
Vale United Methodist Church



“The Sower”

November 21, 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: Your word is a lamp to our feet

Many: and a light to our path.

One: Your word is our heritage forever,

Many: the joy of our hearts.

***Hymn**

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

UMH 694

*** Prayer of Confession**

Lay Reader

One: The Scriptures are shot through with stories of people just like us: men who grieved, women who questioned, siblings who did not get along, parents who chose favorites. God's word of grace is meant for people just like us. There is no need for pretense in this place. Let us go to God in prayer.

Many: Patient and persistent God, we come, polished and presentable, to this comfortable room as if we knew what to expect, as if this were a safe and predictable place, as if we could simply observe. Holy One, forgive our tepid expectations. In the mystery of your love, overshadow us. Plant the seeds of your gospel in each of our hearts until we bloom and spill with your passion to serve in a world that is wasting. Amen.

One: There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. The Spirit of God dwells in you. If you hear nothing else today, hear these words: there is no condemnation. In the name of Jesus, you 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 13:1-23

Children's Sermon (11:00)

Rev. Dietz

Sermon "The Sower"

Rev. Haugh

Hymn "For the Beauty of the Earth"

UMH 92

Call for Joys and Concerns

Call to Prayer

UMH 162

“Alleluia, Alleluia”

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

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

“Holy Spirit, come,” Please respond with

“make us your strong community.”

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 (11:00)

“The First Song of Isaiah” White

Chancel Choir/Congregation

Mike Harrell, Kim Sheard; soloists

Stewardship Moment

Blessing of the Offerings

***Hymn “Let All Things Now Living” TFWS 2008**

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 Debbie German

11:00 Terri Lowry

Virtual Debbie German

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

1st Sunday of Advent, November 28, 2021

“Clara: Waiting for Christmas”

Rev. Jeff Haugh

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This Week at Vale: November 21, 2021 – November 28, 2021

Sun, November 21

- 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)
- 12:00 pm Church Clean Up***
- 12:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal
- 6:30 pm Advent Study: Nutcracker Screening***

Tues, November 23

- 6:30 pm Youth Group*
- 7:30 pm Flutes Practice

Wed, November 24

- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir Practice

Fri, November 26

- TBD Christmas Tree Unloading***

Sat, November 27

- 9:00 am Women's Study (Virtual)
- 11:00 am Christmas Tree Sales Open**

Sun, November 28

- 8:30 am Worship Service (Virtual)
- 11:00 am Worship Service (In-Person)
- 12:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal
- 6:30 pm Advent Study Week One**

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

November 21, 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 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

Vale Church Annual Fall Cleanup - Today, 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.



Christmas Tree Unloading – Help kick off the tree sale season with the first big event – the arrival of the trees! We'll need volunteers for approximately two hours to help unload the first big truck November 20th, and the second truck November 26th.

In addition, we will need at least 9 volunteers on the 21st and 27th to prepare the trees for sale. This includes:

- Drilling
- Measuring/pricing
- Mounting trees on stands
- Tarping

Register to help on the [SignUp Genius](#) accessible on Vale's website. As always, we won't know the exact 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. More details at bit.ly/ValeChurchInfo



Christmas Tree Sales – Once the trees arrive, sales will begin! Our lot opens on November 27th. We will need several volunteers to work from 6-9 pm on weeknights, and enough to cover all day on weekends. Please register to help out on our [SignUp Genius](#), accessible on Vale's website.

Advent Schedule – Next Sunday, November 28th, we will have one virtual service at 8:30, and one in person service at 11:00. We will not be having an 8:30 in person service, nor will we have small groups at 9:45.



Advent Study: The Nutcracker – This Advent season, join us for our 5 week series on The Nutcracker. Starting this evening, November 21st, we will meet both live and virtually Sundays at 6:30 pm, as well as discussion in our Sunday Small groups at 9:45 am. Tonight will be

dedicated to watching a movie production - bring blankets and pillows to watch with us in person, or gather your family on the couch at home to watch on Zoom (link available on our website). Register your family to attend at the [link](#) on Vale's website. For more information on the study and schedule, please visit bit.ly/ValeChurchInfo

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



SE DC Christmas Fund – The SE DC Ministry has 6 children who have either lost their sponsors or have no sponsor. In order to help their families provide these children with Christmas gifts, we are seeking donations to the SE DC Christmas Fund. Register to give on the [SignUp Genius](#), accessible from Vale's website. You may make your donations by check or through Push Pay – please clearly designate “Missions/SE DC Christmas Fund” on your donation. All donations must be received by December 2nd. For questions, or if you would like to sponsor a child, contact Mary Morran at mmorran01@gmail.com or 540-270-5693. Thank you so very much for your support!

Got a College Student? We want to send them a little love as they prepare for finals in December. Email Joanna Dietz at youth@valechurch.org with the student's mailing address before Thanksgiving so packages can arrive on time!

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!



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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