

SPECIAL GUEST COMING ON OCTOBER 27: Erin Petty from Luke Dorf will give a Moment for Mission and then be at coffee fellowship to meet and greet us. She will also have food samples of the items they will have to offer at Mission Market in November.

AUTHOR JIM WALLIS will be at Powell's (Cedar Hills Crossing) on Monday, October 21 at 7:00 PM. Jim is the Sojourners' president and will be launching his new book, *Christ in Crisis: Why We Need to Reclaim Jesus*. Books will be available for sale at this free event and Jim will be signing copies after his talk.

MAGICAL COMEDY ACT to perform at Valley's Senior Lunch on Thursday, October 24 at noon. We are delighted to welcome Bob Eaton, who has entertained audiences for over 40 years. Bob will perform his special Halloween Magic show! All are invited to a \$5 lunch and fun entertainment!

VALLEY BOOK GROUP will meet Friday, October 25 in the Fireside Room at 10:00 AM to discuss *The Soul of America: The Battle for Our Better Angels* by Jon Meacham. All are welcome to bring their own coffee and to join in the discussion of this provoking and hope-filled book.

2019 KIDS FALL FESTIVAL AND TRUNK OR TREAT is Saturday, October 26, 2:00-5:00 PM. Outside and in the gym. Wear your costumes and enjoy the fall afternoon. Hot dogs and snacks will be served.

Volunteers still needed: We need more Trunk or Treat cars and volunteers in the gym to run the games. Please contact Donna Carlson at 503.442.9551 or Glenys Craig at g.craig@sbcglobal.net to volunteer. Thank you!

HEY EVERYONE: Once again, it is time to bring in your gently used donation items to the office lobby collection bin! Let's make this another great year to let our little ones purchase gifts for family, friends, and pets! We are especially needing items for dads, uncles, and grandpas! More details will follow in future bulletins and Messenger articles. All proceeds go to Children's Ministries.

Valley Community Presbyterian Church Staff

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CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE COMING WEEK

October 20-27, 2019

<p>SUNDAY, October 20 'The Messenger' Newsletter Deadline 9:15 AM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 9:30 AM Early Coffee 10:00 AM Worship 11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship 11:30 AM Bread for the World Bake Sale 11:30 AM Dining for Women 12:00 PM Calvary Presbyterian Worship Service 12:30 AM Armonia Choir 1:00 PM Calvary Presbyterian Fellowship Time 5:30 PM Cub Scout Pack 592 7:00 PM Scout Jamboree Committee</p> <p>MONDAY, October 21 10:00 AM Meals on Wheels 6:30 PM Scout Troop 5592 7:00 PM Girl Scouts 7:00 PM Scout Troop 592 7:30 PM Troop 5591</p>	<p>TUESDAY, October 22 12:00 PM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM Mission Endowment Committee</p> <p>WEDNESDAY, October 23 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study 8:00 AM Women's Aerobics 9:30 AM TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) 5:00 PM Cherub Choir 5:00 PM God and Family 5:00 PM Melodia Choir 6:00 PM Youth Group</p> <p>THURSDAY, October 24 12:00 PM Senior Luncheon 6:00 PM Pack 592 Meeting 7:15 PM Sanctuary Choir</p> <p>FRIDAY, October 25 8:00 AM Women's Aerobics 10:00 AM Gamble Library Book Group</p>	<p>SATURDAY, October 26 2:00 PM Community Fall Festival and Trunk-or-Treat</p> <p>SUNDAY, October 27 9:15 AM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 9:30 AM Early Coffee 10:00 AM Worship 11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship 12:00 PM Calvary Presbyterian Worship Service 12:30 PM Armonia Choir 1:00 PM Calvary Presbyterian Fellowship Time 3:00 PM Dorothy Wiley Memorial Reception</p>
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TREASURER'S REPORT FOR ADULT GIVING

(Through September 30, 2019)

	Year to Date		
	Annual	Budget	Actual
Pledged	\$409,600	\$236,972	\$260,189
Non-pledge	\$55,050	\$41,288	\$33,983
Total	\$464,650	\$278,260	\$294,172

SERVICE OF WORSHIP



VALLEY COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OCTOBER 20, 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.

PRELUDE

ACOLYTES

Elise Jenkins and Aaron Jenkins

❖ WORDS OF PRAISE

Based on *Jeremiah 31:27-34*

The days are surely coming, says the LORD,
when God will sow humanity with the seed of abundant life.

God will watch over us to build and to plant.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD,
 when the Lord will make a new covenant with all the earth.

God will put the law within us, and God will write it on our hearts;
"...and I will be their God, and they shall be my people."

No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD,"
for they shall all know the Lord, from the least of them to the greatest.

❖ OPENING HYMN

In Christ There Is No East or West

Nº 318

OPENING PRAYER

Diane Meyer, liturgist

God of all glory, on this first day you began creation, bringing light out of darkness. On this first day you began your new creation, raising Jesus Christ from the darkness of death. On this Lord's Day grant that we, the people you create by water and the Spirit, may be joined with all your works in praising you for your great glory. May we open our hearts to your revealing word in our lives today. Through Jesus Christ, in union with the Holy Spirit, we praise you now and forever.

☪ Silence is kept ☪

❖ RESPONSE *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying* N^o 469

❖ ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

❖ 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 *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!* N^o 591

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

CENTS-ABILITY OFFERING

CHILDREN (PRE K-5th GRADE) DISMISSED TO CLASS

ANTHEM *Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love* Everett Titcomb

SCRIPTURE *2 Corinthians 5:11-21* New Testament, p. 181
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE *Ecclesial Health* Rev. Jeff Binder

YOUTH (6th-12th GRADE) DISMISSED TO CLASS

RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

❖ HYMN OF RESPONSE *When in Our Music God Is Glorified* N^o 641

❖ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We are the salt of the earth. We are the light of the world. We are entrusted with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ. As the church, we are witnesses by both word and deed. As the church, we proclaim that God's life-giving Word and Spirit has conquered sin and death. We declare ourselves ready to venture out on the road of obedience and reconciliation-- servants of the God who wishes to bring about justice and true peace for the world.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Valerie Conner, Deacon

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

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 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* N^o 12

❖ CHARGE & BLESSING

God calls us to be the arms and feet of Christ for the world.

By your Spirit, may peace descend upon us that we may follow Christ with grateful hearts.

Take us and all we have to be useful in your service,
in the gracious name of Jesus Christ, your Son,
by the power of your Holy Spirit,
Alleluia! Amen.

POSTLUDE

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

The Seven Marks of Vital Congregations

1. Lifelong Discipleship Formation
2. Intentional Authentic Evangelism
3. Outward Incarnational Focus
4. Empower Servant Leadership
5. Spirit-Inspired Worship
6. Caring Relationships
7. Ecclesial Health



Reflection Questions

1. "Why are you here?" Why do you come to church?
2. How would you envision your "Future Church?"
3. How can you play a role in bringing about Valley's future?

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 Roberta Hahn, the Askews, and Amy Henning-Blair in the gym today. Enjoy coffee, tea, juice, and fellowship!

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES AT VALLEY - A series, *The Story of the Bible*, taught by Chuck Falconer will continue with a 30 minute video followed by a discussion period. Next Sunday's lesson will include: The Protestant Reformation and the Bible. All are invited to Armitage Hall at 9:00 AM on Sundays!

CHURCH CHECK UP: How's your blood pressure? How about your cholesterol numbers? Are you eating your veggies? Just like you, Valley Community needs regular check-ups. On Sunday, October 27, each person will have an opportunity to provide feedback about our church and share opinions on how we can best be Christ in our community. Surveys will be taken during our church service and available for a week in the church office or online. All are welcome to participate!

HONOR ALL SAINTS: On November 3 we will celebrate All Saints Day. Those who have died during the past year, since November 1, 2018, will have their names read and a candle lit in their honor during worship. Please provide names of any family members and close friends you wish to commemorate. Submit names to the church office or place them in the offering plate no later than Sunday, October 27. Write "All Saints" and the person's name.

OFRENDA FOR ALL SAINTS DAY: This year we will add an ofrenda to our worship service on November 3. The word *ofrenda* means offering in Spanish. Valley's version of an ofrenda will be a table with pictures of those who passed away. We welcome members and friends of the congregation to provide a framed picture (maximum size 8"x10") of anyone deceased they would like to commemorate no matter how long ago they died. Only friends and members who passed away in the last 12 months will have their names read and a candle lit. Please bring your pictures to the church office by October 31. Pictures may be picked up after the service or any time later in the church office.

DINING FOR WOMEN will meet today, October 20 at 11:30 AM in the Fireside Room where a potluck lunch will be enjoyed by all. Breaking the Bonds project will be the featured grantee. All are welcome to attend!