
Vale United Methodist Church



“Drosselmeyer: A Godfather’s Love”

December 5, 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: 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.”

***Hymn**

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” UMH 206

Advent Wreath

Chris Olsen and Joanna Esty

Candle Response

One: Let us pray together:

Many: God whose steadfastness envelops us, we thank you for your presence in our lives. May we cling to your love throughout this Advent season. Amen

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

We hear God's word proclaimed. We act in response.

Scripture

Isaiah 40:1-5

Philippians 1:3-11

Children's Sermon (11:00)

Rev. Dietz

Sermon "Drosselmeyer: A Godfather's Love"

Rev. Dietz

Hymn "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

UMH 211

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.

After each petition, there will be a moment of silence closed by

“God, 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 (11:00)

“Christmas Is Coming” Raney

Vale Chancel Choir and Handbells

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**

“The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy”

TFWS 2098

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 Kim Sheard

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.

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

3rd Sunday of Advent, December 12, 2021

“The Mouse King: Changing Our Perspective”

Rev. Jeff Haugh

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This Week at Vale: December 5, 2021 – December 12, 2021

Sun, December 5

- 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
- 6:30 pm Advent Study: Week Two***

Tues, December 7

- 7:00 pm Missions Committee Meeting
- 7:30 pm SPRC Meeting
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir Practice

Sat, December 11

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

Sun, December 12

- 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
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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

December 5, 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



Christmas Tree Sales – Sales are on! Due to the publicity of tree scarcity we are seeing unprecedented numbers of early tree shoppers—often arriving well before opening hours. Volunteers between today and December 13th are essential to providing good customer service. In particular, shift helpers between 5-8 PM weekdays and all weekend shifts. Please register to help out on our [SignUp Genius](#), accessible on Vale’s website.

We also need cookie and cider donations – please leave them in the kitchen clearly marked for tree sales.

Below is a scannable QR code that links to our sales website for buying online.



Sponsor a Tree – Help provide a tree to a family in need! All donations must be in by December 10th so that we can deliver them to the recipients. Sponsorships can be paid for at valechurch.org/sponsor or by Pushpay/check by indicating “Sponsor a Tree” on your donation.

Keep our Volunteers Warm! – If you have spare firewood, bring it by the Christmas tree lot for our volunteer workers.

Worship Sign In – In order to keep track of who is attending in person services, we ask that you please sign in with the usher as you enter. If you have registered beforehand or regularly attend services, your name should appear on the list – simply check yourself off. If you are new or have not registered, please write your name and contact information for Covid tracing purposes.



Advent Candles – The Advent wreath and candle lighting is a tradition originated in the Lutheran Church in Germany in the 1600s. It was brought to the United States in the 1930s. Originally, the candles stood as a marker of time until Christmas. Although the colors vary, we use three purple and one pink. It wasn't until more recently that the candles were given names. These names can change but the focus of each should remind the congregation of the waiting period leading to Christmas. This year, we will be using names to reflect our church's themes this Advent season: anticipation, steadfastness, community, and love. The middle white candle always represents Christ's light coming into the world.

Advent Decorations – Please help us get the Church ready for the Advent season! The Vale Worship Team invites you to purchase poinsettias or a tree in honor of or in memory of loved ones. Please contact Dorothy Arbiter at doro.arbiter@gmail.com or 703-955-0053 if you would like to participate.

Year End Staff Recognition – It is a tradition at Vale UMC to recognize each our staff at year end with a monetary gift. This gift is our way of saying “THANK YOU” for your efforts in supporting our Vale community through your gifts and graces. Please prayerfully consider contributing to this fund as functioning during the pandemic this past year has been particularly challenging and our staff have all gone above and beyond in keeping the light of Christ alive at Vale. Contributions may be made via Push Pay or via check. If paying by check please write Staff Year End Gift in the memo column of your check and place it in one of the collection plates or the box on the welcome table. Any questions or concerns should be directed to Bette Rutherford, Staff Parish Chair, at 703-620-2448.

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.

Gifts are due by December 8th.

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



Hypothermia Shelter Meals – Mark your calendars, Vale is providing meals for the Hypothermia Shelter on December 31st and January 2nd. Sign up link forthcoming.

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 10th**. 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!

Advent Study: The Nutcracker – This Advent season, join us for our 5 week series on The Nutcracker. Please [Register](#), link available on the Vale Church Info Sheet. Join us at 6:30 PM on Sundays in person or via [Zoom](#) or on Saturdays at 9:00 AM via Zoom (after online Joanna Dietz will contact you with the link for Saturdays).



For more information on the study and schedule, please visit bit.ly/ValeChurchInfo

Vale Youth Group – The Vale Youth will be helping with tree sales on Fridays from 5-8 pm! Dinner will be provided. 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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