
Vale United Methodist Church



“The Pharisee and the Publican”

October 31, 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: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

Many: My soul longs for the courts of the Lord.

One: My flesh sings for joy to the living God.

Many: **Happy are those who live in the house of the Lord,
ever singing your praise, O God.**

One: Happy are those whose strength is in you,

Many: In whose heart are the highways to Zion.

***Hymn**

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

UMH 121

*** Prayer of Confession**

Lay Reader

One: Longing for rescue from the weight of our failures,
let us confess our sin to God who hears our pleas
and waits in mercy to forgive.

Many: Merciful God, hope of your people in every age, we confess that we have sinned against you. We have wandered from your pathways, turned toward idols, lived without compassion, and disregarded the well-being of your creation. Do not turn away from us, O Lord, but renew your covenant, for only in you will our lives be healed. Guide us and lead us in your ways, for happy are those who live in your house. Amen.

One: In the name of the One who yearns to crown all people with righteousness and whose mercy exalts the humble, your sins are forgiven. May you be strengthened to live in the freedom of God's holy and eternal generosity, for 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

Luke 18:9-14

Children's Sermon (11:00)

Rev. Dietz

Sermon "The Pharisee and the Publican"

Rev. Haugh

Hymn "Just As I Am, Without One Plea" (11:00)

UMH 357, v. 1, 3, 6

Call for Joys and Concerns

Call to Prayer

UMH 405

“Seek Ye First”

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, alleluia!

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 “God of mercy,” Please respond with “hear our prayer.”

The Lord’s Prayer**

Our Father in heaven,
 holy is 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)

“Great is Thy Faithfulness” arr. Anderson

Kim Sheard, Jan Smith, handbell duet

Call to Stewardship

Blessing of the Offerings

***Hymn “Great is Thy Faithfulness”**

UMH 140

SENDING FORTH

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

Announcements

*** Blessing and Charge**

*** Postlude**

**Please stand in spirit or in posture.*

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

Lay Readers:

8:30 Kim Haugh

11:00 Terri Lowry

Virtual Judy Jobbitt

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

All Saints Sunday, November 7, 2021

“The Two Sons”

Rev. Joanna Dietz

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This Week at Vale: October 31, 2021 – November 7, 2021

Sun, October 31

- 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, November 2

- 6:30 pm Youth Group*
- 7:00 pm Missions Committee Meeting

Wed, November 3

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

Thurs, November 4

- 7:00 pm Church Council Meeting

Sat, November 6

- 9:00 am Women's Study (Virtual)
- 10:30 am Prayer Shawl Ministry

Sun, November 7

- 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
- 7:00 pm Sunday Evening Bible Study

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 31, 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.

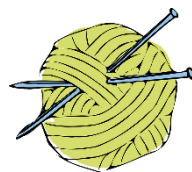
Enjoy today's message? – Services can also be found on YouTube and Facebook by searching for “Vale United Methodist Church”. If you would like a DVD, please let us know.

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.



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.



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

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 its partner organizations, and \$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. For more information, see the Mission board in the hall, or contact Chris Olson at 703-476-4561, golsonc@gmail.com



Christmas Tree Sales – Help kick off the tree sale season with the first big event – the arrival of the trees! We'll need at least 30 volunteers for approximately two hours to help unload the first big truck estimated to arrive November 20th and no less than 20 volunteers for the second truck estimated for November 26th.

Register to help on the [SignUp Genius](#) accessible on Vale's website. As always, we won't know the exact date or time until it gets closer to delivery time, so please be sure to include your email and phone number when you sign up to receive broadcast messages as we get information. Thank you for supporting this important mission!

White Doves – Due to the supply chain issues caused by Covid, our Christmas White Dove Drive will work a little differently this year. Instead of fulfilling individual wish lists, Vale UMC Santas will be choosing gifts to donate from a general list of items needed by Second Story participants. To help make someone's Christmas more merry, choose one – or two, or several – gifts from the [SignUp Genius](#), accessible through Vale's website.

Contact Jan Feeney with any questions at 703-383-1353 or jrmfeeney@aol.com

Vale Youth Group – Youth Group is now meeting in person at the church from 6:30-7:30 every Tuesday evening. We will schedule our time to include Bible Study, games, and mission activities. For more information please contact youth@valechurch.org.

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.

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 Covid 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.

We ask you to register for services so that we can contact attendees if we become aware of Covid cases in our community

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