
Vale United Methodist Church



“The Unforgiving Servant”

October 24, 2021

11528 Vale Road • Oakton, Virginia 22124

www.ValeChurch.org

Sunday Worship at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 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

Prelude

*** Call to Worship**

Lay Reader

One: Give praise to God!

Many: Praise the Lord,

One: For it is God who saves...

Many: It is God who forgives...

One: It is God who delivers...

Many: Give thanks and praise to the Lord!

***Hymn “To God Be the Glory”**

UMH 98

*** Prayer of Confession**

Lay Reader

One: Let us confess our sins to God who forgives and saves.

Many: Gracious and loving God, you lived for us-we have not lived for you. You have forgiven us-we have not forgiven others. You have loved us-we have not loved ourselves nor have we loved one another. Take pity on us and forgive us, God. Help us to forgive. Help us to live for you. Help us to love through Christ our Lord. Amen.

One: People of God, our sins are forgiven. God is merciful and gracious and is Lord of us all. Reconciled to the God who loves us, let us live and love through Christ our Lord. 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

Matthew 18:23-35

Children's Sermon (11:00)

Rev. Dietz

Sermon "The Unforgiving Servant"

Rev. Haugh

Hymn "Amazing Grace" (11:00)

UMH 378

Call for Joys and Concerns

Call to Prayer

UMH 432

“Jesu, Jesu”

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
Show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

Prayers of the People

You may ask for prayer requests via chat. You also may send prayer requests to PrayerRequests@ValeChurch.org. After each petition, there will be a moment of silence closed by “Lord we call to you,” Please respond with “your mercy knows no bounds.”

The Lord’s Prayer**

Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come,
 your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
And forgive us our sins,
 as we forgive those who sin against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
 now and forever. Amen.

**Though we are now using a modern version of the Lord's Prayer, we invite you to pray in a way that is comfortable to you – whether that is the traditional version, or even in a different language.

Special Music (11:00)

“Where Could I Go But to the Lord” Presley

Clint O'Brien, Jan Smith, Norm Dietz

Blessing of the Offerings

***Hymn “My Hope is Built”**

UMH 368

SENDING FORTH

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

Announcements

*** Benediction**

*** Postlude**

**Please stand in spirit or in posture.*

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

Lay Readers:

8:30 Debbie German

11:00 Grace Barnhart

Virtual Kim Sheard

Children's Church

We invite the children to take a worship packet and work on the activities during worship at their seats or at the Children's Corner. Our youngest are invited to go to the nursery, across the hall from the worship space.

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP

23rd Sunday of Pentecost, October 31, 2021

“The Pharisee and the Publican”

Rev. Jeff Haugh

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This Week at Vale: October 24, 2021 – October 31, 2021

Sun, October 24

- 8:30 am Worship Service (Virtual)
- 8:30 am Worship Service (In-Person)
- 9:30 am Contemporary Christian Topics
- 9:45 am Sunday Small Groups
- 11:00 am Worship Service (In-Person)
- 12:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal

Tues, October 26

- 6:30 pm Youth Group*
- 7:30 pm Flute Choir Practice

Wed, October 27

- 10:00 am Bible Study
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir Practice

Sat, October 30

- 9:00 am Women's Study (Virtual)

Sun, October 31

- 8:30 am Worship Service (Virtual)
- 8:30 am Worship Service (In-Person)
- 9:30 am Contemporary Christian Topics
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At this time, many meetings are offered in a hybrid virtual and in-person format. Please contact your group leader for specific information, or email the office at Office@ValeChurch.org.

* see announcement for details

Vale Ministry Opportunities

October 24, 2021

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.

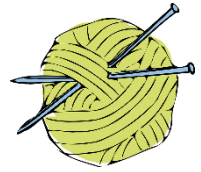
Enjoy today's message? – Services can also be found on YouTube and Facebook by searching for “Vale United Methodist Church”. If you would like a DVD, please let us know.

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.

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, Eileen Koefoot, at FinSec@ValeChurch.org

Prayer Shawl Ministry - Starting on November 6th, join us on the first Saturday of each month at 10:30 am in the Resource Room to knit and crochet for ministry! We will be making prayer shawls for those that are sick, hats and scarves for Operation Gratitude, and baptismal blankets for our newest Vale members. All experience levels are welcome, and lessons are available for those that need it. BYOOY (bring your own yarn...and needles and hooks). Other yarn and pattern specifications can be found on the flyer linked on bit.ly/ValeChurchInfo. For more information, contact Margie Koller at kollermargie@gmail.com or Nancy Taylor at Luvkats4@gmail.com.



Vale Youth Group - Youth Group will now be meeting in person at the church from 6:30-7:30 every Tuesday evening. We will schedule our time to include Bible Study, games (bring your phone - we will still do online gaming!), and mission activities. For more information please contact youth@valechurch.org.

Turkey Fund - Support our neighbors by donating to Vale's Turkey Fund. This year, in place of Thanksgiving Bags for our friends in SE DC, we are fundraising to provide families with Grocery Cards to cover the cost of their Thanksgiving meal. You can choose to donate to a specific bag or to a whole meal. Donations must be received at the church by November 12 either by check or electronically through Push Pay. Please clearly designate Turkey Fund on your donation. Register to help on Vale's [SignUp Genius](#) page, accessible on our website. For more details, contact Mary Morran at 540-270-5693 or mmorran01@gmail.com

Honoring Bill DuBois - On Sunday, November 7th at 12 pm there will be a dedication ceremony for Bill DuBois' memorial wall, just outside the sanctuary. Join us in honoring a beloved member of Vale's family.

All Saints' Sunday - November 7th is All Saints' Sunday. We will



celebrate the lives of the many saints in our lives and read the names of those who have gone on to glory in the past year. If you would like us to read the name of someone who died this past year and who has been a saint to you, please let the church office know their full name and the date of their passing.

The Closet News - the Herndon nonprofit thrift store which Vale has helped support for years has given away vouchers totaling \$60,534.43 so far this year. It also is donating a total of \$23,300 to these organizations: Fellowship Square - \$2,500, Herndon-Reston Fish - \$7,500, Herndon Senior Center Council - \$1,600, Herndon Village - \$3,000, Kid Power - \$1,200, Loudoun Literacy Council - \$2,500, and Pathway Homes - \$5,000. In addition, \$14,400 has been added to the already saved \$20,000 for the 6 area high school scholarships to be given in the spring.

While Vale has not sent volunteers during the pandemic, the store has remained open for all but 3 months in 2020. They continue to need volunteers, as well as people making donations of clothes & other goods. All volunteers must wear masks & show their vaccination card to ensure safety. Please help if you can, because as you can see The Closet continues to help the local communities. The address & other information is on the Mission board in the hall. If you have questions, call or email Chris Olson at 703-476-4561, golsonc@gmail.com

New Outdoor Gathering Space - We now have a shelter set up for our children, Sunday Small Groups, and the general Vale congregation to use as a place to gather outside without being exposed to the elements as we move into the colder months.

Wayne's Corner – As the Lay Leader for Vale, Wayne Applewhite acts as the connection between the congregation and the clergy. He invites you to call him at (703)-815-6618 or email at applewhitew2003@yahoo.com with any matters you might want brought to Jeff and Joanna.



Afghanistan Relief Efforts: The [Afghanistan Youth Relief Foundation](#) invites you to A1 National Carpeting by the Dulles Expo Center to sort clothing for Afghan refugees. Hours of operation are evenings and on Saturdays. Donations continue to pour in and there is a great need for organizing the donations and preparing them to go to Quantico and other sites to be distributed to evacuees waiting for a home. We invite you to go directly to their [Sign Up Genius](#) and assist as you can!

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 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!



Worship Schedule

- 8:30 am Virtual service (pre-recorded)
- 8:30 am Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary
- 9:45 am Sunday Small Groups for All
- 11:00 am Worship in the Fellowship Hall

We are watching the Delta variant cases in our area closely. Please refer to our website for any schedule changes. Children's activities will be dependent on applicable guidelines. We will pay particular attention to the practices of Fairfax County Public Schools.

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