Large-print worship bulletin

Sunday, October 18, 2026 • 9:30 a.m.

We gather

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

Prelude *Day By Day* O. Ahnfelt/Arr. G. Lanier
Ellen Entwistle, Flute Pam Coggoms, Oboe

Welcome and Announcements / Passing the Peace of Christ

Lighting the Christ Candle • Outpouring of Waters • Trinity Ringing

Call to Worship Linda Freeman

Inspired by Psalm 99

L: The Lord reigns over all the earth.

P: Let all creation rejoice in God's presence.

L: God is holy, and God's faithfulness endures through every generation.

P: We come with gratitude, trusting in God's steadfast love.

L: We belong to the One who created us, knows us, and calls us by name.

P: Let us worship God with glad and thankful hearts.

* Opening Hymn | 307
God of Grace and God of Glory

Prayer of Adoration

Let us pray. Holy and gracious God, before we ever knew your name, you knew ours. We come before you this morning grateful for the gift of life and for the people with whom we share it. Help us set aside the distractions that compete for our attention. Open our hearts to your Word, our minds to your truth, and our lives to the work of your Spirit. May everything we say and do in worship bring honor to you. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Confession and forgiveness

Invitation to Confession

So many voices compete for our attention that we sometimes forget whose we are. Yet God's mercy remains faithful, even when we lose our way. Trusting in that grace, let us confess our sins together.

Silence for personal confession.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, You created us in your image, yet we so easily forget whose we are. We let fear guide us, the world define our worth, and our differences divide us. We are quick to judge and slow to recognize your image in those we find hardest to love.

Forgive us. Open our eyes to one another. Restore our trust in your grace, and remind us that we belong to you, and so do they. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

L: Friends, hear the good news. God's love for us did not begin when we learned to be faithful. God loved us first. In Jesus Christ, we are met with mercy, welcomed into grace, and given the freedom to begin again. Our sins do not have the final word.

P: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. 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

Old Testament reading

Exodus 33:12–23 (NRSV)

12 Moses said to the Lord, “See, you have said to me, ‘Bring up
this people’; but you have not let me know whom you will send
with me. Yet you have said, ‘I know you by name, and you have
also found favor in my sight.’ 13 Now if I have found favor in
your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and
find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your
people.”

14 God said, “My presence will go with you, and I will give you
rest.” 15 And he said to him, “If your presence will not go, do
not carry us up from here. 16 For how shall it be known that I
have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go
with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people,
from every people on the face of the earth.” 17 The Lord said
to Moses, “I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you
have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name.”

18 Moses said, “Show me your glory, I pray.” 19 And he said, “I
will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim
before you the name, ‘The Lord’; and I will be gracious to
whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will
show mercy. 20 But,” he said, “you cannot see my face; for no
one shall see me and live.” 21 And the Lord continued, “See,
there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; 22
and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the
rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by;
23 then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back;
but my face shall not be seen.”

Anthem

What a Wonderful World with This is My Father's World

Arr. J. Miller

This is my Father's world, and to my list'ning ears
All nature sings, and 'round me ring the music of the spheres.

I see trees of green, red roses too,
I see them bloom for me and you,
And I think to myself what a wonderful world.

This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas
His hand the wonders wrought.

I see skies of blue, clouds of white,
Bright blessed day, dark sacred night,
And I think to myself what a wonderful world.

This is my Father's world. Why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King, let the heavens ring,
God reigns, let the earth be glad.

The colors of the rainbow, so pretty in the sky
Are also on the faces of people goin' by.
I see friends shakin' hands, sayin' "How do you do!"
They're really sayin' "I love you."

I hear babies cry, I watch them grow.
They'll learn much more than I'll ever know.
And I think to myself what a wonderful world God has made.
Yes, I think to myself what a wonderful world

The Gospel

Matthew 22:15–22 (NRSV)

15 Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said.
16 So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying,
"Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in
accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not
regard people with partiality. 17 Tell us, then, what you think. Is it
lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?"

18 But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to
the test, you hypocrites? 19 Show me the coin used for the tax." And
they brought him a denarius.

20 Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" 21
They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give
therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God
the things that are God's." 22 When they heard this, they were amazed;
and they left him and went away.

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

P: Thanks be to God.

The Message

There Is a Place

The Reverend Blair 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 | 840
It Is Well with My Soul

Offering and prayer

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Glorious Things of You are Spoken Arr. K. Bayer

Ellen Entwistle, Flute Pam Coggins, Oboe

* 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.

* Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People / Lord's Prayer

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 | 547

Go My Children with My Blessing

* Charge and Benediction

Whatever you are waiting for, whatever remains unfinished, whatever you cannot yet see, go into this week without needing to know everything that comes next. Love the person in front of you. Receive the grace given for today. And trust the God who is already ahead of you. The Lord is near. Amen.

* Postlude *Fugue in D Major* J.S. Bach

There is room for you here

Welcome to Valley

Wherever you are on your journey of faith, there is room for you here. We're glad you've joined us.

Some arrive with deep faith. Some arrive carrying questions. Wherever you are on the journey, you are welcome in this place.

After worship

Please join us for coffee and cookies in Fellowship Hall after worship.

New to Valley?

Visitor information is available at the Welcome Centers and the Visitor's Table during fellowship after the service.

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This Week at Valley

October 11–17, 2026

Today's flowers

Are given by Jan Farrington, In Memory of Don Farrington

Hospital or rehab

Please remember Marcia MacDonald.

Today after worship

Coffee and Cookies Fellowship Hall • Everyone is welcome.

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

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

Journey Through Grief 1:00 p.m. • Sweet Family Room

Ruth Circle, **Women's Bible Study** 2:30 p.m. • Classroom 1

Tuesday and Wednesday

Tuesday

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

Finance Committee 9:00 a.m. • Classroom 5

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

Line Dancing with Steve & Nancy Fellowship Hall • Noon — beginners; 1:00 p.m.
Combined 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. classes for the month of October.

Gifts and Memorial Committee Meeting 1:00 p.m. • Classroom 5.

Wednesday

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

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

Valley Fiber Art Guild 9:30 a.m. • Fellowship Hall

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

Foundation Committee 11:00 a.m. • Classroom 5

Hand Bell Rehearsal 2:00 p.m. • Sweet Family Room

Choir Rehearsal 3:15 p.m. • Sanctuary

Thursday and Friday

Thursday

Prep for Candlelight Café 8:00 a.m. • Kitchen

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

Why Do Presbyterians Do That? October 22 • 1:00 p.m. • Classroom 5

Who Gets to Decide What the Bible Means?

Journey Through Grief 1:00 p.m. • Sweet Family Room

The Chosen October 22 • 2:00 p.m. • Spiritual Life Center
Mary anoints Jesus' feet. The City of Jerusalem Prepares for the arrival pf Jesus for Passover, while the Disciples retrieve a donkey.

Friday

Prep for Candlelight Café 8:00 a.m. • Kitchen and Fellowship Hall

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

Stephen Ministry 9:00 a.m. • Classroom 5

Valley Fiber Arts Guild 9:00 a.m. • Classroom 1

Chair Exercise with Mia Cooper Noon • Charter Hall

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

Candlelight Café 4:30 p.m. • Fellowship Hall

Looking Ahead at Valley

Please visit our tables in the Charter Hall after the Worship service during Fellowship.

Worship on October 11

Sanctuary attendance: 188
Online viewing: 103
Year to date: 9,824 sanctuary attendance; 3,887 online viewing.
Year-to-date totals cover multiple services.