

**THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE** wishes to share its gratitude to those who have already responded with their 2020 Stewardship pledges to Valley. If you have not yet done so, blue pledge cards can be found in the pews, the narthex, or in the church office, and can be returned to the office. Your pledge helps Valley continue and grow its many missions. Thanks! **THANK YOU** for sending your check of \$36.50 for the 2020 Per Capita (for wider church expenses) for each Valley member. For more information about what per capita is and how it helps, go to [oga.pcusa.org/percapita](http://oga.pcusa.org/percapita).

**THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO NORTHERN EXPOSURE IS BACK!** Join us beginning Wednesday, January 22 at 6:00 pm in the Fireside Room for some warm beverages, a toasty fire, delicious snacks, and some great entertainment and conversation revolving around the 90's TV show, Northern Exposure. There are many themes and stories that have to do with spirituality, religion, and faith within these wonderful episodes. All are welcome to attend!

**DO YOU HAVE YOUR NAME BADGE YET?** Wear your name badge on Sundays to welcome visitors, meet new members and identify long-time members and friends. You may order yours with a strong magnet or pin. Request forms are available on the church office counter for new or replacement name badges.

**EYEGLASSES AND HEARING AIDS:** Thank you for donating to the Yellow Box in the stairwell to Davis Hall. Keep bringing your old prescription glasses and aids; these are taken to Third World Countries and distributed to those who need help seeing.

**VALLEY COMMUNITY YOUTH CHOIRS:** Valley has launched 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](mailto:amy@valleycommunity.org) or visit [www.valleyyouthchoirs.org](http://www.valleyyouthchoirs.org) to register.

**YOUTH GROUP** for 6th-12th grades will resume on Wednesdays beginning Jan. 8 in the Youth House.

**Valley Community Presbyterian Church Staff**

Rev. Jeff Binder ..... Pastor  
 Rev. Chuck Falconer and Rev. Jenny Hale ..... Pastoral Associates  
 David Jimerson ..... Minister of Music  
 Bob Hinson ..... Organist/Pianist  
 Anne Scearce ..... Director of Valley Christian Preschool  
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**CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE COMING WEEK**

January 5-12, 2020

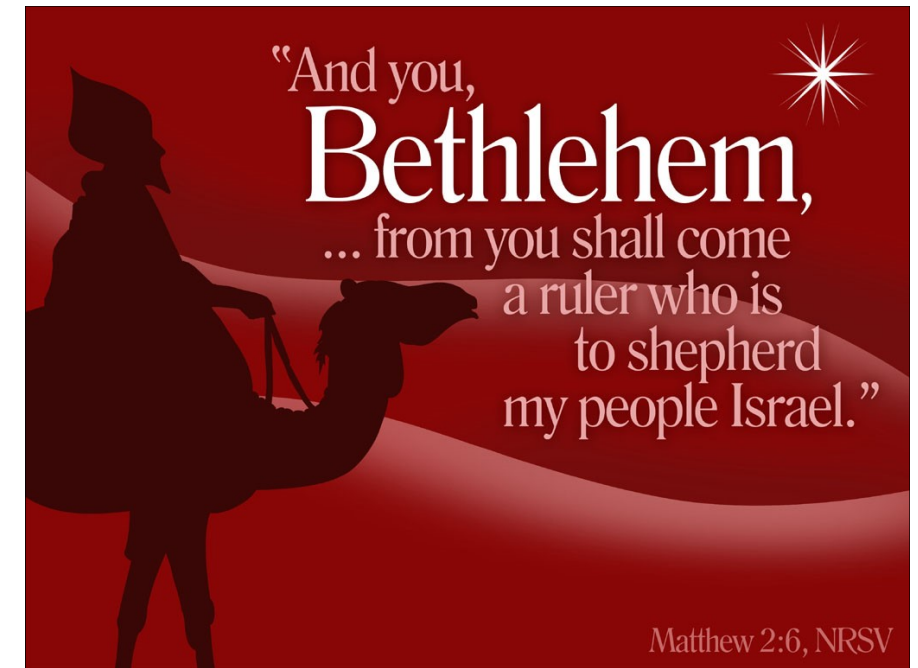
<p><b>SUNDAY, January 5</b>  <b>Epiphany Sunday</b>          9:15 AM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal          9:30 AM Early Coffee  <b>10:00 AM Worship</b>          11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship          11:00 AM Foundation Comm.          11:30 AM Clippers Mariner Ship Potluck          11:30 AM Membership Comm.          12:00 PM Calvary Presbyterian Worship Service          12:30 PM Armonia Choir          1:00 PM Calvary Presbyterian Fellowship Time</p> <p><b>MONDAY, January 6</b>          9:00 AM Personnel Comm.          1:30 PM Mission Committee          6:30 PM Scout Troop 5592          7:00 PM Finance Committee          7:00 PM Girl Scouts          7:00 PM Scout Troop 592          7:30 PM PDX Highland Games          7:30 PM Troop 5591</p>	<p><b>TUESDAY, January 7</b>          10:00 AM Women's Bible Study          11:30 AM Small Groups Mtg.          12:00 PM Staff Meeting          2:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry          4:00 PM Girl Scout Troop          6:00 PM Earth Day Meeting          6:30 PM Christian Nurture for Children          7:00 PM Christian Nurture for Youth          7:00 PM Earth Care Team</p> <p><b>WEDNESDAY, January 8</b>          8:00 AM Men's Bible Study          9:30 AM TOPS Meeting          10:00 AM Calvary Bible Study          10:00 AM CONC          5:00 PM Cherub Choir          5:00 PM Melodia Choir          6:00 PM Youth Group          6:30 PM Vital Congregations Task Force</p>	<p><b>THURSDAY, January 9</b>          4:00 PM Worship and Music          5:00 PM Music Selection Team          6:30 PM Sunset Trail BSA          7:15 PM Sanctuary Choir</p> <p><b>FRIDAY, January 10</b>          10:30 AM Calvary Prayer Meeting</p> <p><b>SATURDAY, January 11</b>          9:30 AM Starfish Packing Party          12:00 PM Staff Epiphany Party</p> <p><b>SUNDAY, January 12</b>          9:15 AM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal          9:30 AM Early Coffee  <b>10:00 AM Worship</b>          11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship          11:00 AM Foundation Comm.          11:30 AM Communication Committee          12:00 PM Calvary Presbyterian Worship Service          12:30 PM Armonia Choir          1:00 PM Calvary Presbyterian Fellowship Time</p>
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**TREASURER'S REPORT FOR ADULT GIVING**

(Through October 28, 2019)

	Year to Date		
	Annual	Budget	Actual
Pledged	\$409,600	\$266,632	\$296,312
Non-pledge	\$55,050	\$45,875	\$39,085
Total	\$464,650	\$312,507	\$335,397

**SERVICE OF WORSHIP**



**VALLEY COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**JANUARY 5, 2020 ✠ 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

Lars Hoffbeck and Aaron Jenkins

❖ WORDS OF PRAISE

*Isaiah 60*

Lift up your eyes and look around;  
**they all gather together, they come to you;**  
 your sons shall come from far away,  
**and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.**  
 Then you shall see and be radiant;  
**your heart shall thrill and rejoice,**  
 because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,  
**the wealth of the nations shall come to you.**  
 A multitude of camels shall cover you,  
**the young camels of Midian and Ephah;**  
 all those from Sheba shall come.  
**They shall bring gold and frankincense,**  
 and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

❖ OPENING HYMN *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* N<sup>o</sup> 132

OPENING PRAYER Gary Eaton, liturgist  
Today we honor the Christ Child, Emmanuel; God with us. Let us lift up our prayers to God who dwells among us.

**Eternal Wisdom, we acknowledge that all understanding and all life-giving counsel comes from you and belongs to you. Your ways are always highest and best; yet we have tried to fashion and follow our own way. We have clung to our darkness, rather than following your light. Forgive our selfish waywardness, and help us by your Spirit to follow the light of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.**

☪ *Silence is kept* ☪

❖ CONFSSIONAL RESPONSE *In My Life* (v. 1) N<sup>o</sup> 468  
***In my life, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.  
In my life, Lord, be glorified today.***

❖ ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS & PEACE  
Even in our daily living, God is with us, bringing peace to us. Receive God's rich blessing of peace and hope in Christ Jesus—we are forgiven!  
The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you!**  
❖ *Please greet those around you with the peace of Christ.* ❖

❖ RESPONSE OF PRAISE *The Lord Is My Light* N<sup>o</sup> 842

## PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

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

SCRIPTURE *John 1:1-18* New Testament, p. 91  
The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE *Word Became Flesh* Rev. Jeff Binder

## RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

❖ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Confession of 1967*  
**We believe in God, the creator of all things, the giver of life and breath. We believe in Jesus Christ, born Emmanuel, God with us, baptized and revealed the most beloved Son of God; he sought to heal humanity by taking our brokenness upon himself, suffering for us, dying for us and being raised from the dead for our sake and for the sake of all the world. We believe in the Holy Spirit, continually poured out refreshing our lives, leading us into a new day, ever-birthing the church, the body of Christ in the world. This Spirit is our soul companion and counselor of truth reminding us of the gift of faith, the ever presence of God and the promise of eternal life.**

CHORAL OFFERTORY *Assurance* Beck

❖ *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

SANCTUS *Holy, Holy, Holy* N<sup>o</sup> 559  
***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.***

THE LORD'S PRAYER Cantor, Adam Ramaley Malotte  
*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 *Love Has Come* N<sup>o</sup> 110

❖ CHARGE & BLESSING *Jeremiah 31*  
Hear the word of the LORD, O nations,  
**and declare it in the coastlands far away;**  
They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,  
**and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD,**  
their life shall become like a watered garden,  
**and they shall never languish again.**  
Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,  
**and the young men and the old shall be merry.**  
Let us share God's Word with the world!  
**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** following worship will be hosted by the Deacons in the gym today. Enjoy coffee, tea, juice, and fellowship!

**COMMUNION SUNDAY:** Christians in several countries, such as Russia, Ukraine, Serbia, Egypt, and Ethiopia, celebrate Eastern Orthodox Christmas which is January 7. Recognizing that nearly half of Eastern Orthodox Christians live in Russia, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper this month with a traditional dark Russian rye bread.

**VALLEY KIDS** (1st-5th grade) are invited to the gym for Sunday School and then will return to the sanctuary to celebrate the sacrament communion with their families. The youth (6th-12th grade) will remain with their families the entire service.

**SUNDAY ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES:** The Rev. Chuck Falconer will teach a series Sunday mornings at 9:00 am in Armitage Hall beginning January 5 based on the topic of The Story of the Bible. Each week will begin with a 30 minute video followed by a discussion period. Next week's lesson: The King James Version.  
**JOIN US** in the Gamble Library after church on January 12 any time before 12:30 PM to learn more about upcoming library projects. Show your support for the library updates and mission project.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS** for Kids' Night Out on Friday, January 17, 5:30-8:30 PM. Volunteers to help run the program are always needed and always appreciated! This outreach to our surrounding communities would not be possible without having our wonderful volunteers. If you are able to help, please contact Donna Carlson at donna@valleycommunity.org or text 503.442.9551.

**THE USHER TEAM** is in need of two additional ushers. The commitment would be to serve one Sunday in January, April, July and October. If you are able to help fill one of these spots, please contact Jim Sandberg at jim.sandberg@comcast.net.

**GET TO KNOW VALLEY** Community Meal and Chat: Interested in learning more about Valley Community Presbyterian Church? Please join us for a free Get to Know Valley Luncheon with Pastor Jeff and elders for an informal meal and chat. Contact Glenys Craig at g.craig@sbcglobal.net and we will set a time agreeable to all. For those who know they are interested in becoming a church member, please take this course to start the process.