

**ANNUAL MEETING:** The congregation's annual meeting has been called for Sunday, March 1, immediately following worship. Business includes voting to approve the Terms of Call for Pastor Jeff, and a presentation of our financial results for 2019 and the approved budget for 2020. There will be a time for questions and new business.

**ALL ARE INVITED TO THE SENIOR ADULT LUNCHEON!** We will gather at noon on Thursday, February 27 for a delicious lunch and an interesting presentation. Eric Wheeler, a Portland architectural historian, will join us to speak about the architecture of Valley and the history and development of our surrounding neighborhood. Lunch is \$5. Please call the church office if you need transportation.

**SMALL GROUPS:** St. Patrick's Day is coming up and what better way to celebrate it and meet some new friends is by attending the Murray Irish Dance performance at the Sherwood Art Center on March 8 at 3:00 pm. Tickets are \$5 per person. Afterwards, there are reservations for 20 people at the Smokeville Brew House, 5:00 pm. Please RSVP to Sandy Cundiff at 503.819.1265 via call or text.

**UPWARD INDOOR SOCCER CLINIC** registration is now open! Space is limited to the first 48 kids. Register online at <https://upward.org/leagues/491879750/Soccer>. The soccer clinic begins Sunday, March 1, 2:00-3:00 PM, and runs through May 17 (excluding Palm Sunday and Easter). There are two grade divisions: K/5-2nd grade and 3rd-6th grade. Cost is \$40 which includes a soccer t-shirt, water bottle and soccer ball. The head coach, Un Kim, is from Calvary Korean Presbyterian Church. Questions? Contact Brad and Donna Carlson at donna@valleycommunity.org or text 503.442.9551.

**SWEET TREATS** are needed for coffee fellowship time! Our Valley freezer is pretty empty and your help is needed to provide cookies and other delectable tidbits to enjoy with coffee on Sunday mornings. Please remember to label your contribution with a date. Thank you!

**Valley Community Presbyterian Church Staff**

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**CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE COMING WEEK**

February 23-March 1, 2020

<p><b>SUNDAY, February 23</b>          9:00 AM Adult Education          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 Chili Cook-off          11:20 AM VC Lenten Study          11:30 AM Armonia Choir          12:00 PM Calvary Presbyterian Worship Service          1:00 PM Calvary Presbyterian Fellowship Time          2:00 PM Beverly Helmer Memorial and Reception          5:30 PM Scout Jamboree Committee #2</p> <p><b>MONDAY, February 24</b>          6:00 PM VCP Board Meeting          6:30 PM Scout Troop 592          7:00 PM Girl Scouts          7:00 PM Scout Troop 592          7:30 PM Troop 5591</p>	<p><b>TUESDAY, February 25</b>          12:00 PM Staff Meeting          4:00 PM Brownie Troop          6:00 PM Valley "Cooks" Class</p> <p><b>WEDNESDAY, February 26</b>  <b>Ash Wednesday</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 All Youth Group          6:00 PM VC Lenten Bible Study  <b>7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Worship</b></p> <p><b>THURSDAY, February 27</b>          12:00 PM Senior Adult Lunch          4:30 PM Pack 592 Meeting          7:00 PM BSA District Meeting          7:15 PM Sanctuary Choir</p>	<p><b>FRIDAY, February 28</b>          10:00 AM Gamble Library Book Group          10:30 AM Calvary Prayer Mtg.</p> <p><b>SUNDAY, March 1</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 Congregational Mtg.          11:20 AM VC Lenten Study          11:30 AM Armonia Choir          11:30 AM Membership Comm.          12:00 PM Calvary Presbyterian Worship Service          1:00 PM Calvary Presbyterian Fellowship Time          2:00 PM Upward Soccer Clinic</p>
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**7 Marks of a Vital Congregation Conversations**

<b>Mark 2:</b> Feb. 23 and 26	<b>Intentional Authentic Evangelism</b>	Valerie Conner
<b>Mark 3:</b> Mar. 1 and 4	<b>Outward Incarnational Focus</b>	Connie Brenner
<b>Mark 4:</b> Mar. 8 and 11	<b>Empower Servant Leadership</b>	Carolyn Stennett
<b>Mark 5:</b> Mar. 15 and 18	<b>Spirit-Inspired Worship</b>	Brad Carlson
<b>Mark 6:</b> Mar. 22 and 25	<b>Ecclesial Health</b>	Chuck Falconer
<b>Mark 7:</b> Mar. 29 and Apr. 1	<b>Caring Relationships</b>	Joyce Wood

**SERVICE OF WORSHIP**



Artwork by Anthony Graham

VALLEY COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
 FEBRUARY 23, 2020 ✠ 10:00 AM  
 YOUTH SUNDAY

❖ 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 Scherzo Helman  
 New Spirit Ringers

❖ **WORDS OF PRAISE**  
 The heavens declare the glory of God.  
**The firmament proclaims God's handiwork.**  
 The plants and trees show God's presence.  
**Let us join with creation in praising God.**  
 The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,  
**the world and those who live in it.**  
 God has founded it on the seas,  
**and established it on the rivers.**

❖ **OPENING HYMN** Thy Word is a Lamp Unto My Feet (see insert)

## OPENING PRAYER

Giver of life, in the midst of a plundered earth, we groan with creation

**Have mercy on us**

Giver of life, in the midst of poisoned water, we groan with creation

**Have mercy on us**

Giver of life, in the midst of polluted air, we groan with creation

**Have mercy on us**

Giver of life, in the midst of mountains of waste, we groan with creation

**Have mercy on us**

Giver of life, in the midst of rising seas, we groan with creation

**Have mercy on us.**

☪ *Silence is kept* ☪

❖ **RESPONSE** *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying* N<sup>o</sup> 469  
**Lord, listen to your children praying. Lord, send your Spirit in this place.**  
**Lord, listen to your children praying. Send us love; send us power; send us grace.**

❖ **ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS & PEACE**  
In the water of baptism, God pours out mercy and blessing. Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace as you share that blessing with others and care for this good earth, that all creation may declare God's glory.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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<sup>o</sup> 591

## PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, your Word is a living word. By your Spirit awaken us, that we may see and hear your presence in the world and in the scripture that we read today. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our brother and guide.

**Amen.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC** *This Little Light of Mine*  
Cherub Choir and Melodia; Thomas Rheingans, piano

**SCRIPTURE** *Psalms 104* Old Testament, p. 554  
The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

**ANTHEM** *Lift Me Up* Beck  
Armonia and Sanctuary Choir; Greg Russell, piano

**MESSAGE** Anthony Graham and Olivia Hoffbeck

## RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

❖ **HYMN OF RESPONSE** *You Say* (see insert) Lauren Daigle

❖ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**  
**We believe in God above us, creator of all things, sustainer of all life. We believe in Christ beside us, companion and friend, redeemer of all the broken pieces of our universe. We believe in Spirit deep within us, advocate and guide, who lives with us eternally. We believe in God's resurrection created world, where all things are fixed, and all creation fits together in vibrant harmonies. We believe in God above, beside, within, God yesterday, today and forever, the three in one, the one in three, we believe in God.**

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

**OFFERTORY** *How Can I Keep From Singing* Chris Thomlin  
Sienna Hertefeld, solo

❖ *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.**

❖ **PRAYER OF GRATITUDE**

## SHARE THE GOOD NEWS

❖ **CLOSING HYMN** *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me* N<sup>o</sup> 700

❖ **CHARGE & BLESSING**  
May the One who creates us, go with and before us,  
May the One who saves us, lead us into everlasting life  
May the One who gives us wisdom, guide us in the way of peace.  
**Alleluia!**  
Go and join the song of creation, singing out in praise to God.  
Go and join the cries of creation, yearning for healing.  
Go and work for the healing and wholeness of all the earth.  
**Amen.**

**POSTLUDE** Thomas Rheingans  
*You are invited to remain seated to conclude worship with the Postlude.*

### Participating Youth

Hayden Bach, Claire Baker, Claire Bedsaul, Paige Bedsaul, Faith Bridges, Annika Carlson, Katie Craig, Ethan Ensrud, Anthony Graham, Zachary Graham, Georgia Hoffbeck, Lars Hoffbeck, Olivia Hoffbeck, Aaron Jenkins, Elise Jenkins, Maria Rinella, Sam Rheingans, Ashley Stiller, Kate Towner, Macy Vermillion, Sophie Vermillion

## 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!

**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 23), The Historical-Critical Approach, will be taught by Chuck Falconer.

**LENTEN 7 MARKS CONVERSATIONS:** Intentional Authentic Evangelism **TODAY** at 11:20 AM and Wednesday, February 26 at 6:00 PM in the Fireside Room. The second of the 7 Marks of Vital Congregations conversations today, February 23, at 11:20 AM in Armitage Hall. This week's topic will be taught by Valerie Conner.

**ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP ON FEBRUARY 26:** Join us for the burning of the palms at 6:30 PM followed by a service in the Sanctuary from 7:00-7:30 PM.

**STAINED GLASS PRESERVATION:** Valley has been blessed with many generous donations from our congregation for the stained glass preservation project. In addition, Presbytery of the Cascades has awarded us a \$10,000 Barnabus Grant. This brings the total donations to \$95,227. Other grand applications are pending. With these, we are confident we will soon reach our goal! Contributions for any amount, designated "Stained glass window fund," will still be gratefully received.

**CHILI COOK-OFF TODAY!** Valley Youth will be hosting its annual Chili Cook-Off directly after worship today. Admission to the event will be \$5 per person or a maximum of \$20 per family. We hope you can join us!

**DURING THE CHILI COOK-OFF,** Valley members and friends will have their **last chance** to pick up a vintage Valley 50th Anniversary Christmas ornament and one of a variety of Advent wreaths. These lovelies have been in storage and will be leaving the comfort of Valley's shelter after this weekend's offering!

**SMALL GROUPS** will begin Valley "Cooks" on Tuesday, February 24, 6:30-8:30 PM in the upstairs kitchen. This is the first of four classes. Group size limited to 8 to 12 people. A \$5 or more free will offering suggested. Email royjconner@msn.com to join! See the Messenger for details on upcoming classes.