠ 10:00 AM  
 CHRISTMAS PAGEANT WITH LESSONS AND CAROLS

❖ *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 *While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks* Gordon Young

ACOLYTES Hayden Bach and Kjel Carlson

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE John and Debbie Purcell, Henry Purcell, Lily Purcell

ADVENT RESPONSE *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (vv. 1, 2 & 3)* № 88  
*O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

*O come, thou Wisdom from on high, who orderest all things mightily: to us the path of knowledge show; and teach us in her ways to go. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

*O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes on Sinai's height in ancient times didst give the law in cloud and majesty and awe. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

## ❖ WORDS OF PRAISE

Birgitta Carlson

Sing to the Lord a new song;

**Sing to the Lord all the earth!**

Sing to the Lord and bless God's name;

**Tell the good news of salvation from day to day**

Declare God's glory among the nations, God's marvelous works among all peoples.

**For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised.**

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice.

**Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world, and those who live in it.**

Let the whole creation sing for joy at the presence of God, who is coming.

**God is coming indeed, to judge the earth with righteousness, and the peoples with equity and truth. Praise the Lord!**

## OFFERTORY

*Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne*

Matthews/Bock

❖ *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

## ❖ OPENING HYMN

*Once in Royal David's City*

Nº 140

## FIRST LESSON

*Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19*

Rev. Jeff Binder

Adam and Eve disobey God's command and disrupt the order and goodness of creation.

CAROL

*Oh Come, Little Children*

King's Kids; Ariel Derting, piano

## SECOND LESSON

*Genesis 22:15-18*

Donna Carlson

God promises that, through Abraham, all the peoples of the world will be blessed.

CAROL

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

Youth Choir; Lindsay Kurtz, Ariel Derting, soloists; Sue Derting, piano

## THIRD LESSON

*Isaiah 9:2, 6-7*

Birgitta Carlson

The people who walk in darkness receive the promise of the Messiah.

CAROL

*It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*

Nº 123

## FOURTH LESSON

*Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9*

Preston Russell

The Messiah will come from the root of Jesse to restore the peace of creation.

CAROL

*Lo, How a Rose*

Sanctuary Choir

## FIFTH LESSON

*Luke 1:26-35, 38*

Amelia Cardoza

An angel appears to Mary and announces that she will bear a Holy Child.

CAROL

*Still, Still, Still*

Sanctuary Choir

## SIXTH LESSON

*Luke 2:1-7*

Donna Carlson

Joseph and Mary travel to Bethlehem, where Mary gives birth to her child.

CAROL

*Away in a Manger*

Cherub Choir; King's Kids Choir;

Trio: Lars Hoffbeck, Sophie Vermillion, Ashley Stiller

## SEVENTH LESSON

*Luke 2:8-16*

Birgitta Carlson

Angels appear to the shepherds in the fields and announce the birth of the Messiah.

CAROL

*Angel's Carol*

Youth Choir

## EIGHTH LESSON

*Matthew 2:1-11*

Preston Russell

Magi from the East come seeking the Messiah and offer gifts to the baby Jesus.

CAROL

*We Three Kings of Orient Are*

Nº 151

## NINTH LESSON

*John 1:1-14*

Aaron Jenkins

The Word of God becomes flesh and lives among us, full of grace and truth.

CAROL

*Silent Night, Holy Night!*

Nº 122

King's Kids, v.1; Sanctuary Choir, v. 2;

Duncan Brown, solo, v. 3; Congregation, v. 4

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## ❖ CLOSING HYMN

*Joy to the World*

Nº 134

## ❖ CHARGE & BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

*Angels We Have Heard on High*

arr. Fred Bock

*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 Clippers Mariner Ship upstairs in Davis Hall/Gym. Enjoy coffee, tea, juice, and conversation!

**ADULT EDUCATION CLASS** will take a break until January. Join us at 9:00 AM in Armitage Hall for good coffee and conversation!

**THE CENTS-ABILITY OFFERING** will be received next Sunday, December 23 during worship.

**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.

**ALL CHILDREN ARE INVITED** to participate in the Nativity Tableau at the 6:00 PM Family Service on Christmas Eve. During the service, children age four through 5th grade will form the Nativity Scene on the chancel and sing *Away in a Manger*. All who are interested are asked to come to the short rehearsal on Wednesday, December 19 from 5:00-6:00 PM in the sanctuary. Parents with young children are asked to remain at the rehearsal. Please email amy@valleycommunity.org if your child/grandchild/relative would like to participate.

**CHRISTMAS MODEL TRAIN OPEN HOUSE:** Sunday, December 16, 4:00-8:00 PM at Shannon Pratt's home, 6677 SW Bancroft Way. Food and beverages provided. Bring family and friends, all are welcome!

**REVERSE ADVENT BOXES ARE HERE!** This is the third year we are counting down the days to Epiphany by placing items into a wrapped box. Please stop by during coffee fellowship to pick up your calendar and play along. All items collected will go to the Good Roots Church Pantry and Clothes Closet in Oak Grove. It is a blessing to be a blessing, sharing with those who have less.

**COATS AND WARM CLOTHES, HATS, SCARVES, AND GLOVES...** children's through adult sizes needed. Sophie Vermillion is collecting these items to pass on to children through the end of December. Please help her reach her goal! Items may be placed in the far right bin by the Fireside Room.