

LIBRARY BOOK SALE will take place during coffee fellowship on February 9 and 16 in the gym. All proceeds will go towards new library materials.

THE PRAYER SHAWL KNIT-TOGETHER will meet in the office lobby on Tuesday, February 4 at 2:00 PM.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO NORTHERN EXPOSURE IS BACK! Join us Wednesdays through February 12 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.

THE FIRST LENTEN SEVEN MARKS CONVERSATION will be Sunday, February 16 at 11:30 AM and again on Wednesday, February 9 at 6:00 PM. The first mark is Lifelong Discipleship and Amy Dee will facilitate the conversation. Please join us for an hour to dive deeper into individual marks and join us for prayer and discernment on the topic.

ADULTS AND YOUTH! Kids’ Night Out could use YOU! Any length of time is greatly appreciated. Ways to participate include prepping and serving dinner, prepping crafts a week ahead, greeting parents to and from KNO, registration table, engaging with kids during open gym, serving dinner, movie time, craft time, and assisting the gym leader with structured game activities. Please contact Donna Carlson at 503.292.3537, text 503.442.9551, or email donna@valleycommunity.org.

GOT POTS? Here is another way to reuse some plastic. If you have stacks of planting pots taking up space in your gardening area, call Valerie Conner, 503.453.7193. The Washington County Master Gardeners will clean them and reuse for the plant sale. Valerie will pick up and deliver or you can bring to church on February 2.

THE WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY will meet Tuesday, February 4 at 11:00 AM in the lower Conference Room. Study books are available in the church office for \$10.

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CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE COMING WEEK		
February 2-9, 2020		
SUNDAY, February 2 9:00 AM Adult Education 9:15 AM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 9:30 AM Early Coffee 10:00 AM Worship 11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship 11:20 AM VCI Town Hall Mtg. 11:30 AM Armonia Choir 12:00 PM Calvary Presbyterian Worship Service 1:00 PM Calvary Presbyterian Fellowship Time	TUESDAY, February 4 10:00 AM Women’s Bible Study 12:00 PM Staff Meeting 2:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry 4:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 6:30 PM Christian Nurture for Children Meeting 7:00 PM Christian Nurture for Youth Meeting	FRIDAY, February 7 10:30 AM Calvary Prayer Meeting
MONDAY, February 3 9:00 AM Personnel Comm. 1:30 PM Mission Committee 6:30 PM Scout Troop 5592 7:00 PM Girl Scouts 7:00 PM Scout Troop 592 7:30 PM Troop 5591 7:30 PM PDX Highland Games	WEDNESDAY, February 5 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 5:30 PM Middle School Youth 6:00 PM Northern Exposure Class 6:00 PM Youth Group	SATURDAY, February 8 9:00 AM Bible Study Leaders Orientation 6:30 PM Navigator Mariners
	THURSDAY, February 6 5:00 PM Scout Leadership 6:00 PM Scout Den 592 7:15 PM Sanctuary Choir	SUNDAY, February 9 9:00 AM Adult Education 9:15 AM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 9:30 AM Early Coffee 10:00 AM Worship 11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship 11:00 AM Library Book Sale 11:15 AM Mariner Admiralty 11:30 AM Armonia Choir 12:00 PM Calvary Presbyterian Worship Service 1:00 PM Calvary Presbyterian Fellowship Time

TREASURER’S REPORT FOR ADULT GIVING			
(Through December 31, 2019)			
	Year to Date		
	Annual	Budget	Actual
Pledged	\$409,600	\$354,550	\$369,601
Non-pledge	\$55,050	\$55,050	\$58,643
Total	\$464,650	\$409,600	\$428,244

SERVICE OF WORSHIP



VALLEY COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
FEBRUARY 2, 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

❖ WORDS OF PRAISE *Iona Abbey Worship Book*

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.

❖ OPENING HYMN *For the Fruit of all Creation*

OPENING PRAYER Anthony Graham, liturgist
As we gather together as God’s children, we are in need of settling in, of quieting our hearts and minds, of centering ourselves.
Open our ears, Lord, and speak words of hope in our lives. Open our minds, Lord, and stimulate our thoughts toward you. Open our hearts, Lord, and break them for your will. We are here. We are present. Come, Holy Spirit, come.

☸ Silence is kept ☸

❖ CONFESSIONAL RESPONSE In My Life (v. 1) N^o 468
**In my life, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.
In my life, Lord, be glorified today.**

❖ ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS & PEACE
Friends, the good news is that when we walk in the presence of our creator, we walk in forgiveness, grace, and love. In Christ Jesus, we are new creations!

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^o 842
The Lord is my light, my light and salvation: in God I trust; in God I trust.

PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 New Testament, p. 166
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE Ode to the Cheesehead Rev. Jeff Binder

RESPOND TO GOD’S GRACE

❖ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Iona Abbey Worship Book
In the midst of hunger and war
We celebrate the promise of plenty and peace.
In the midst of oppression and tyranny
We celebrate the promise of service and freedom.
In the midst of doubt and despair
We celebrate the promise of faith and hope.
In the midst of fear and betrayal
We celebrate the promise of joy and loyalty.
In the midst of hatred and death
We celebrate the promise of love and life.
In the midst of sin and decay
We celebrate the promise of salvation and renewal.
In the midst of death on every side
We celebrate the promise of the living Christ.

CHORAL OFFERTORY A Vineyard Grows Scott
❖ 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.**

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^o 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, Luke Smith 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 O God, Show Mercy to Us N^o 341

❖ CHARGE & BENEDICTION Micah 6
God has told us, O mortals, what is good;
and what does the LORD require of us
but to do justice,
and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with our God.
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
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 Navigators Mariner Ship in the gym today. Enjoy coffee, tea, juice, and fellowship!

COMMUNION SUNDAY: This month we are celebrating the Lord’s Supper with a Greek Lagana flatbread, which is traditionally eaten only once each year on Shrove Monday (aka Clean Monday), the first day of Lent in the Greek Orthodox tradition. A gluten-free bread is available in the red bowl.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH are invited to remain in the sanctuary today to celebrate the Sacrament of Communion with their families.

SOUPERBOWL SUNDAY TODAY! Valley’s Youth will be participating in “Souperbowl” Sunday. We will be taking a collection after the service. All proceeds will be donated to Night Strike PDX, an organization that works to improve the lives of the unhoused population of Portland. Please join us in supporting Night Strike!

SUNDAY ADULT EDUCATION AT 9:00 AM: During February at 9:00 AM in Armitage Hall, we will continue the series “The Story of the Bible.” Class begins with a 30 minute video taught by Dr. Luke Timothy Johnson, Professor of Old Testament at Emory University, followed by a time for discussion. Next week’s lesson (February 9), The Renaissance, Printing, and the Bible, will be taught by Carol Powers.

LIBRARY BOOK THINNING OUT PROJECT: Use a small sticky note on the spine of a book you want us to keep. If there are a series of books or if you want us to keep all from a particular author, just note it in the notebooks.

THE VITAL CONGREGATIONS TASK FORCE will hold a Town Hall meeting today at 11:20 AM in Armitage Hall to answer your questions about the survey and the Vital Congregations process. Copies of the survey will be available.

STAINED GLASS PRESERVATION: Facilities recently launched a critical project to restore and preserve Valley’s stained glass windows. We’re seeking to raise \$45,000 through grants and special gifts from our Valley family. Contributions of any amount can be given during the offering or by mail designated “stained glass window fund.” David Marquis or Carol Powers will be available to answer questions during Sunday fellowship in Davis Hall.