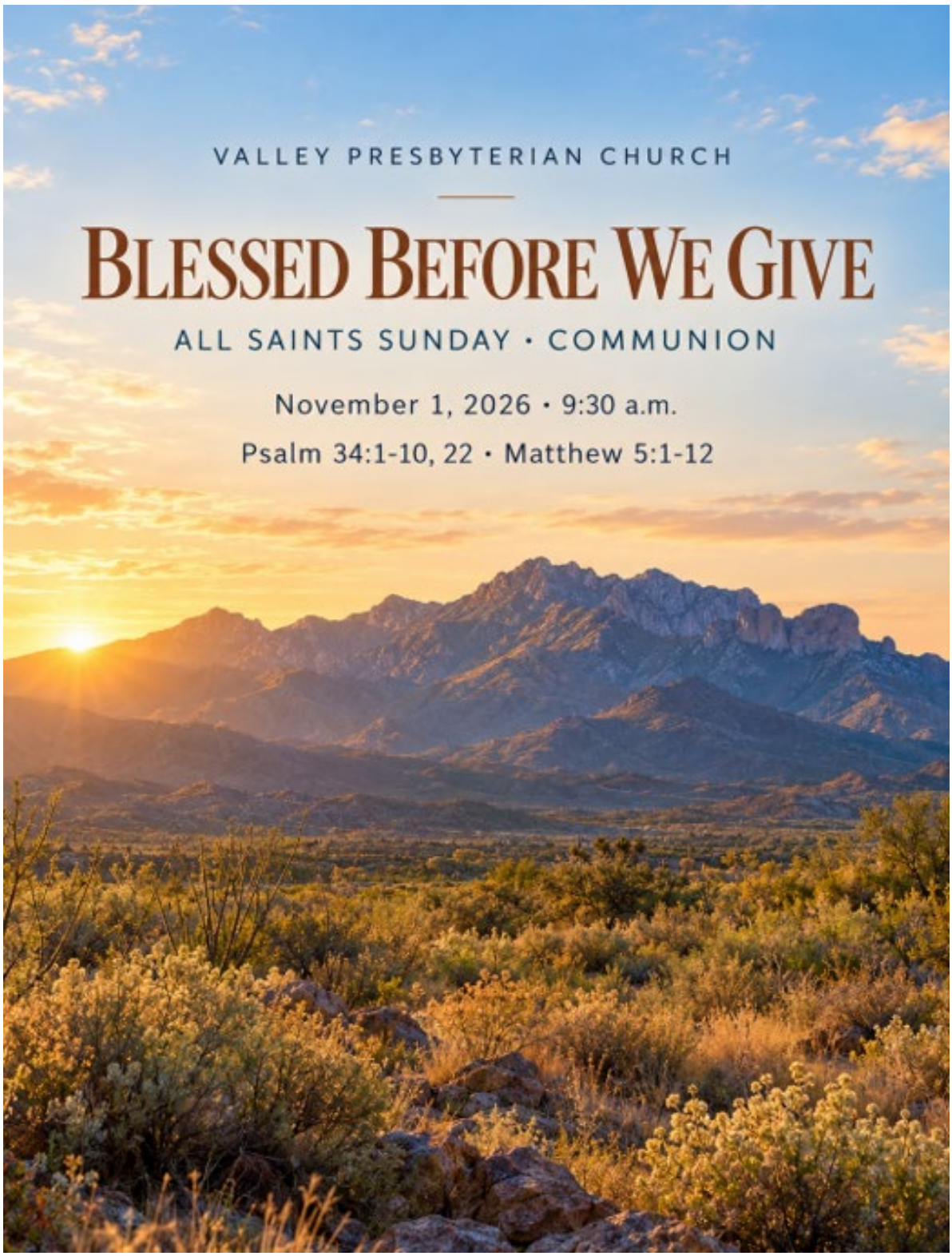

Sunday, November 1, 2026 • 9:30 a.m.

We Gather

Bold responses are spoken together. L = Leader • P = People
* Please stand as you are able.

Prelude *Make Me a Servant* Arr. T. Wilhelmi

Welcome and Announcements / Passing the Peace of Christ

Lighting the Christ Candle • Outpouring of Waters • Trinity Ringing

Call to Worship Bud Landry

L: I will bless the Lord at all times; God's praise shall continually be in my mouth.
P: We come with gratitude for the goodness God has given us.
L: Taste and see that the Lord is good.
P: We come to receive God's blessing and share it with joy.
L: Come, let us worship the God who gathers every generation in love.
P: We worship with thankful hearts.

* Opening Hymn | 35
Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

Prayer of Adoration

Gracious God, source of every good gift, you meet us with kindness and call us into life. You give us breath, community, beauty, and work worth doing. You gather us across generations and make room for each one at your table. Open our hearts to your goodness. Fill this worship with gladness, and make us ready to share what we have received.
In Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

Invitation to Confession

God's blessing is not a prize we earn. It is grace that meets us where we are and makes a new way possible. Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our need.

Silence for personal confession.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Generous God, you have given us more grace than we can measure, yet we often live as if we must provide for ourselves alone. We overlook the gifts around us. We hold tightly to what could be shared. We forget the people whose care has helped us become who we are.

Forgive us.

Open our hands and our attention. Teach us to receive your goodness with gratitude, to offer our gifts freely, and to make room for others to flourish. Shape us into a people whose lives tell the story of your generous love. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

L: Hear the good news: God's love has come near to us in Jesus Christ. We are forgiven, restored, and welcomed into the life God gives.

P: Thanks be to God! Amen.

*Gloria Patri

Glory Be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen, Amen.

We Listen

Time with Young Disciples

Prayer of Illumination

God of wisdom, as we hear your Word, quiet the noise that crowds our hearts. Let your promises take root in us. Give us the grace to see where your blessing is already at work, and the courage to share it. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 34:1-10,22 (NRSV)

Praise for Deliverance from Trouble of David, when he feigned madness before Abimelech, so that he drove him out, and he went away.

1 I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. [2] My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad. [3]O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together. [4] I sought the Lord, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears. [5] Look to him, and be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed. [6] This poor soul cried, and was heard by the Lord, and was saved from every trouble. [7] The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them. [8] O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in him. [9] O fear the Lord, you his holy ones, for those who fear him have no want. [10] The young lions suffer want and hunger, but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing. **22** The Lord redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

Anthem *For the Bread Which You Have Broken* G. Martin

The Gospel

New Testament Reading – Matthew 5:1-12 (NRSV)

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven."

L: The words of God, for the people of God.

P: Thanks be to God.

The Message

"Blessed Before We Give" Rev. Beaver

We Respond

*** Affirmation of Faith** The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.

Amen.

* Hymn of Response | 716

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

Offering and Prayer

Invitation to the Offering

God's generosity has reached us through people who gave their time, their care, and what they had. Our offering joins that continuing work. Let us return our gifts to God.

Offertory *Nearer, Still Nearer* J. Darwall/Arr. D. Forrest

* Doxology

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.

Communion

Prayers of Dedication Prayer of Thanksgiving / Lord's Prayer(sung)*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who have sinned against us.

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

We Go

* Closing Hymn | 269
Lead On, O King Eternal!

* Charge and Benediction

As you go, remember that the person in front of you has a life you cannot fully see. Make room to listen. Offer the kindness that is yours to give. The love of Christ has already reached you. You go in that love.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you always. Amen.

* Postlude *Holy, Is the Lord* Arr. A. Page

Life at Valley

After Worship

Join us for coffee, cookies, and conversation in Fellowship Hall. Stay a while, visit with friends, and make some new ones.

Everyone is welcome!

New to Valley?

Visiting with us today? We invite you to stop by one of our Welcome Centers or visit the Visitor's Table in Fellowship Hall following worship. *We would love to meet you!*

Stay connected

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This Week at Valley

November 1 – November 7

Today's flowers Given by

Donaldina Joung – In Memory of her mother Helen.
James and Su Van Valen – Thanking the congregation for the get-well cards.
Maureen and Chuck Ramsay – Celebrating their 30th wedding Anniversary.

Hospital or Rehab

Please remember Marcia MacDonald and Parkie Copeland

Today after Worship

Cookies and Coffee Fellowship Hall • Everyone is welcome.

Seekers Bible Study with Chuck Ramsay • 10:45 a.m. • Classroom 5

New Members Class • 11:00 a.m. • Classroom 1

Monday

Parkinson's Chair Exercise 9:00 a.m. • Charter Hall
Free class for people who have Parkinson's.

Mission Quilters • 9:30 a.m. • Fellowship Hall

Bible Study • 1:00 p.m. • Classroom 5

Tuesday and Wednesday

Tuesday

Holiday Plus Sale Setup • 8:30 a.m. • Fellowship Hall

Women's Coordinating Team Meeting •9:00 a.m. • Classroom 5

Cardio Drumming 9:00 a.m. • Fellowship Hall • All are welcome.

Prayer Ministry 9:30 a.m. • Sweet Family Room

Elders and Deacon Training • 10:30 a.m. • Classroom 1

Line Dancing with Steve & Nancy • Fellowship Hall

Noon — Beginners Class
Intermediate and Advanced combined • 1:00 p.m.

Joyful Spirit Ensemble • 2:15 p.m. • Sweet Family Room

Wednesday

Holliday Plus Sale Setup • 8:00 a.m. • Fellowship Hall

PEO – CA •8:30 a.m. • Sweet Family Room

Parkinson's Chair Exercise 9:00 a.m. • Charter Hall

Men's Bible Study 9:00 a.m. • Classroom 1

Chair Exercise with Mia 10:00 a.m. • Charter Hall

Elders and Deacon Training • 10:30 a.m. • Classroom 1

Handbell Rehearsal 2:00 p.m. • Sweet Family Room

Choir Rehearsal 3:15 p.m. • Sanctuary

Thursday and Friday

Thursday

Holiday Plus Sale – Prep •8:00a.m. • Fellowship Hall

Rock Painting Class • 11:00 a.m. • Classroom 1

Why Do Presbyterians Do That? •1:00 p.m. • Classroom 5

Why Can't the Pastor Just Decide?

The Chosen November 5 • 2:00 p.m. • Spiritual Life Center
Jesus cleanses the Temple. One reviewer described it as "chaotic, emotional, and riveting."

Friday

Holiday Plus Sale •8:00a.m. • (Friday and Saturday) 8:00 a.m.

Breath as Prayer 1:00 p.m. • Classroom 5.

Looking Ahead at Valley

New Members Class • November 1st & 8th • Classroom 1 • 11:00 a.m.

November 8th – Crossroads Mission & Valley Assisted Services Sunday

Yoga with Josie Returns - starting November 10, 10:00 a.m. and November 13, 8:00 a.m. $.5. a class. Fellowship Hall.

Weekly Rock Painting Class • 11:00 a.m. Classroom 1. Free to attend

Why Do Presbyterians Do That Thursdays, November12
1:00 p.m. • Classroom 5. What do Presbyterians Actually Believe? If you missed a class, replays are available on your website. www.valleypres.net

Breath as a Prayer Fridays, October 23–November 20, 1:00 p.m. Classroom 5 Join Linda Piotrowski and others for a peaceful time of reflection as we quiet our minds, open our hearts and listen for the gentle voice of God.

Mission Breakfast – Saturday, November 14, Nogales Crossroads Mission.

Thanksgiving Hymn Sing November 20 •2:00p.m. • Spiritual Life Center.

Thanksgiving Dinner • 1:00p.m. • Fellowship Hall• Everyone Welcome. Register November 8, 15, and 22 in the Charter Hall after Worship.

Worship on October 25

Sanctuary attendance: 200•Online viewing: 70

YTD 10,222 Sanctuary attendance, only viewing 4015

Monthly giving support – 40,422

Monthly giving budget – 62,500
YTD giving support – 544,235

YTD giving budget – 562,500

All Saints' Day

NOVEMBER 2026

VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

In Loving Memory

of Those Who Have Gone Before Us

NAME	DATE OF PASSING
Jane Bond	January 4, 2025
William Bond	October 8, 2025
Ron Bell	December 2, 2025
Lois Nicholson	December 3, 2025
Mike Yoder	December 27, 2025
Edgar Truitt	December 21, 2025
Dian Jansma (Welsh)	December 24, 2025
Paula Chervenka	December 31, 2025
Clayton Messelt	January 12, 2026
Earl Yarborough	February 7, 2026
Jim Brownlee	March 10, 2026
Donna Troxel	March 10, 2026
Bill Bodle	March 18, 2026

NAME	DATE OF PASSING
Vic Valade	March 27, 2026
Kathy Knoop	April 1, 2026
Laura Penton-Williams	April 4, 2026
Dorothy Stough	April 22, 2026
Phillip Conklin	April 27, 2026
Fran Williams	April 28, 2026
Hazel Kern	May 24, 2026
Thomas Macfarlane	May 24, 2026
Pam Peake	June 12, 2026
Richard Lindquist	July 10, 2026
John (Jack) Carter	August 1, 2026
Geraldine (Gerry) Appleton	August 13, 2026
Larry Sharp	September 5, 2026
Gail Seibert	September 20, 2026
Dorothy Sauder	October 18, 2026

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted."

MATTHEW 5:4