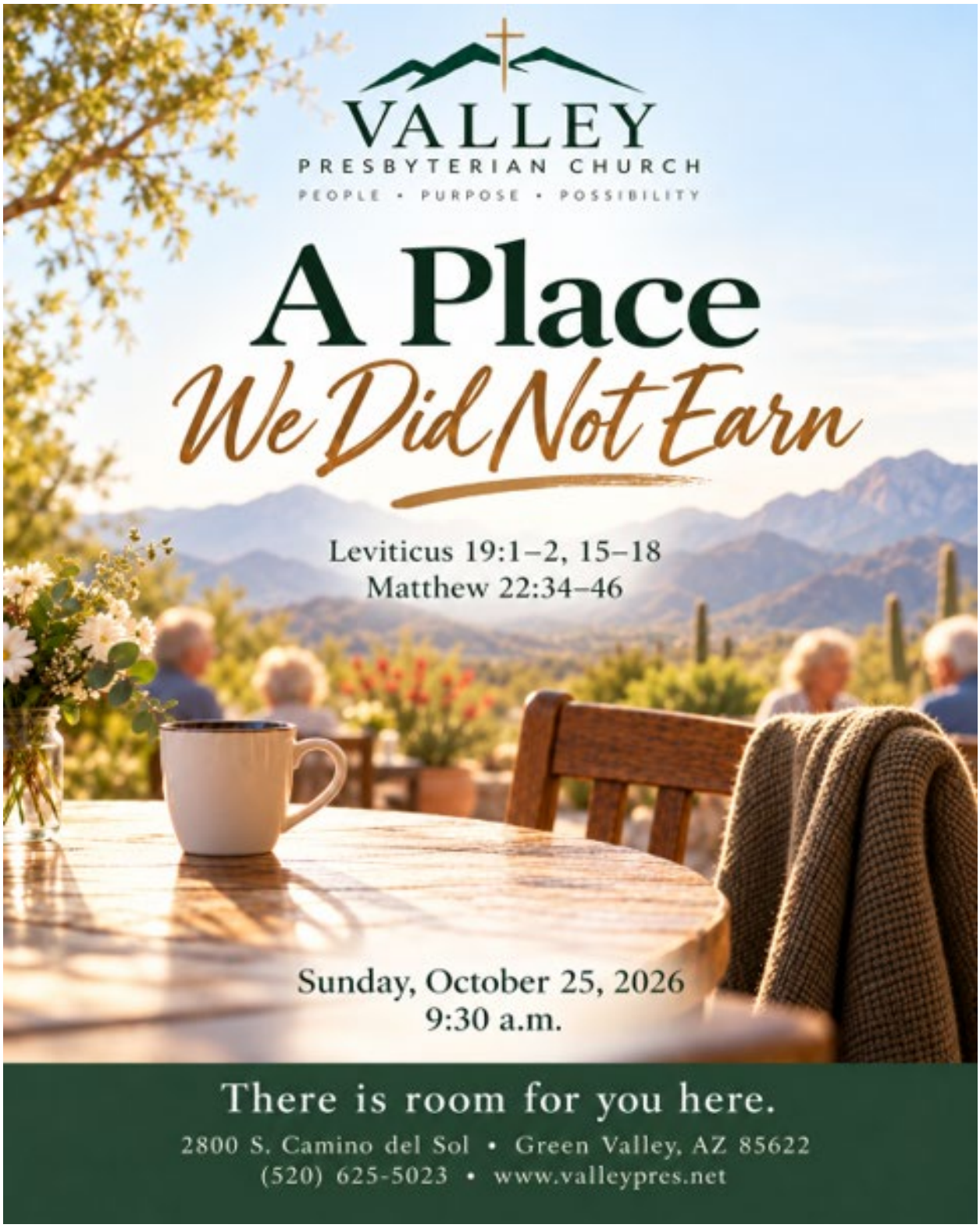

Sunday, October 25, 2026 • 9:30 a.m.

We Gather

Bold responses are spoken together. L = Leader • P = People

* Please stand as you are able.

Prelude *Pass It On* Arr. H. Covin

Welcome and Announcements / Passing the Peace of Christ

Lighting the Christ Candle • Outpouring of Waters • Trinity Ringing

Call to Worship Karen Woodrow

L: God has brought us together from different homes and different weeks.

P: Here we are welcomed into the love of Christ.

L: We bring our gratitude and our questions, our strength and our need.

P: God receives us and teaches us to receive one another.

L: Let us worship the One whose mercy has brought us this far.

P: With all that we are, we worship God.

* Opening Hymn | 366

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Prayer of Adoration — Karen Woodrow

Loving God, before we knew how to pray, You knew us. Before we could offer anything, You had given us life.

We praise You for the love we meet in Jesus: His attention to people others overlooked, His patience with those who misunderstood Him, His mercy toward those who had lost their way.

You have not grown weary of Your world. You are present in its beauty and at work within its sorrow. You hold people we cannot reach and hear prayers we do not know how to speak.

Receive our worship. Quiet the voices that compete for our attention.

Give us room to hear You and the trust to receive Your love. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Stephen Minister Recognition — Jana Honermann

Confession and Forgiveness

Invitation to Confession — Martha Rice

We can speak honestly before God because God's mercy is already offered to us in Jesus Christ. We do not have to explain away our failures or hide the places where love has grown thin. Trusting that mercy, let us confess our sin together.

Silence for personal confession.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we often hurry past the people You place before us. We listen long enough to answer, but not always long enough to understand. We hold on to old grievances and let them decide how we treat someone today.

We say we love You yet resist the neighbor whose needs interrupt our plans. We judge without knowing the whole story. We make belonging harder than You have made it.

Forgive us. Where fear has narrowed our lives, meet us with Your love. Where we have wounded someone, give us courage to make amends. Open our hearts to the people we have stopped seeing. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

L: Hear the good news: Jesus Christ knows the truth about us and meets us with mercy. Our sin does not have the final word. Through his death and resurrection, God opens the way to forgiveness and new life.

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

Leviticus 19:1 – 2, 15 – 18 (NRSV) Jana Honermann

Ritual and Moral Holiness

19 The Lord spoke to Moses, saying:
2 "Speak to all the congregation of the Israelites and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.

15 "You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. 16 You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand idly by when the blood of your neighbor is at stake: I am the Lord.
17 "You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. 18 You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

Anthem *The Blessing* Arr. L. Larson

The Gospel

New Testament Reading – Matthew 22:34-46 (NRSV)

34When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they
gathered together, 35and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question
to test him. 36"Teacher, which commandment in the law is the
greatest?" 37He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all
your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' 38This is the
greatest and first commandment. 39And a second is like it: 'You shall
love your neighbor as yourself.' 40On these two commandments hang
all the law and the prophets."

41Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them
this question: 42"What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?"
They said to him, "The son of David." 43He said to them, "How is it
then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, 44'The Lord said to
my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your
feet?" 45If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" 46No one
was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to
ask him any more questions.

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

P: Thanks be to God.

The Message

"The Person in Front of You" Rev. 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 | 693

Though I May Speak

Welcome of New Members - Mike and Lynn McKinney

Offering and Prayer

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory *Beautiful City* S. Schwartz

Kurt Hargleroad, Soloist

* Prayer of Dedication

* 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.

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 | 761

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

* 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 *Prelude in D Major* J.S. Bach

Life at Valley

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.

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!

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This Week at Valley

October 25–31, 2026

Today's flowers Given by

Linda Jorn – "Please be nice to me, I just turned 90," Jan Woener.

Laurel Erickson – in loving memory of Tom Erickson.

The Roses on the Baptismal Font – is in memory of Dorothy Sauder and Tom Mandeville.

Hospital or rehab

Please remember Marcia MacDonald.

Today after Worship

Cake and Coffee Fellowship Hall • Everyone is welcome. Cake provided by your Stephen Ministers.

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

Ezra 3: 1-13, Nehemiah :8 1-10. Esther 7: 1-10.

Monday

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

Bible Study 1:00 p.m. • Classroom 5

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

Tuesday and Wednesday

Tuesday

Valley Galley Food Prep for YOTO Dinner 8:00 a.m. • Kitchen

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

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.

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

Wednesday

Valley Galley Food Prep for YOTO Dinner 8:00 a.m. • Kitchen

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

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

Choir Rehearsal 3:15 p.m. • Sanctuary

Thursday and Friday

Thursday

Session Meeting 8:30 a.m. • Classroom 5

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

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

Why Do We Say All This stuff on Sunday?

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

The Chosen October 29 • 2:00 p.m. • Spiritual Life Center
This Thursday, the events of Holy Week begin as Jesus enters Jerusalem on a donkey.

Friday

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

Chair Exercise with Mia Cooper Noon • Charter Hall

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

Looking Ahead at Valley

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

Worship on October 18

Sanctuary attendance: 198
Online viewing: 58

Monthly giving support – 40,422

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

YTD giving budget – 562,500