
Vale United Methodist Church



“The Two Sons”

November 7, 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.

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GATHERING

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

Welcome

Prelude

*** Call to Worship**

Lay Reader

One: Fling wide the temple gates!

Many: Open up the ancient doors!

One: The mighty and glorious one is coming.

Many: Who is this mighty and glorious one?

One: This is the Lord for whom we have waited.

Many: Let us be glad and rejoice in God.

***Hymn “Shall We Gather at the River” UMH 723**

*** Prayer of Confession**

Lay Reader

One: God has promised to make of us a new creation, laying to rest the former things, making all things new. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

Many: Almighty Lord and God, in Jesus Christ you came from heaven to dwell among us, calling us to be your faithful people. Yet we remain shrouded in sin- we hurt and disgrace ourselves; we abuse and destroy one another; we dishonor your holy name. Forgive us; unbind us and let us go so that we may stand among your saints, rejoicing in your saving grace; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

One: Listen! The one who is seated on the throne says: See, I am making all things new. And now it is finished! Hear the good news: 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 21:8-32

Children's Sermon (11:00)

Terri Lowry

Sermon "The Two Sons"

Rev. Dietz

Hymn "For All the Saints" (11:00)

TFWS 2283

Call for Joys and Concerns

Call to Prayer

UMH 641

“Fill My Cup, Lord”

Fill my cup, Lord, I lift it up, Lord.
Come and quench this thirsting of my soul.
Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more;
Fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole.

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

*“O Lord our God, have mercy,” Please respond with
“and wipe away our tears.”*

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 today 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 (11:00)

“Never Grow Old” Moore

Jan Smith, Clint O’Brien, Michael Mintz

Stewardship Moment

Blessing of the Offerings

THANKSGIVING & COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

UMH 15

Breaking the Bread

Giving the Bread and Cup

In the United Methodist tradition, all who seek to lead a Christian life, together with their children, are welcome to receive communion. Gluten-free elements are available upon request.

Communion Prayer

Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever. Amen.

***Hymn**

“Sing With All the Saints in Glory”

UMH 702

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 Bette Rutherford

11:00 Dorothy Arbiter

Virtual Dorothy Arbiter

Sermon Notes and Illustrations

This is a page for you to take notes on the sermon or for our children and youth to illustrate what they've heard in the story today.



Remembering the Saints

4/26/20 Mike Bealey

6/13/20 William L. DuBois Jr.

11/3/20 Linda Murphy Ashworth

11/11/20 Virginia "Ginny" Bertram

4/3/21 Jean Williams

4/14/21 Blanche M. Kirchner

5/10/21 Peter Leniart

6/23/21 Hazel Grindstaff Carslile

7/27/21 Martha Wiles-Mapstead

8/19/21 Michelle Crist

9/13/21 Jeanne Howarth

10/8/21 Jill Freeman

10/26/21 Grace Ellis

All Saints' Day

All Saints' Day is an opportunity to give thanks for all those who have gone before us in the faith. It is a time to celebrate our history, what United Methodists call the tradition of the church.



From the early days of Christianity, there was a sense that the Church consisted of not only all living believers, but also all who have gone before us. For example, in Hebrews 12 the author encourages Christians to remember that a “great cloud of witnesses” surrounds us, encourages us, and cheers us on.

Charles Wesley, John’s brother, picks up on this theme in his hymn that appears in our United Methodist Hymnal as “Come, Let Us Join our Friends Above,” #709. In the first verse, he offers a wonderful image of the Church through the ages:

*Let saints on earth unite to sing, with those to glory gone,
for all the servants of our King in earth and heaven, are one.*

On All Saints Day we remember all those—famous or obscure—who are part of the “communion of saints.” We confess whenever we recite The Apostles’ Creed, we tell the stories of the saints “to glory gone.”

Alongside the likes of Paul from the New Testament, Augustine, Martin Luther, and John and Charles Wesley, we tell stories of the grandmother who took us to church every Sunday. We remember the pastor who prayed with us in the hospital, and the neighbor who changed the oil in the family car. We give thanks for the youth leader who told us Jesus loved us, the kindergarten Sunday school teacher who showered us with that love, and the woman in the church who bought us groceries when we were out of work.

Retelling these stories grounds us in our history. These memories teach us how God has provided for us through the generosity and sacrifice of those who have come before us. The stories of the saints encourage us to be all God has created us to be.

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

25th Sunday of Pentecost, November 14, 2021

“The Talents”

Rev. Jeff Haugh

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This Week at Vale: November 7, 2021 – November 14, 2021

Sun, November 7

- 8:30 am Worship Service (Virtual)
- 8:30 am Worship Service (In-Person)
- 9:45 am Sunday Small Groups
- 11:00 am Worship Service (In-Person)
- 12:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal
- 12:30 pm Bill DuBois Memorial Wall Dedication
- 2:00 pm Baptisms

Tues, November 9

- 10:30 am Vale Book Club
- 6:30 pm Youth Group*
- 7:30 pm Flutes Practice

Wed, November 10

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

Sat, November 13

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

Sun, November 14

- 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

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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.

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 Push Pay. 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 Push Pay, please contact our Financial Secretary, Eileen Koefoot, at FinSec@ValeChurch.org

Honoring Bill DuBois - Today at 12:30 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.

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



Vale Church Annual Fall Cleanup - On Sunday, November 21 from 12pm to 2pm we are doing the much needed fall landscape cleanup at Vale Church! Please help us keep our church beautiful! This will be a 100% safe, socially distanced cleanup event, with family units working together but distanced from others at all times. Please bring rakes, wheelbarrows, and gloves if you have them. We will be trimming bushes, cleaning out beds, and generally making the property ready for winter.

The Closet News - While Vale has not sent volunteers to The Closet 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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