

THE WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY will meet Tuesday, March 3 at 11:00 AM in the lower Conference Room. Study books are available in the office for \$10.

THE PRAYER SHAWL KNIT-TOGETHER will meet in the Fireside Room on Tuesday, March 3 at 2:00 PM.

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! K5-6th grade. Registration is still open and we welcome volunteers! Register online at <https://upward.org/leagues/491879750/Soccer> or when you arrive. Calvary's soccer clinic at Valley begins today, Sunday, March 1, 2:00-3:30 PM (excluding March 8 for a memorial service, April 5 which is Palm Sunday and April 12, Easter). We will have 10 practices as the younger kids learn the fundamentals and the more seasoned kids build on their skills and abilities. 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!

THE NEXT VALLEY HABITAT BUILD will be Saturday morning, May 9. For more information, contact Chuck Falconer.

A NEW FLOWER CALENDAR is available in the office lobby to sign up for flowers in the front entry. Contact Karen Acker if you have any questions.

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CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE COMING WEEK

March 1-8, 2020

SUNDAY, March 1	TUESDAY, March 3	THURSDAY, March 5
9:15 AM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	10:00 AM Women's Bible Study	5:00 PM Scout Leadership
9:30 AM Early Coffee	12:00 PM Staff Meeting	6:00 PM Scout Den 592
10:00 AM Worship	2:00 PM Prayer Shawl Meeting	7:15 PM Sanctuary Choir
11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship	4:00 PM Girl Scout Troop	FRIDAY, March 6
11:00 AM Congregational Mtg.	5:30 PM Facilities Committee	10:30 AM Calvary Prayer Mtg.
11:20 AM VC Lenten Study	6:30 PM Christian Nurture for Children Meeting	SUNDAY, March 8
11:30 AM Armonia Choir	7:00 PM Christian Nurture for Youth Meeting	9:15 AM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
11:30 AM Membership Comm.	WEDNESDAY, March 4	9:30 AM Early Coffee
12:00 PM Calvary Presbyterian Worship Service	8:00 AM Men's Bible Study	10:00 AM Worship
1:00 PM Calvary Presbyterian Fellowship Time	9:30 AM TOPS Meeting	11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship
2:00 PM Upward Soccer Clinic	10:00 AM Calvary Bible Study	11:00 AM Foundation Comm.
MONDAY, March 2	10:00 AM CONC	11:00 AM Youth Pancake Breakfast
1:30 PM Mission Committee	5:00 PM Cherub Choir	11:20 AM VC Lenten Study
6:30 PM Scout Troop 592	5:00 PM Melodia Choir	11:30 AM Armonia Choir
7:00 PM Girl Scouts	5:30 PM Middle School Youth	12:00 PM Calvary Presbyterian Worship Service
7:00 PM Scout Troop 592	6:00 PM VC Lenten Bible Study	1:00 PM Calvary Presbyterian Fellowship Time
7:30 PM Troop 5591	6:30 PM High School Youth	2:00 PM Upward Soccer Clinic
7:30 PM PDX Highland Games		2:30 PM Ruth Fisher Memorial

7 Marks of a Vital Congregation Conversations

Mark 3: Mar. 1 and 4	Outward Incarnational Focus	Connie Brenner
Mark 4: Mar. 8 and 11	Empower Servant Leadership	Carolyn Stennett
Mark 5: Mar. 15 and 18	Spirit-Inspired Worship	Brad Carlson
Mark 6: Mar. 22 and 25	Ecclesial Health	Chuck Falconer
Mark 7: Mar. 29 and Apr. 1	Caring Relationships	Joyce Wood

SERVICE OF WORSHIP



FIRST SUNDAY in Lent

VALLEY COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
 MARCH 1, 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

For forty days and nights the rain fell, and the waters covered the face of the earth.

Lead us, O Lord, from death to life.

For forty years the people wandered, seeking the land of God's promise.

Lead us, O Lord, from death to life.

Moses spent forty days on the mountain, learning the commandments of God.

Lead us, O Lord, from death to life.

Elijah traveled forty days in the wilderness to hear the voice of God in the silence.

Lead us, O Lord, from death to life.

Jonah cried out to the people of Nineveh: Repent, or in forty days you will perish.

Lead us, O Lord, from death to life.

Jesus fasted and prayed for forty days and was tested by the devil.

Lead us, O Lord, from death to life.

❖ OPENING HYMN

Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining

No 192

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *Psalm 32* Sam Connell, liturgist
Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

☪ Silence is kept ☪

❖ CONFESSIONAL RESPONSE *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind* N^o 169
Dear Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our foolish ways; reclothe us in our rightful mind, in purer lives thy service find, in deeper reverence, praise.

❖ ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS & PEACE

The Psalmist continues...

Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them. Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

❖ *Please greet those around you with the peace of Christ.* ❖

❖ RESPONSE OF PRAISE *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love* N^o 203
(refrain, verse 1, refrain)

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

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

SCRIPTURE *1 Corinthians 9:16-27* New Testament, p. 171

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE *Incarnational Christians* Rev. Jeff Binder

RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

❖ 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.

CHORAL OFFERTORY *Lamb of God* Christiansen

❖ *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

Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; let those who have no money come and eat.

God will satisfy our souls with a rich feast, and we will bless the Lord as long as we live.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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, Aaron Lange 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 *You Walk along Our Shoreline* N^o 170

❖ CHARGE & BENEDICTION

May the Spirit of the triune God strengthen and sustain you,
all throughout these forty days and into the life that is to come.

Go in peace, proclaiming the message of reconciliation God has entrusted to us.

Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

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 Clippers Mariner Ship in the gym today. Enjoy coffee, tea, juice, and fellowship!

COMMUNION TODAY: Potatoes have been a staple in the Irish diet for centuries, and this month we are celebrating the Lord's Supper with Irish potato bread. A gluten-free option is available in the red cup.

LENTEN 7 MARKS CONVERSATIONS: Outward Incarnational Focus **TODAY** at 11:20 AM and Wednesday, March 4 at 6:00 PM in the Fireside Room. The third of the 7 Marks of Vital Congregations conversations today, March 1, at 11:20 AM in Armitage Hall. This week's topic will be taught by Connie Brenner.

ANNUAL MEETING: The congregation's annual meeting has been called for **today**, 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.

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 \$96,677. 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.

VALLEY YOUTH, along with the Clippers Mariner Group, will hold their annual pancake breakfast fundraiser on Sunday, March 8. Help support the youth as they prepare for their upcoming mission trip to Puerto Rico!

COMMUNITY AWARDS BREAKFAST Saturday, March 14 at 9:00 AM. Everyone is invited to the annual Community Service Awards Breakfast to meet members of the police and sheriff departments. Awards will be given for community service as well as Valley's Man and Woman of the year.

SPRING IS IN THE AIR! Gardeners, it's time to start planning. Youth Ministry will be selling plant starts as part of fundraising for the Puerto Rico Mission trip starting March 15. Orders will be taken during coffee fellowship until April 5. Plants delivered May 2.