
Vale United Methodist Church



“The Mouse King: Changing Our Perspective”

December 12, 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 thanks to the Lord and call upon the holy name of the most high God.

Many: **The Lord is our strength and our salvation.**

One: Proclaim the mercy of the One who comes as one of us.

Many: **The Lord is our strength and our salvation.**

One: Trust and do not be afraid.

Many: **The Lord is our strength and our salvation.**

One: With joy you will draw water from the wells of peace.

Many: **The Lord is our strength and our salvation.
Hallelujah! Amen.**

***Hymn**

“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

UMH 196

Advent Wreath

The Hohmann And Ellis Families

Candle Response

One: Let us pray together:

Many: God who gives us community so we may grow, we thank you for leading us toward one another. May we grow in faith as we care for each other throughout this Advent season. Amen

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

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

Scripture

Luke 2:1-2

Matthew 2:1-12

Children's Sermon (11:00)

Rev. Dietz

Sermon

"The Mouse King: Changing Our Perspective"

Rev. Haugh

Hymn "A Star Shone Bright"

W&S 3051

Baptisms

UMH 33

David William Taylor

Call for Joys and Concerns

“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, you are in our midst.” Please respond with “Renew us in your love.”

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)

“Carol of the Drum” arr. Agioritis

Flute Quartet

Blessing of the Offerings

*** Hymn “Hail to the Lord’s Anointed” UMH 203**

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 Wayne Applewhite

11:00 Terri Lowry

Virtual The Deppe Family

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

4th Sunday of Advent, December 19, 2021

“The Mouse King: Changing Our Perspective”

Rev. Jeff Haugh

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This Week at Vale: December 12, 2021 – December 19, 2021

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

Mon, December 13

- 11:00 am UMW Potluck

Tues, December 14

- 10:30 am Vale Book Club
- 6:30 pm Youth Bible Study*
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir Practice

Sat, December 18

- 9:00 am Advent Study Week Three (Virtual)*

Sun, December 19

- 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 Four***

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 12, 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 Trees are Sold Out! – Thank you all so much for your support of our tree sales, from our first sale right off the truck to the final sales Wednesday evening! We have only 20 wreaths left that we will sell for \$10 each or 3 for \$25. They will be at the church

door on Sunday morning. Cash or check can be left in the Christmas tree drop box.

Thank you to all that helped make this season successful. We will be sharing more about the results in the coming weeks once the bookkeeping is final.

Bulletin Boards – To prepare for our guests on Christmas Eve, we are hoping to get all of our bulletin boards and information up to date. If your committee has a bulletin board, please stop by the church to see if it needs cleaned up.

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.



Hypothermia Shelter – Vale is providing meals for the Hypothermia Shelter at Christ Lutheran Church on December 31st and January 2nd. Please be sure to bring all prepared food donations to the church

kitchen at 12-3 pm on the date you register for. Sign up to donate food or help serve the meal on Vale's [SignUp Genius page](#), accessible on our website.

Vale Youth Group – The Vale Youth will be meeting for games and fellowship on Tuesday the 21st at 6:30 pm! The last meeting of the year will be on December 26th at 1:00 pm to prepare a meal for the Hypothermia Shelter. Please contact Joanna Dietz to attend at youth@valechurch.org

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.



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 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 Please contact Joanna Dietz at youth@valechurch.org for the Saturday link.



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

Wednesday Morning Bible Study – Starting January 5, we will read *Beyond the Broken Heart: A Journey Through Grief*. The first lesson will be very general; you will not need to have read anything beforehand. We meet at 10 am each Wednesday in the Resource Room or you can join us via the [Vale Worship Zoom link](#). The book is available on [Amazon](#) (\$13.99 paper, \$9.99 kindle). You might be able to find a used copy as well.

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 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.

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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