
Vale United Methodist Church



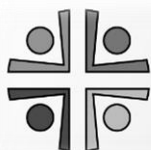
“Our Call: Elder”

January 19, 2020

11528 Vale Road • Oakton, Virginia 22124

www.ValeChurch.org

Sunday Worship at 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.



United in faith, we seek to...

Align our lives with the way of Jesus Christ.

Invite others to journey with us.

Move beyond our walls to create a more just and loving world.

GATHERING

We gather as the people of God to be formed by God's grace.

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude Prelude and Fugue in E Minor
 J.S. Bach arr. Robert K. Webb
 Vale Flute Choir

* Call to Worship

Lay Reader

One: The one who calls you together this day yearns for
 each of you and for all people to hear and be
 blessed.

Many: **Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.**

One: Blessed is the One who comes bringing trustworthy
 words for the healing of the world.

Many: **Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.**

* Hymn “Holy Spirit, Come, Confirm Us”

UMH 331

* Prayer of Confession

Lay Reader

One: Assured that the One who calls us to hear and obey
 already knows the confessions of our hearts and is
 ready to forgive, let us confess our sin before God
 and before one another.

Many: Holy God, you see into each of us and know us fully as creatures in need of your constant care. We confess that we have neither heard your word nor followed your will. We have failed our nation, neighbors, families, friends, and ourselves. Give us ears to hear your wisdom. Lead us to honesty and faith so that we may begin again with renewed strength; in Jesus' name. Amen.

One: God knows the hearts of those who seek forgiveness, and by grace you have been saved. Your sins are no more. You have been made clean. God strengthens you with freedom through the Holy Spirit, in Christ Jesus. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Many: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God! Amen and Amen.

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

We hear God's word proclaimed. We act in response.

Scripture

I Samuel 3:1-10

Children's Moment (10am)

Terri Lowry

Children from Preschool to 6th grade exit to Children's Church.

Sermon

"Our Call: Elder"

Pastor Jeff

What does it mean to be called into ordained ministry?

*** Hymn "We Are Called"**

TFWS 2172

COVENANT RENEWAL SERVICE

In 1663 Richard Alleine, a Puritan, published Vindiciae Pietatis: or, A Vindication of Godliness in the Greater Strictness and Spirituality of It. In 1753, it was again published in John Wesley's A Christian Library. Wesley used one chapter, "The Application of the Whole," on Monday, August 11, 1755, in what probably was the first real celebration of the Covenant Service in the Methodist movement.

Wesley found the service rich and meaningful, as expressed in his Journal: "Many mourned before God, and many were comforted" (April 1756); "It was, as usual, a time of remarkable blessing" (October 1765); "It was an occasion for a variety of spiritual experiences ... I do not know that ever we had a greater blessing. Afterwards many desired to return thanks, either for a sense of pardon, for full salvation, or for a fresh manifestation of His graces, healing all their backslidings" (January 1, 1775). In London these services were usually held on New Year's Day. Around the country the Covenant Service was conducted whenever John Wesley visited the Methodist Societies.

After the time of Wesley several versions of the Covenant Service were developed, gradually giving Wesley's material less place in the total service. The present service follows our Basic Pattern of worship, enables the congregation to participate more fully, and updates language. Most significant, the liturgy beginning with the Invitation is taken directly from Wesley's service of 1780.

The heart of the service, focused in the Covenant Prayer, requires persons to commit themselves to God. This covenant is serious and assumes adequate preparation for and continual response to the covenant. Leaders of worship must take seriously the need to prepare the congregation for this service, possibly through study sessions and prayer.

PROCLAMATION

Brothers and sisters in Christ, the Christian life is redeemed from sin and consecrated to God. Through baptism, we have entered this life and have been admitted into the new covenant of which Jesus Christ is the Mediator. He sealed it with his own blood, that it might last forever.

On the one side, God promises to give us new life in Christ, the Source and Perfecter of our faith. On the other side, we are pledged to live no more for ourselves but only for Jesus Christ, who loved us and gave himself for us.

From time to time we renew our covenant with God, especially when we reaffirm the Baptismal Covenant and gather at the Lord's table. Today, however, we meet, as the generations before us have met, to renew the covenant that binds us to God. Let us make this covenant of God our own.

WESLEY'S COVENANT SERVICE

INVITATION

Commit yourselves to Christ as his servants. Give yourselves to him, that you may belong to him. Christ has many services to be done. Some are more easy and honorable, others are more difficult and disgraceful.

Some are suitable to our inclinations and interests, others are contrary to both. In some we may please Christ and please ourselves. But then there are other works where we cannot please Christ except by denying ourselves. It is necessary, therefore, that we consider what it means to be a servant of Christ.

Let us, therefore, go to Christ, and pray:

Let me be your servant, under your command.

I will no longer be my own.

I will give up myself to your will in all things.

Be satisfied that Christ shall give you your place and work.

Lord, make me what you will.

I put myself fully into your hands:

put me to doing, put me to suffering,

let me be employed for you, or laid aside for you,

let me be full, let me be empty,

let me have all things, let me have nothing.

I freely and with a willing heart

give it all to your pleasure and disposal.

Christ will be the Savior of none but his servants. He is the source of all salvation to those who obey. Christ will have no servants except by consent; Christ will not accept anything except full consent to all that he requires.

Christ will be all in all, or he will be nothing. Confirm this by a holy covenant.

To make this covenant a reality in your life, listen to these admonitions:

FIRST, set apart some time, more than once, to be spent alone before the Lord; in seeking earnestly God's special assistance and gracious acceptance of you; in carefully thinking through all the conditions of the covenant; in searching your hearts whether you have already freely given your life to Christ.

Consider what your sins are. Consider the laws of Christ, how holy, strict, and spiritual they are, and whether you, after having carefully considered them, are willing to choose them all.

Be sure you are clear in these matters, see that you do not lie to God.

SECOND, be serious and in a spirit of holy awe and reverence.

THIRD, claim God's covenant, rely upon God's promise of giving grace and strength, so you can keep your promise. Trust not your own strength and power.

FOURTH, resolve to be faithful. You have given to the Lord your hearts, you have opened your mouths to the Lord, and you have dedicated yourself to God. With God's power, never go back.

AND LAST, be then prepared to renew your covenant with the Lord. Fall down on your knees, lift your hands toward heaven, open your hearts to the Lord, as we pray:

COVENANT PRAYER

**O righteous God, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
see me as I fall down before you.
Forgive my unfaithfulness in not having done your will,
for you have promised mercy to me
if I turn to you with my whole heart.**

God requires that you shall put away all your idols.

I here from the bottom of my heart renounce them all,
covenanting with you that no known sin shall be allowed in
my life.

Against your will, I have turned my love toward the world.
In your power I will watch all temptations that will lead me
away from you. For my own righteousness is riddled with sin,
unable to stand before you.

Through Christ, God has offered to be your God again if you would
let him.

Before all heaven and earth,
I here acknowledge you as my Lord and God.
I take you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, for my portion,
and vow to give up myself, body and soul, as your servant,
to serve you in holiness and righteousness all the days of my
life.

God has given the Lord Jesus Christ as the only way and means of
coming to God.

Jesus, I do here on bended knees accept Christ
as the only new and living Way,
and sincerely join myself in a covenant with him.
O blessed Jesus, I come to you,
hungry, sinful, miserable, blind, and naked,
unworthy even to wash the feet of your servants.
I do here, with all my power, accept you as my Lord and Head.
I renounce my own worthiness,
and vow that you are the Lord, my righteousness.
I renounce my own wisdom, and take you for my only guide.
I renounce my own will, and take your will as my law.

Christ has told you that you must suffer with him.

I do here covenant with you, O Christ,
to take my lot with you as it may fall.
Through your grace I promise
that neither life nor death shall part me from you.

God has given holy laws as the rule of your life.

I do here willingly put my neck under your yoke,
to carry your burden.

All your laws are holy, just, and good.

I therefore take them as the rule for my words,
thoughts, and actions, promising that I will strive
to order my whole life according to your direction,
and not allow myself to neglect anything I know to be my
duty.

The almighty God searches and knows your heart.

O God, you know that I make this covenant with you today
without guile or reservation. If any falsehood should be in it,
guide me and help me to set it aright. And now, glory be to you,
O God the Father, whom I from this day forward shall look upon
as my God and Father. Glory be to you, O God the Son, who have
loved me and washed me from my sins in your own blood, and
now is my Savior and Redeemer.

Glory be to you, O God the Holy Spirit, who by your almighty
power have turned my heart from sin to God. O mighty God, the
Lord Omnipotent, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, you have now
become my Covenant Friend.

And I, through your infinite grace, have become your covenant
servant.

So be it. And let the covenant I have made on earth be ratified in
heaven. Amen.

*You are advised to make this covenant not only in your heart, but in word;
not only in word, but in writing. Therefore, with all reverence, lay the service
before the Lord as your act and deed. And when you have done this, sign it.
Then keep it as a reminder of the holy agreement between God and you that
you may remember it during doubts and temptations.*

Name

Date

Call for Joys and Concerns

Call to Prayer

UMH 593 Refrain

“Here I Am, Lord”

Here I am, Lord.

I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

I will hold your people in my heart.

Prayers of the People

Caring Cards are available in the Narthex and Resource Library for your personal use in supporting the congregation's joys and concerns. You also may

Send prayer requests to PrayerRequests@ValeChurch.org.

After each petition, there will be a moment of silence closed by “Lord, in your mercy.” Please respond with “Hear our prayer.”

The 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 trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass 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.

God's Tithes and Our Offerings

* **Offertory** My Shepherd Will Supply My Need
Isacc Watts, arr. Amy Rice-Young
Vale Flute Choir

* **Doxology** **UMH 95**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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**

Bless in every way, O Lord, the gifts of the people here given. Enrich the ministries of your people and make us grateful to be able to let go of the things we do not, finally, own. Amen.

* **Hymn** “**Lord, You Give the Great Commission**”
UMH 584

SENDING FORTH

Transformed by God's presence, we go into the world to serve.

* **Just a bit more ...**

* **Benediction**

* **Postlude**

**Please stand in spirit or in posture.*

UMH - *United Methodist Hymnal*
Hymnal

TFWS - *The Faith We Sing*

Lay Reader – Deb German (8:30am) Terri Lowry (10:00am)

Altar Flowers – The altar flowers today are provided by the worship committee.

Coffee Fellowship – Worshipers are invited to remain after the worship services and socialize over coffee. Thank you to Catherine Allison and the Ellis family for their gifts of fellowship by sponsoring today's coffee hour.

Children's Activity Bags – Children's bags with activity pages, crayons, and stuffed animals, are located in the Narthex. If you need one, please pick it up as you enter the Narthex.

Please note: We inadvertently left Jan Smith, our Music Director, off our leadership list last week.

Jan direct the music program at Vale, directing the Adult Chancel and Children's Choirs, and coordinates music with the other choir and worship leaders.

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP

3rd Sunday of Epiphany, January 26, 2020

“The Church Is the Body”

In the body of Christ, everyone has a role and no role is too small. We must serve, not sit!

Vale Ministry Opportunities

January 19, 2020

WELCOME GUESTS! WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

Whether you are new to the area or a long-time resident, we warmly welcome you to our community of faith at Vale Church!

Nursery care is available for infants and toddlers during worship services and Sunday school, year round. At the 10:00am service, children will participate in the Children's Moment and then be escorted to the nursery or Sunday school classroom.

Join us in the hallway after the 8:30am service and in the Fellowship Hall after the 10:00am service for coffee and snacks.

On your way out, please pick up a Vale Welcome Bag, which contains more information about our church. The bags are available at the entrance to the Main Sanctuary and outside the Church Office.

We look forward to meeting you—and hope to see you again soon!



Vale UMC is proud to be recognized as a Safe Haven congregation. If you suspect signs of human trafficking, please call 888.373.7888 or text 233733.

Enjoy today's message? - Worship services in the sanctuary are recorded and sometimes posted on social media. If you would like a DVD, please let us know. Sermons can also be found on YouTube and SoundCloud. Search for Vale United Methodist church.

Church updates - Did you know Vale sends out via email a weekly *Shout* and a monthly *Voice* with church updates? If you are **not** receiving our emails and would like to, please let the Vale office know.



Help Vale Package up to 75,000 Meals to Fight Hunger (Jan 26)

Next Sunday, January 26, Vale will be putting the proceeds from our tremendously successful Christmas tree sale to work by packaging up to 75,000 meals(!) to help feed hungry children and families around the world. We hope you can lend a helping hand ~ and, most importantly, we want you to have the opportunity to see up close how the money we've raised is being used to fight hunger.

The food packaging event is part of Vale's ongoing partnership with the global nonprofit *Rise Against Hunger* (www.riseagainsthunger.org). Last year Vale packaged 60,000 meals in about 7 hours with 400 volunteers. Those meals went to Haiti. Wherever our meals are shipped this year, we know they will have an impact. And anyone who has participated in previous events will tell you that the packing process is a fun and rewarding experience.

To sign up online as a meal packer, please visit <http://bit.ly/ValeRise2020>.

Children ages 8 and up are welcome to participate with a parent. Childcare is available for children under 8 (please indicate names and ages in the comments section of the sign up form). And for teens, this is a great opportunity to earn some community service hours for school. We are also reaching out to the community to join us—so please invite friends and neighbors!

All participants must either wear a hair net (provided at the event) or bring a hat.

Questions? Contact Vale's Rise Against Hunger Coordinator Mike Martin at memartin213@gmail.com or [\(703\) 371-7665](tel:7033717665).

Neighbors Feeding Neighbors Food Collection – Good Shepherd



UMC, Oakton UMC, Vale UMC and the Fox Mill Giant are partnering with the communities of Fox Mill, Oakton and Vale, to

do a Food Collection Event. Food will be collected from **Friday, January 24 through Sunday, January 26**, to address hunger situations in our community by packaging meals for breakfast, snacks and weekends for local elementary schools.

If you are able to help with this event, please go to the sign-up genius on Vale's webpage, ValeChurch.org, under the *Get Involved/Sign-Ups* tab.

By selecting and buying DESIGNATED food items at the Fox Mill Giant, you can make a difference. A food list is available on the credenza outside the church office. Thanks for your generosity!

The Closet

Volunteers Needed -

The Closet's next two volunteer dates are Monday, February 3 & Friday, February 28. If you are able, please sign up to help for 2, 3, or 4, hours on one of those dates. Lately, we have not been meeting our assigned times & the store badly needs of help. The sign-up sheet is on the Mission Board.



The Closet is located at 845 Station Street in Herndon, Virginia.

If you can help, please sign up or contact **Chris Olson** at 703-476-4561 or golsonc@gmail.com



Hypothermia Shelter Support - We are partnering with UUCF in Oakton to support our homeless neighbors **February 9th and 14th**. There are several ways you can support Vale's participation.

We need people to shop/prepare stew for the first dinner at home then bring the food to the church on Sunday Feb 9th no later than 3:00 pm.

Also, we are collecting specific food donations the guests can use for snacks and take-away lunches. If you want to be reimbursed for the cost of the food, please submit your receipts to the Missions Committee.

We will also prepare the second dinner at church and would like some people to help assemble the food on Friday afternoon, 2/14, at 3:00-4:30.

Sign up on the Vale website or directly here:

<http://bit.ly/hyposhelter>

A hot meal and place to stay for the night makes a big difference in the lives of these folks! Thank you for all the contributions of food and time you have already donated! If you have any question please contact Sharon O'Brien at 703-716-4646 or Vicky Alonzo at 571-375-9365.

Buy Grocery Cards, Fund Vale Missions!

Vale continues to sell grocery cards during Fellowship Time following the 8:30am and 10:00am worship services. We have Giant, Safeway, Wegmans, and Whole Foods cards. Cards are sold weekdays as well in the church office. Vale makes a 5% profit on every card sold, 100% of which is used to fund Vale's missions!



Please Setup Your New Giving Account -

We have a new giving platform that will allow you to donate through your phone or the website and easily manage all of your giving to support God's work. If you give electronically right now, we ask that you set up an account and manage your recurring giving. This entire process will only take you a few minutes.

Online Giving
is simple and easy!

Please visit the church website and you can see the information under Get Involved/Signups and choose Giving or go to ValeChurch.org/giving.html

Tax Document Reminder

Pushpay will send out your 2019 tax documents. If you have added your email to Pushpay, then you'll receive the documents automatically. If you have not yet set up your Pushpay account, then please do so (<http://www.valechurch.org/giving.html>) and include your email to not only receive your documents but to easily support Vale Church and see your previous giving activity.



If your email is not in Pushpay, then we will still send you your tax documents by regular mail.

Vale UMC Preschool registration is open to church members and returning families for the '20-'21 school year. New families can register after January 20, 2020. Vale offers a mixed-age play based preschool program for 3-5 year olds. We have a small teacher to student ratio of 1:5. Students enjoy chapel, music, and movement lessons twice each month in addition to the regular curriculum. For more information about our

preschool registration



church's preschool program, contact Susan Ricci at

Preschool@ValeChurch.org.

The Vale UMC Bowling League has started our new season!

We meet Friday nights at 6:30 pm with bowling to follow at 7:00 pm. The season goes 14 weeks. Teams are made up of four members. There are no restrictions on the make up a team (mixed or all male or all female). The league is perfect for the beginning, casual or experienced bowlers. We have a lot of fun and enjoy the company of our fellow bowlers. No need to sign up, just show up!



New Altar Flower Sign-Up Sheet – The 2020 Altar Flower signup sheet has been posted on the bulletin board in the hallway. Flowers can be given in celebration, in memory, or in honor of just about any special person or event you would like. If you have any questions, please call the church office at 703-620-2594.

Is God calling you? Learn more about Calling 21 internships

Calling 21 is inviting college-aged young people who are discerning a call into ministry for a nine-week internship in local churches. During the internship, participants will acquire knowledge on the ins and outs of the church life from the perspective of the staff and lead volunteers. This may include leading in worship, meeting with small groups, hospital visits, working with youth in mission, or many other ways the church is actively involved in the community and world. Calling 21 is also seeking host churches for the Calling 21 summer internship. Interns spend eight weeks with the host church, learning what it means to work in the church environment. Calling 21 interns are discerning a call to ministry, which may be toward ordination or as laity. The church's role is to provide opportunities to experience church life from a staff perspective. Host churches also provide room and board for the intern. For more information, visit the link www.vaumc.org/Calling21.

Contemporary Christian Topics Discussion Group with Stan Ellis for John Colwell

The Contemporary Christian Topics discussion group will meet at 9:30 am today in the Resource Room. We will review parts of a recent video that explains the why, how, and what components related to a recent ad-hoc proposal addressing accommodation of current differences in opinion within the United Methodist Church. Come join us!

Sunday Evening Bible Study (7:00pm) with Vic Larson

This Sunday, January 19th we will cover Chapters 13 and 14 of Adam Hamilton's *Unafraid*. All are welcome to join us Sunday evenings 7-8 pm in the Resource Room.



Wednesday Bible Study (10:30am) with Pastor Jeff

The Wednesday morning Bible Study will meet on January 22nd. We will continue *The Screwtape Letters*.

New Adult Sunday School Class - We have a new adult Sunday School class meeting in the Resource Room at 11:30am after the worship service. Our first series will be "How Conversation Works: 6 Lessons for Better Communication". No need to sign up, just show up!

This Week at Vale: January 19 – January 26, 2020

Sun, Jan 19

- 8:30 am Worship Service
- 9:30 am Contemporary Christian Topics
- 10:00 am Worship Service
- 10:00 am Parallel Worship Service
- 10:15 am Children's Sunday School Classes (PreK - 6)
- 11:15 am Children's Choir Rehearsal (Grades K-6)
- 11:30 am Youth Group
- 12:00 pm Youth/Parent Meeting
- 11:30 am Adult Sunday School
- 11:45 am Handchime Choir Rehearsal
- 12:15 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 pm Sunday Evening Bible Study

Mon, Jan 20

- 7:00 pm BSA Troop 1983 - GT

Tues, Jan 21

- 6:30 pm Youth Bible Study
- 6:30 pm Confirmation

Wed, Jan 22

- 10:30 am Wednesday Morning Bible Study
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thurs, Jan 23

- 7:30 pm Trustees Committee Meeting

Fri, Jan 24

- 3:00 pm Neighbors Feeding Neighbors
Food Collection at Fox Mill Giant

Sat, Jan 25

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- 12:15 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 pm Sunday Evening Bible Study

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