
Vale United Methodist Church



Christmas Eve

“Christmas Joy”

December 24, 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.

“Christmas Joy”

GATHERING

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

**Welcome
Prelude**

*** Call to Worship**

One: We count it in mere hours now. Soon the first pains of labor will be felt.

Many: Soon the Light will shine in the darkness,

One: Soon the baby will be born.

Many: Soon God will once again break into our lives,

One: Coming in a way that challenges our expectations and calls us to see life differently.

Many: Reawaken in us the awe of Christmas as we hear again the story of a young woman and a surprising visitor,

One: And when we leave this place,

Many: May we be willing to sing praises for a young woman who said “YES,” and the birth that we prepare to celebrate.

***Hymn**

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

UMH 234, v. 1, 3, 6

Advent Wreath

The Ylizarde Family

Candle Response

One: Let us pray together:

Many: God of the Christ-child and God of you and me, we invite you to come into our lives. Lead us to follow your light even as we lead others on the journey with us. Amen

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

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

Scripture of Anticipation

Isaiah 9:2-7

Special Music

“The First Noel”

arr. Agioritis

Vale Flutes

Scripture of Steadfastness

Psalm 96

Special Music

“Noel Peace Canon”

Schram

Vale Chancel Choir

Scripture of Community

Titus 2:11-14

Special Music

“Christmas Lullaby”

arr. Mackie

Vale Handbells

Scripture of Love

Luke 2:1-20

Sermon “Christmas Joy”

Rev. Haugh

Special Music

“Nativity Processional” arr. Larson

Vale Chancel Choir

THANKSGIVING & COMMUNION (11:00)

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.

SENDING FORTH

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

The Passing of the Light

Hymn “Silent Night”

UMH 239

Hymn “Joy to the World”

UMH 246

**Please stand in spirit or in posture.*

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

The worship committee gratefully acknowledges the poinsettias and wreaths donated for the sanctuary, fellowship hall and doors:

In remembrance of Marybeth Quist – Rev. Joanna Dietz

In memory of loved ones – Terri Lowry

*In honor of all cancer survivors including my parents Richard and
Jane Brewer – Jan Smith*

In remembrance of beloved family and friends – Dorothy Arbiter

A special thank you to Frank Taylor for creating the lovely bows for the wreaths.

We will not be collecting offerings during the service, however there is a basket in the back if you choose to give.

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP

1st Sunday after Christmas, December 26, 2021

“Christmas Story in Cartoons”

Dorothy Arbiter

Virtual Only (8:30 am) on Facebook and Youtube

This Week at Vale: December 26, 2021 – January 2, 2022

The church office is CLOSED this week

Sun, December 26

8:30 am Worship Service (Virtual)*

1:00 pm Youth Meal Prep*

Friday, December 31

12:00 pm Hypothermia Shelter*

Sat, January 1

Happy New Year!

Sun, January 2

8:30 am Worship Service (Virtual)*

11:00 am Worship Service (In Person)*

12:00 pm Hypothermia Shelter*

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

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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!

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

Church Office Closings – The church office will be closed the week of Dec 26th through Jan 2nd. In an emergency, Joanna will be reachable at (703) 346-8335 until the 30th, and Jeff will be reachable at (804) 687-3938 after the 30th.

Let's do a Shepherd's Run! – The shepherds were the first humans to tell the good news of Christ's birth. We invite you to participate in sharing the Christmas cheer on Christmas day like the shepherds by putting together a plate of treats and delivering them to a specific location where people are working that day to keep us safe and cared for. The plate can have cookies, cheese and crackers, veggies or fruits - you name it. The items can be homemade or store bought. Please contact Joanna Dietz at youth@valechurch.org for a location (we don't want the fire station to have 10 items and the nursing homes to have none!). Tags for the plate can be found at bit.ly/valechurchinfo. Please be sure to print one out and attach it to the plate so people can learn about the Shepherds Run and our church!



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.

Bible Studies – Starting in January, we will have several new Bible Studies. Visit www.valechurch.org for more information.

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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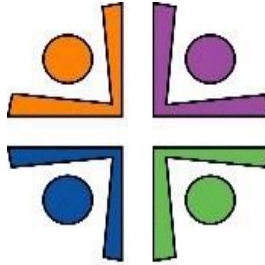
Vicky Alonzo, Nursery Caregiver
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2021 VALE CHURCH LEADERSHIP

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Join us for worship!

Virtually on Facebook and Youtube
(search for “Vale United Methodist Church”)

Links at: bit.ly/ValeChurchInfo

Services:

12/26: 8:30 am
Virtual

1/2/22: 8:30 am Virtual
11:00 am In Person

1/9/22 onwards: 8:30 am Virtual
8:30 am In Person (Sanctuary)
11:00 In Person (Fellowship Hall)

