

**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!

**THE RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE** is scheduled for Wednesday, September 25, 2:00-7:00 pm. Contact Karen Miller or Jim Sandberg to sign up.

**PROJECT B.A.C.K.:** Every year, Project BACK seeks donations of two sturdy backpacks for each child registered in the weekly food program. 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.

**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!

**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](mailto:sophia.searce@gmail.com), or purchase tickets online <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/second-home-celebration-2019-tickets-66597796803>.

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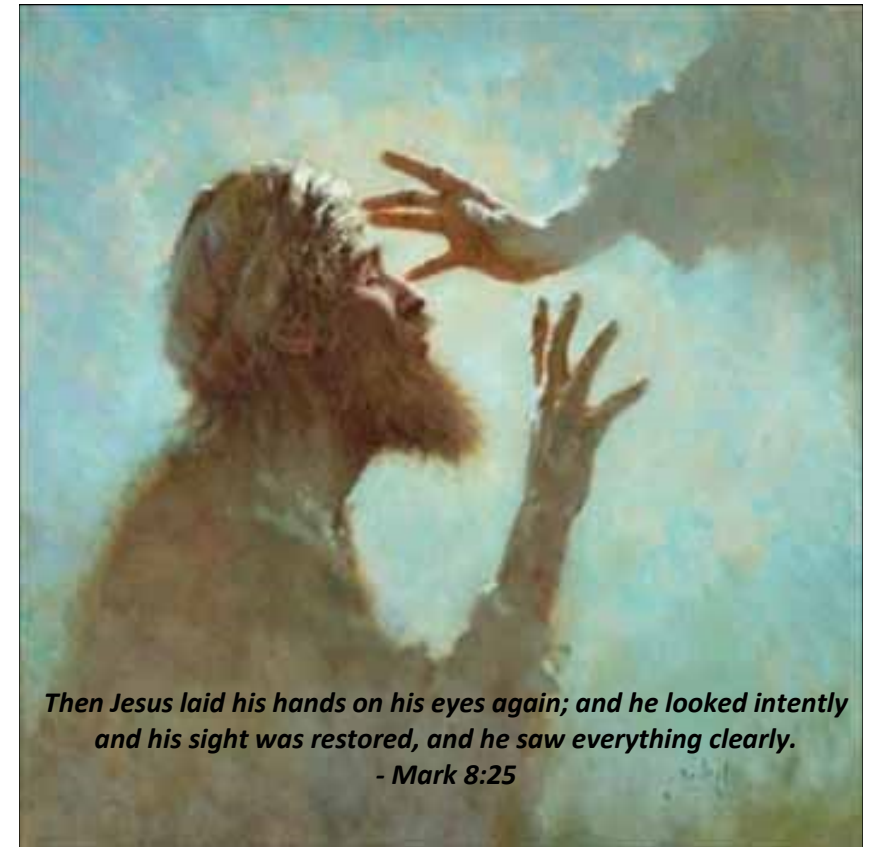
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CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE COMING WEEK		
September 1-8, 2019		
<b>SUNDAY, September 1</b> 9:30 AM Early Coffee <b>10:00 AM Worship</b> 11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship 11:30 PM Membership Comm. 12:00 PM Calvary Presbyterian Worship Service 1:00 PM Calvary Presbyterian Fellowship Time	<b>TUESDAY, September 3</b> 12:00 PM Staff Meeting 2:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:30 PM Christian Nurture for Children Meeting 6:30 PM Christian Nurture for Youth Meeting	<b>FRIDAY, September 6</b> 8:00 AM Women’s Aerobics <b>SUNDAY, September 8</b> <b>Kick Off Sunday</b> 9:30 AM Early Coffee <b>10:00 AM Worship</b> 11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship 11:30 PM Communication Committee 11:30 PM Ministry Fair 12:00 PM 9th Grade Luncheon 12:00 PM Calvary Presbyterian Worship Service 1:00 PM Calvary Presbyterian Fellowship Time
<b>MONDAY, September 2</b> <b>Labor Day - Church Office Closed</b> 7:00 PM Girl Scouts 7:00 PM PDX Highland Games	<b>WEDNESDAY, September 4</b> 8:00 AM Men’s Bible Study 8:00 AM Women’s Aerobics 9:30 AM TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)	<b>THURSDAY, September 5</b> 7:15 PM Sanctuary Choir

TREASURER’S REPORT FOR ADULT GIVING				
(Through July 31, 2019)				
	Year to Date			
	Annual	Budget	Actual	
Pledged	\$409,600	\$186,986	\$202,056	
Non-pledge	\$55,050	\$32,113	\$25,881	
Total	\$464,650	\$219,099	\$227,937	

# SERVICE OF WORSHIP



VALLEY COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
 SEPTEMBER 1, 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

Elise Jenkins and Aaron Jenkins

❖ WORDS OF PRAISE

Psalm 1

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;  
**but their delight is in the law of the Lord,**  
 and on his law they meditate day and night.  
**They are like trees planted by streams of water,**  
 which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither.  
**In all that they do, they prosper.**  
 Let us worship our God!

❖ OPENING HYMN *Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!* N<sup>o</sup> 305

PRAYER Clement of Rome (1st Century) Angela Graham, liturgist  
**O God Almighty, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Grant us, we pray, to be grounded and settled in your truth by the coming down of the Holy Spirit into our hearts. That which we know not, reveal; that which is wanting in us, fill up; that which we know, confirm; and keep us blameless in your service as we give all praise to you.**

⊗ *Silence is kept* ⊗

❖ RESPONSE *O Lord, Hear My Prayer* N<sup>o</sup> 471

❖ ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Our righteousness is found in Christ alone, a gift of God by faith. Beloved people of God, believe the good news: through the grace of Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

❖ 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. 1, repeat) N<sup>o</sup> 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

SCRIPTURE *Mark 8:22-26* New Testament, p. 43

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE *Not Quite* Rev. Jeff Binder

## RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

OFFERTORY *Be Thou Faithful Unto Death* (from St. Paul) Mendelssohn  
Luke Smith, tenor

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

❖ DOXOLOGY N<sup>o</sup> 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.***

## SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

God is with you!

**And also with you.**

People of faith, let us offer our prayers of joy and thanksgiving to God.

**Let us gladly celebrate with praise the presence of Christ.**

Let us pray.

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Cantor, Luke Smith

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*Please join in singing as you are able*

SHARING OF THE GIFTS OF BREAD AND CUP  
PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

## SHARE THE GOOD NEWS

❖ CLOSING HYMN *Men of Faith, Rise Up and Sing* N<sup>o</sup> 319

❖ CHARGE & BENEDICTION

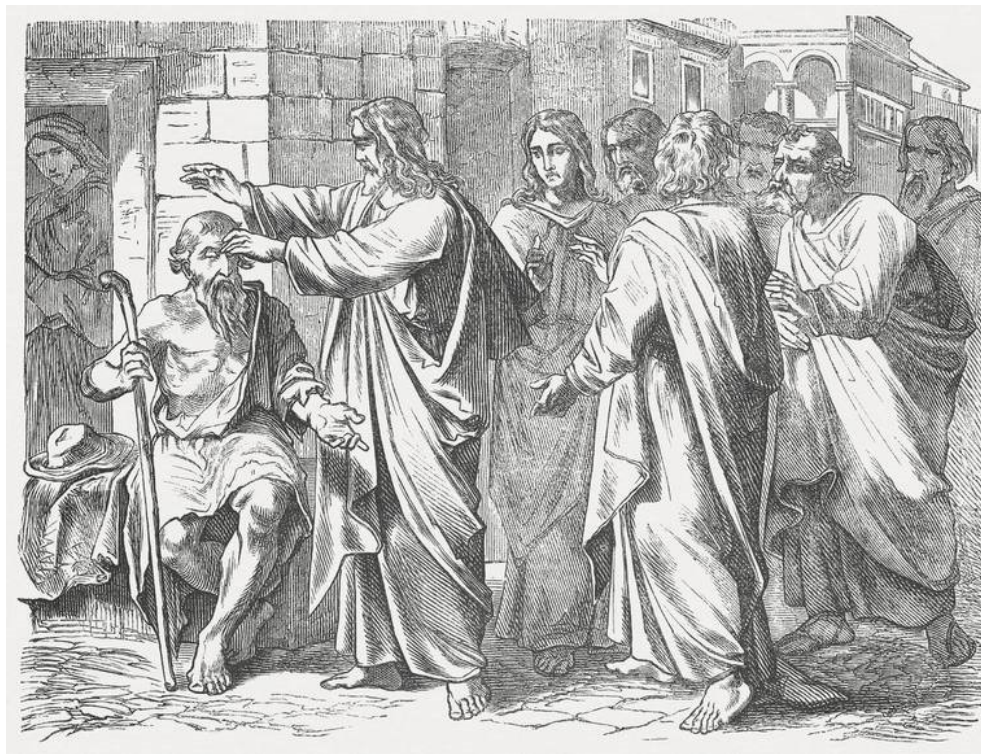
*Colossians 3:12-14*

As God's own, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, and patience, forgiving one another as the Lord has forgiven you, and crown all these things with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

**Alleluia! Amen.**

POSTLUDE

*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.

**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 Starfish Mariner Ship 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.

**COMMUNION CELEBRATION TODAY:** Nearly every country around the world uses a bun as a wrap for meat and/or vegetables. As we celebrate communion this month, we will sample a variety of buns representing a few countries. A gluten-free bread option is available in the red cup.

**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.

**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.

**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. Also, feel free to post photos and videos of your animal friends on Valley's Facebook page. An award will be given to the best video!

**COMMUNITY RECYCLING EVENT:** Valley's Earth Care team invites you to participate in our first ever Community Recycling event. On Saturday, September 21, 9:00 AM-1:00 PM, several community organizations will be located in the lower lot (TriMet Park n' Ride) one block south of the church. More information to come in the e-blast, bulletins, and on Valley's website and Facebook page.