

EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE AND SPIRITUAL IDENTITY: What in the world is Emotional Intelligence and what does it have to do with our spiritual lives? Be sure to join us today, December 15, for the final class as Pastor Jeff leads a conversation stemming from his doctoral work and the work of Jim Herrington and others. Class will be from 11:15 AM-12:15 PM in Armitage Hall.

WE ARE SUPPORTING grassroots pantry for the fourth year with our reverse Advent calendar. For those wishing to participate during Advent through Epiphany (January 5), calendars will be available during coffee fellowship for suggested donations. You may also participate by placing something under the tree in the foyer after Christmas through January 5. Thank you from your Mission Committee.

SCOUT PACK 592 IS BECOMING A FAMILY PACK and are now welcoming boys and girls from Kindergarten through 5th grade. There will be an open house on December 19 at 7:00 PM for anyone interested. We will also be holding a sock drive. Bring new socks to the open house and we will use them at the “Snowball Carnival.” Contact Neal Wolff, Cubmaster Pack 592, for more information.

ST. MATTHEW’S LUTHERAN CHURCH is in need of volunteers to assist clients at the St. Matthew’s food pantry. Volunteers are needed to help wrap gifts and hand out gift and food baskets to clients. Sign up at <https://signup.com/go/zNsdFVW> for 2-hour shifts. Valley has been partnering with St. Matthew’s for some time with backpacks for elementary kids.

Christmas Eve at Valley

☞ **December 24:**

☞ **3:00 PM** Worship with the Children’s Nativity Tableau

☞ **8:00 PM** Candles and Carols

Valley Community Presbyterian Church Staff	
Jeff Binder	Pastor
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David Jimerson	Minister of Music
Bob Hinson	Organist/Pianist
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CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE COMING WEEK		
December 15-22, 2019		
SUNDAY, December 15 Third Sunday of Advent 9:00 AM Pageant Warm-ups 9:15 AM Sanctuary Choir 9:30 AM Early Coffee 10:00 AM Worship-Christmas Pageant 11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship 11:15 AM Emotional Intelligence Class 11:30 AM Kidz Mart 11:30 AM Dining for Women 12:00 PM Calvary Worship 1:00 PM Calvary Fellowship 5:30 PM Cub Scout Pack 592 7:00 PM Scout Jamboree MONDAY, December 16 10:00 AM Meals on Wheels 11:45 AM Kidz Mart 1:00 PM Kidz Mart 6:00 PM Girl Scouts 6:30 PM Scout Troop 5592 7:00 PM Girl Scouts 7:00 PM Scout Troop 592 7:30 PM Troop 5591	TUESDAY, December 17 11:45 AM Kidz Mart 12:00 PM Staff Meeting 1:00 PM Kidz Mart 4:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 6:30 PM Cub Scout Pack Mtg. 7:00 PM Deacons Meeting WEDNESDAY, December 18 8:00 AM Men’s Bible Study 9:30 AM TOPS 10:00 AM Calvary Bible Study 2:00 PM Red Cross Blood Drive 5:00 PM Cherub and Melodia 6:00 PM Youth Group 6:30 PM Vital Congregations Task Force 7:00 PM Scout Committee THURSDAY, December 19 12:00 PM Kidz Mart 6:00 PM Pack 592 Meeting 7:00 PM Pack 592 Family Pack 7:15 PM Sanctuary Choir	FRIDAY, December 20 ‘The Messenger’ Newsletter Deadline 10:30 AM Calvary Prayer Meeting 5:30 PM Kids’ Night Out SUNDAY, December 22 Fourth Sunday of Advent 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 1:00 PM Calvary Presbyterian Fellowship Time
Cast Information		
Mary and Baby JesusAllison and Ryan James Garcia JosephMarshall Lauck Angel of Annunciation Annika Carlson Angel of the Shepherds Hayden Bach Angels in WhiteClaire Bedsaul, Scarlett Grady, Lars Hoffbeck, Ashley Stiller, Sophie Vermillion Angels in Blue Claire Baker, Paige Bedsaul, Katie Craig, Georgia Hoffbeck, Elise Jenkins, Macy Vermillion PiperMaria Rinella ShepherdsEric Browming, Kjel Carlson, Max Warner Kings and Mini-KingsDavid and Turner Sanderman, Dave and Nick Browning, Tom and Henry Purcell Reader Raoul Bellis-Squires Pageant Director Lizz Brown Youth Choir Director Amy Rheingans Sanctuary Choir DirectorDavid Jimerson Organist Bob Hinson Pianist Greg Russell Sound TechnicianSteve Rees		

SERVICE OF WORSHIP



VALLEY COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DECEMBER 15, 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

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE Chad, Tina, Avery, Riley, and Henry Teed
We light this candle in hope. We light this candle in peace.
We light this candle in joy.

Let us pray... Most Holy God, on this day we wait for the coming of the Christ Child with joy. May we be reminded of the words of your prophets of old, as well as today. We yearn for their visions of justice, peace, and salvation to be realized today.
All: Let us walk in the light of the Lord. Amen.

ADVENT RESPONSE O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (vv. 1, 2, 3) Nº 88
O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Wisdom from on high, who orderest all things mightily: to us the path of knowledge show; and teach us in her ways to go. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, O come, though Lord of might, who to thy tribes on Sinai’s height in ancient times didst give the law in cloud and majesty and awe. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

❖ WORDS OF PRAISE Psalm 146
Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD
their God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them;
who keeps faith forever;
who executes justice for the oppressed;
who gives food to the hungry.
The LORD sets the prisoners free;
the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.
The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
the LORD loves the righteous.
The LORD watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the
widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.
The LORD will reign forever,
your God, O Zion, for all generations.
Praise the LORD!

❖ OPENING HYMN Once in Royal David’s City Nº 140

OPENING PRAYER Amy Dee, liturgist
**Almighty God, you sent your Son into our world, so that his light would banish
our darkness. We claim to rejoice in his light, yet we have turned away from it
time and time again. Let the fire of your Spirit purge us of all selfishness and
deceitfulness that cause us to hide in darkness. Enable us to live as children of
light, rejoicing in the hope and promise of our Lord’s coming kingdom.**

☸ Silence is kept ☸

❖ CONFESSIONAL RESPONSE Come to Us, O God

Come to us, O God! Be the hope within our longing. Dwell within us, O Light of the
world: O God with us Em-man - u - el.

❖ ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS & PEACE
Because of who God is in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and loved eternally.
Jesus Christ is the light of the world, the light no darkness can overcome.
Let us all be lovers of the light in Christ!
The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you!
❖ Please greet those around you with the peace of Christ. ❖

❖ RESPONSE OF PRAISE Alleluia! Nº 587

OFFERTORY
❖ Congregation rising, row by row, as ushers pass ❖

❖ DOXOLOGY Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow Nº 606

Christmas Pageant		
HYMN	<i>It Came Upon the Midnight Clear</i> (vv. 1, 2, 5)	Nº 123
ANTHEM	<i>Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming</i> Sanctuary Choir	M. Praetorius
READING ONE ANTHEM	<i>Still, Still, Still</i> Sanctuary Choir	Austrian Carol
READING TWO ANTHEM	<i>Away in a Manger</i> Cherub Choir, Melodia Choir, Angels in White	
SOLO	<i>While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks</i> Maria Rinella	
READING THREE POEM	<i>Shepherd’s Song at Christmas</i> The Shepherds	Langston Hughes
HYMN	<i>O Little Town of Bethlehem</i> (vv. 1, 2, 4)	Nº 121
ANTHEM	<i>Angel’s Carol</i> Armonia Choir	Rutter
READING FOUR HYMN	<i>We Three Kings of Orient Are</i>	Nº 151
HYMN	<i>Silent Night, Holy Night!</i> (vv. 1, 2) Solo on verse 3 by Turner Sanderman	Nº 122

❖ BLESSING & BENEDICTION Isaiah 35
A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way;
the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God’s people;
no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray.
No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;
they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there.
**And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with
singing;**
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
**they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee
away.**
Let us walk in the Holy Way of 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 Pageant Parents and Grandparents in the gym
today. Enjoy coffee, tea, juice, and fellowship!

VALLEY YOUTH COOKIE SALE IS TODAY! Cookies will
be available for sale today after worship. Small platter
(18 cookies) \$15; large platter (36 cookies) \$25;
decorated cookie, \$2.

POINSETTIAS will enhance the sanctuary chancel on
the third Sunday of Advent and Christmas in memory
and honor of our loved ones. If you wish to
participate, please provide the name of the honoree
and a donation of \$15 noted to “VCPC Flower Fund”
in an envelope, and place it in the offering plate or
deliver it to the church office by Sunday, December
22. Honorees’ names will be published in the
Christmas Eve bulletin. Participants may take their
poinsettias home after Christmas Eve services.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE will be held on December
18, 2:00-7:00 PM. Sign up during coffee fellowship
today. Help us reach our goal of 31 units of blood!

KIDZ MART: Hey Kids and Teens! Plan to drop by
Room 17 on the following dates to purchase great
gifts for your parents, grandparents, siblings, and
friends at incredibly low prices! Kidz Mart will be
open for your shopping pleasure on Sunday,
December 15 after worship until 1:00 PM; Monday,
December 16 from 11:45 AM-12:15 PM and 1:00-1:30
PM; Tuesday, December 17 from 11:45 AM-12:15 PM
and 1:00-1:30 PM; and Thursday, December 19 from
12:00-1:30 PM (kids and adults welcome!).

CHRISTMAS MODEL TRAIN OPEN HOUSE: Sunday,
December 15, 4:00-8:00 PM at Shannon Pratt’s home,
6677 SW Bancroft Way. Food and beverages
provided. Bring family and friends, all are welcome!

PLEASE BRING coats, hats and gloves to the bin
outside the Fireside Room before the end of
December. These items will help the coat drive for
Northwest Children’s Outreach.

KIDS’ NIGHT OUT December 20 from 5:30-8:30 PM
featuring “The Polar Express!” This is a Children’s
Ministry event for kids ages 3 1/2 years through 5th
grade. After our open gym time, the children have
dinner together as they watch a fun “G” rated movie.
During intermission, fun crafts and games are
available. The cost is \$10 per child or \$25 for three or
more siblings. RSVP to donna@valleycommunity.org.