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# Vale United Methodist Church

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## **“The Promise of Potential”**

December 6, 2020

11528 Vale Road • Oakton, Virginia 22124

[www.ValeChurch.org](http://www.ValeChurch.org)

Sunday Worship at 8:30 a.m.

[Facebook.com/groups/valechurch](https://www.facebook.com/groups/valechurch)



**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**

**\* Call to Worship**

**Lay Reader**

One: A voice cries in the wilderness,

Many: “Prepare the way of the Lord; make God’s way  
clear.

One: Lift up every valley; lower every mountain.

Many: For the glory of the Lord shall be revealed.”

**Advent Reading and Candle Lighting**

**Hymn “I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light”**

**UMH 206**

## **\* Prayer of Confession**

**Lay Reader**

One: God does not want anyone to perish, but rather for all to come to repentance. Therefore, let us confess our sins, for God's salvation is at hand.

Many: **Faithful God, we confess that we have not led lives of holiness. We suffer from impatience, apathy, and greed; we have not been at peace. We repent of these offenses and turn to you in love. Forgive our iniquity and pardon our sins, that we may walk in righteousness to the glory of your name. Amen.**

One: Brothers and sisters, by the mercy of Christ, your sins are forgiven, for salvation is at the hand for all who turn to God.

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**

**Luke 1:26-56**

**Children's Moment**

**Melissa Meadows**

**Sermon ““The Promise of Potential”**

**Rev. Joanna Dietz**

**Hymn “Like a Child”**

**TFWS 2092**

**Call for Joys and Concerns**

**Call to Prayer**

**UMH 204**

**“Emmanuel, Emmanuel”**

Emmanuel, Emmanuel,  
his name is called Emmanuel,  
God with us, revealed in us,  
his name is called Emmanuel.

## **Prayers of the People**

*You may ask for prayer requests via chat. You also may send prayer requests to [PrayerRequests@ValeChurch.org](mailto: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.

**Special Music** Breath of Heaven (Mary’s Song)  
    Grant/Eaton  
    Melissa Meadows, soloist

## **Blessing of the Offerings**

**Hymn “The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy” TFWS 2098**

# SENDING FORTH

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

**\* Benediction**

**\* Postlude**

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*\*Please stand in spirit or in posture.*

UMH - United Methodist Hymnal    TFWS - The Faith We Sing  
Hymnal

WS - Worship & Song

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**NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP**

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent, December 13, 2020

“The Journey to Joy”

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## Vale Ministry Opportunities

### December 6, 2020

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**WELCOME FRIENDS! 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!

We look forward to meeting you in person—and hope to see you with us 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.

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**Enjoy today's message?** - Sermons can also be found on YouTube and SoundCloud. Search for Vale United Methodist Church. If you would like a DVD, please let us know.

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**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.

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**Virtual Lay Readers Needed** - We have a need for Virtual Lay Readers. If you and your family would be willing to prerecord a portion of the worship service, let us know. Please contact the church office at [office@valechurch.org](mailto:office@valechurch.org) if you can help.



## Vale Music -

### Special Music Request -



We are in need of special music each Sunday for the online worship service. Please contact Jan Smith at [music@valechurch.org](mailto:music@valechurch.org) if you would be willing to share your gifts in this way. Singing, playing an instrument, solos, duets, etc. - we'd love to have you participate!

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**Do you want to support Vale's ministries?** Did you know that you can give to Vale online? We use the respected vendor PushPay. You don't have to set up an account and you can designate your offering for a particular mission, program or for the general church funding. Go to <http://pushpay.com/g/valechurch> and see how easy it is. The information is confidential and secure.

If you have any questions or run into any difficulty using PushPay, please contact our Financial Secretary, Brad Geddes, at [FinSec@ValeChurch.org](mailto:FinSec@ValeChurch.org)

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**Give Back While Shopping! It's easy - just Use Vale's Amazon.com Link!**

Did you know that Vale can earn 6% - 8% of all the items you purchase from Amazon.com for Vale Church Missions? To initially invoke this program, you have to use the link on the Vale website. The link can be found on the home page. Scroll down the page and on the left you will see:

**Shop Online & Support Vale Missions** [Use this link for Amazon.com](#) and a percentage of your purchase supports Vale Missions!

Click on the link and it will load the Amazon home page that is tied to the Vale refund program. Simply bookmark this site and/or add to your favorites, then every time you want to sign on to Amazon just click on your bookmarked link. Use every time you shop on Amazon!



**Decorating the Church for Advent** - Although we aren't able to meet in the Sanctuary, we have chosen to get the Church ready to celebrate the birth of Christ! The Vale Worship Team invites you to help defray the cost of wreaths or the Hope and Healing Tree in honor of or in memory of loved ones. Please contact **Dorothy Arbiter** at [green.arbiter@gmail.com](mailto:green.arbiter@gmail.com) or 703-955-0053 if you would like to participate.

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**Advent Devotionals -Our Advent Devotionals are up** - You can find them on Vale's Facebook page and on our YouTube channel. Remember you can subscribe to the group to see when they are posted. Today's devotional can be found at <https://youtu.be/OymeNIA11-s>

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**White Dove Gifts Due by Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>** - Thank you to all those who are donating gifts to this year's White Dove Drive. Many have arrived at the Feeneys' house already, brought by delivery services and church members. If you purchased gifts locally or had them sent to you, now is the time to drop them off on Jan's front porch ~ 11113 Tattersall Trail, Oakton. Please call 703-383-1353 to let her know you're on your way.



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**Nativity Sets** - We would love to see a picture of your family's nativity sets. You can email or upload with the video form to: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0ByhzOfsQtmjUfjlfU3NiUUdRSHNqd01sOFpFY1gtLXpPQnltS21RUDDdid1pLUDBjcW/MwUVU?usp=sharing>

**Service of Hope and Healing, Tuesday, December 15, 7pm** - For those seeking comfort, hope, wholeness, and renewal, please join us for a time of quiet reflection and meaningful words and music. In support of the service and the season, we have placed a Hope and Healing Tree in the Sanctuary. Please send the names of those you would like to lift up in prayer to Dorothy Arbiter at [green.arbiter@gmail.com](mailto:green.arbiter@gmail.com), post it with a note that it is for the Hope and Healing service on our prayer board [https://jamboard.google.com/d/1tiZI8flm0lgXckk4G2YSfj4ZAqlD\\_aIbI\\_p\\_Cv\\_8TFZQ/edit?usp=sharing](https://jamboard.google.com/d/1tiZI8flm0lgXckk4G2YSfj4ZAqlD_aIbI_p_Cv_8TFZQ/edit?usp=sharing) or share them via chat during the service. A paper ornament will be hung on the tree with each name or prayer. The tree will remain in the Sanctuary through Epiphany.

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**Staff Gift Fund** - At Vale, we have a tradition of recognizing each of our staff with a monetary gift at the end of the year. Support for the Staff Gift Fund comes from donations by our congregation during the Christmas season. In 2020 especially, our staff has excelled as we made the pivot from in-person to online worship and activities. To take part in this year's recognition, you can contribute to the Staff Gift Fund through our online donation portal. To donate online, start at the Vale Church Home Page ([valechurch.org](http://valechurch.org)), click "Support", then "Give Now", and then select "Staff Gifts" as the fund. You can also donate by sending a check to the Church office (please mark "staff gifts" on the check).

Thanks for your help in letting our staff know we appreciate them!



ALTERNATIVES



- 1. Shop our entire website using your Vale UMC/AlterNatives linked below!**
- 2. Shop AlterNatives online and 10% of your purchase goes back directly to VALE UMC missions.**
- 3. Review your order and checkout your items for purchase!  
Purchases over \$50 ships for free!**

**Thank you for shopping with us!**



\*Affiliate link does not allow the combining of discount codes or personal log in accounts.  
10% commission only applies to sales purchased directly through the VALE UMC link.

<https://alternatives.boutique/?rfsn=4865737.83b866>

## Winter is Coming... And So Are Vale Christmas Trees!



Vale's tree lot is open for business!

All tree proceeds will be donated to fight hunger – near and far. We will again support **Rise Against Hunger**, using tree sale proceeds to pay for ingredients that we will use to package 50-75,000 meals in late January. This year we also will donate some of the proceeds to local anti-hunger programs right here in northern Virginia.

Four types of freshly-cut trees will be offered (Fraser Fir, Douglas Fir, Canaan Fir and Concolor Fir) ranging in size from very large (10 feet or higher) to medium (5 to 6 feet tall) to "tabletop" trees, beautiful wreaths both decorated and undecorated, and even tree stands!

We need **MANY** volunteers throughout the sale to keep it going until the weekend before Christmas. This includes plenty of strong arms to unload, set up, and load trees for customers, as well as need for sociable folks to work as cashiers.

Please visit our website at [ValeChurch.org](http://ValeChurch.org) to select your volunteer date(s) and time(s) ~ and thank you in advance for your support!

### Hours:

Saturdays, 9am to 6pm

Sundays, 11am to 5pm

Mon-Fri, 6pm to 9pm

## **Wednesday Bible Study (10:00 am) with Pastor Jeff**

The Wednesday morning Bible Study is on break until January 6<sup>th</sup>.  
Happy Holidays.

If you have any questions, please email Pastor Jeff  
at [Pastor@Valechurch.org](mailto:Pastor@Valechurch.org).

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## **Contemporary Christian Topics (CCT) Discussion Group with John Colwell**

The CCT meet electronically at 9:30 am Sunday mornings. Below  
are the Zoom details to join us:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87413660828?pwd=TkttV29QNY9JUE  
dwSU4xd0ttWEZwZz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87413660828?pwd=TkttV29QNY9JUEdwSU4xd0ttWEZwZz09)

Meeting ID: 874 1366 0828 Passcode: 023274

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

The Sunday Evening Bible Study will meet today, December 6<sup>th</sup>  
virtually. We are studying Adam Hamilton's "Incarnation" during  
Advent. All are welcome.

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**Children's Virtual Sunday School** – Children's Virtual Sunday  
School is available for Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. We meet  
Sunday mornings via Zoom at 10 am and 11 am. If your child is  
interested in participating please email [office@valechurch.org](mailto:office@valechurch.org).

**Sun, Dec 6**

- 8:30 am Worship Service
- 9:30 am Contemporary Christian Topics
- 10:00 am Children's Sunday School (4<sup>th</sup> - 8th)
- 11:00 am Drive-In Communion
- 11:00 am Confirmation Ceremony
- 2:00 pm Funeral Service for Linda Ashworth
- 7:00 pm Sunday Evening Bible Study

**Tues, Dec 8**

- 10:30 am Vale Book Club
- 4:00 pm Youth Bible Study

**Sun, Dec 13**

- 8:30 am Worship Service
- 9:30 am Contemporary Christian Topics
- 10:00 am Children's Sunday School (4<sup>th</sup> - 8th)
- 11:00 am Youth Group
- 7:00 pm Sunday Evening Bible Study

During this time of quarantine, all meetings are held virtually. All worship services and most meetings can be accessed by computer, mobile device or phone (audio only). For virtual meeting access information, send an email to [Office@ValeChurch.org](mailto:Office@ValeChurch.org).

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## 2020 VALE CHURCH LEADERSHIP

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