

PROJECT B.A.C.K.: Every year, Project BACK seeks donations of two sturdy backpacks for each child registered in the weekly food program. The packs are rotated: one pack goes home with about 30 pounds of food while the second is packed for the following week. Valley is again teaming up with Raleigh Park Elementary School and the St. Matthew's Food Pantry for the 2019/20 school year. Please donate sturdy backpacks through the end of September and place them in the food barrel by the Fireside Room. Thank you!

THE FRONT AND EAST DOORS will be locked during preschool hours (M-F 9:00 AM-1:00 PM) for the 2019/2020 school year. If you find the doors locked, please ring the doorbell to be buzzed in. If there is a scheduled event during preschool hours, the doors will be unlocked for the beginning of the event. Thank you for helping keep our young ones safe!

KICK OFF SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8: Join us for a day of teacher commissioning, backpack blessing, ministry fair and more! Begin with worship at 10:00 AM with a commissioning for teachers along with the blessing of the backpacks. 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!

SECOND HOME CELEBRATION, Saturday, September 7, 5:30-8:00 PM. Please join us for a celebration at Sherwood Center for the Arts which will feature a community and youth art sale, wine wall, and silent auction. All funds raised will go towards sustaining Second Home, which provides safe and stable homes for the unaccompanied high school students among us. Cost is \$35 which includes a light dinner. RSVP to Sophia Searce at sophia.searce@gmail.com, or purchase tickets online <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/second-home-celebration-2019-tickets-66597796803>.

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CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE COMING WEEK

August 25-September 1, 2019

<p>SUNDAY, August 25 9:30 AM Early Coffee 10:00 AM Worship 11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship 11:00 AM Small Groups Gathering 12:00 PM Calvary Presbyterian Worship Service 1:00 PM Calvary Presbyterian Fellowship Time 2:00 PM Scout Troop 592</p> <p>MONDAY, August 26 7:00 PM Girl Scouts 7:00 PM Troop 592 7:00 PM Boy Scouts</p>	<p>TUESDAY, August 27 8:30 AM First Aid/CPR Training 12:00 PM Church Office Opens</p> <p>WEDNESDAY, August 28 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study 8:00 AM Women's Aerobics 7:00 PM VCP Parent Orientation</p> <p>FRIDAY, August 30 Church Office Closed</p>	<p>SUNDAY, September 1 9:30 AM Early Coffee 10:00 AM Worship 11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship 11:30 PM Membership Comm. 12:00 PM Calvary Presbyterian Worship Service 1:00 PM Calvary Presbyterian Fellowship Time 2:00 PM Scout Troop 592</p>
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TREASURER'S REPORT FOR ADULT GIVING

(Through July 31, 2019)

	<u>Year to Date</u>		
	<u>Annual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Pledged	\$409,600	\$186,986	\$202,056
Non-pledge	\$55,050	\$32,113	\$25,881
Total	<u>\$464,650</u>	<u>\$219,099</u>	<u>\$227,937</u>



SERVICE OF WORSHIP



VALLEY COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

AUGUST 25, 2019 ✠ 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.

HYMN SING

ACOLYTES

Georgia Hoffbeck and Lars Hoffbeck

❖ **WORDS OF PRAISE**

Psalm 19

The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple;

the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes;

the fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.

Let us worship our Lord, who calls us into relationship; who calls us to worship.

❖ OPENING HYMN *This Is My Father's World* N^o 370

OPENING PRAYER Marshall Lauck, liturgist

O God, who called all life into being, the earth, sea and sky are yours.

Your presence is all around us, every atom is full of your energy.

Your spirit enlivens all who walk the earth, with her we yearn for justice to be done,

For creation to be freed from bondage, for the hungry to be fed,

For captives to be released,

For your kingdom of peace to come on earth.

☸ *Silence is kept* ☸

❖ RESPONSE *O Lord, Hear My Prayer* N^o 471

❖ ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Friends, in Jesus Christ we are offered the opportunity to repent and walk with him in forgiveness each and every day.

❖ 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 *God Is So Good* (v. 4, repeat) N^o 658
God is so good; God is so good; God is so good; God's so good to me.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH Donna Carlson

CENTS-ABILITY OFFERING

SOLO ANTHEM *I Stand Amazed* Sanborn
Luke Smith, tenor

SCRIPTURE *Esther 4:10-17* Old Testament, p. 447

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE *For Such A Time As This* Rev. Jeff Binder

RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

❖ HYMN OF RESPONSE *Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me* N^o 703

❖ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Theological Declaration of Barmen*
Precisely because we want to be and to remain faithful to our various Confessions, we may not keep silent, since we believe that we have been given a common message to utter in a time of common need and temptation. We commend to God what this may mean for the interrelations of the Church. Jesus Christ, as he is attested for us in Holy Scripture, is the one Word of God which we have to hear and which we have to trust and obey in life and in death. We reject the false doctrine, as though the church could and would have to acknowledge as a source of its proclamation, apart from and besides this one Word of God, still other events and powers, figures and truths, as God's revelation.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Jeff Binder

THE LORD'S PRAYER (p.35 in the hymnal)

ORGAN OFFERTORY

❖ *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.

❖ PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

SHARE THE GOOD NEWS

❖ CLOSING HYMN *When Peace like a River* N^o 840

❖ CHARGE & BLESSING *Iona Worship Book*

God, lead us, that we may stand firm in faith for justice.

Teach us love. Teach us compassion.

Above all, out of love and compassion,

Teach us to act.

Go out into the world to love and serve the Lord.

Alleluia! Amen.

POSTLUDE

Please 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.

EARLY BIRD COFFEE FELLOWSHIP every Sunday, 9:30 AM in the library. Stop by for coffee and conversation!

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP will be hosted by the Sanctuary Choir upstairs in Davis Hall/Gym. Enjoy coffee, tea, juice, and fellowship!

VALLEY KIDS in 1st through 5th grade and our middle school kids are invited to Sunday School in Room 17. Parents may pick up their children from Room 17 at any time.

IT IS SUMMER TIME! We will be having our wonderful soloists provide solo anthem music during the month of August. Also, we will resume our tradition of replacing the prelude with a "hymn-sing." Arrive a little early for church with a hymn number in mind. David Jimerson will be collecting hymn numbers before worship.

VALLEY COMMUNITY YOUTH CHOIRS: Valley is launching its Community Youth Choirs program with an intent to bring in the wider community. For more information or questions, contact Amy Rheingans at amy@valleycommunity.org or visit www.valleyyouthchoirs.org to register.

COME ON BOARD! Are you interested in joining a Mariner's Ship? All are invited to Armitage Hall on Sunday, September 15 at 6:00 PM to enjoy a Hawaiian themed dinner and hear about creating a new Mariner's Ship. Please RSVP by September 3 to Sandy Cundiff at 503.819.1265.

AS THE CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED ON FRIDAYS IN AUGUST, the production of the bulletin will be bumped up by a day. Please have announcements in to angie@valleycommunity.org by Wednesday of the week that you would like it in the bulletin. The announcements will also go in the e-blast.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED to help Nursery Care Coordinator, Christena Keller, on Sunday mornings during 10:00 AM worship. You would only be asked once every couple of months. Please contact Bev Hubbard at bevmahubb@aol.com.

MANY THANKS to the Starfish Mariners and Skippers Kay Hope and Richard Gold for hosting Soup Kitchen on August 15 at Bud Clark Commons. Starfish also hosted Soup Kitchen in February! Way to go!

THE BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS will be on September 15 during 10:00 AM worship. All of God's creatures are invited to attend! A board will be available in the gym beginning today to post photos of pets who are unable to attend or who have passed. The board will be blessed during the service.