Vale United Methodist Church



"The Kingdom of God is a Party"

January 16, 2022

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



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.

2nd Sunday after the Epiphany January 16, 2022 "The Kingdom of God is a Party"

GATHERING

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

come

Prelude

* Call to	Worship Lay Reader
One:	How precious is the steadfast love of God.
Many:	All people may take refuge in the shadow of God's embrace.
One:	Christ is the fountain of life.
Many:	In Christ we behold the Light of God.

*Hymn

"Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast" UMH 616

* Prayer of Confession

- Lay Reader
- Many: Almighty God, Source of all that is, Giver of every good gift: You create all people in your image and call us to love one another as you love us. We confess that we have failed to honor you in the great diversity of the human family.

We have desired to live in freedom, while building walls between ourselves and others. We have longed to be known and accepted for who we are, while making judgments of others based on the color of skin, or the shape of features, or the varieties of human experience. We have tried to love our neighbors individually while yet benefitting from systems that hold those same neighbors in oppression.

Forgive us, Holy God. Give us eyes to see you as you are revealed in all people. Strengthen us for the work of reconciliation rooted in love. Restore us in your image, to be beloved community, united in our diversity, even as you are one with Christ and the Spirit, Holy and undivided Trinity, now and forever. Amen.

- One: Hear the good news: Christ has set the banquet for us this day through his death and resurrection. Accept Christ's forgiveness and come join the celebration! In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
- Many: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Thanks be to God! Amen.

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

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

Scripture

John 2:1-11

Children's Sermon (11:00)

Terri Lowry

Sermon

"The Kingdom of God is a Party"

Rev. Dietz

UMH 880

Nicene Creed

Call for Joys and Concerns

Call to Prayer

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

Silently now I wait for thee, Ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

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 "Creating Spirit," Please respond with "stir us with your power."

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.

UMH 454

Special Music (11:00) "Here I Am to Worship" Hughes

Adria and Leah Hart, soloists

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 "We Believe in One True God" UMH 85

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	Tom Feeney
Virtual	Tom Feeney

Masks are **mandatory** on Sunday mornings and whenever children and youth are present.

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 after the Epiphany, January 23, 2022

"Taking the Party to the Streets"

Rev. Jeff Haugh

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This Week at Vale: January 16, 2022 – January 23, 2022

Sun, January 16

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

Tues, January 18

6:30 pm	Youth Group*
7:30 pm	Worship Committee Meeting (virtual)

Wed, January 19 10:00 am Bible Study*

Thursday, January 20 7:00 pm Trustees Meeting

Sat, January 22

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

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At this time, many meetings are offered in a hybrid virtual and inperson format. Please contact your group leader for specific information, or email the office at <u>Office@ValeChurch.org</u>.

* see announcement for details

Vale Ministry Opportunities January 16, 2022

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 <u>http://pushpay.com/g/valechurch</u> 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 <u>FinSec@ValeChurch.org</u>

Youth Snow Trip! – The youth will be going to Massanutten on Monday, January 24 for an all day snow trip. We will be ice skating and snow tubing the afternoon away. Cost is \$38, plus \$15-25 spending money for meals and snacks. If you are interested in attending, please contact Joanna Dietz ASAP at youth@valechurch.org. We only have 15 tickets, so be sure to RSVP before they are gone!

Sunday Evening Bible Study – The Sunday evening group is on hiatus, and will resume on March 6.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study – We are reading *Beyond the Broken Heart: A Journey Through Grief* by Julie Yarbrough. We meet at 10 am each Wednesday in the Resource Room or you can join us via the <u>Vale Worship Zoom link</u>. The book is available on <u>Amazon</u> (\$13.99 paper, \$9.99 kindle). You might be able to find a used copy as well.

The Women's Small Group – We are studying the book A Year of *Biblical Womanhood* by Rachel Held Evans. The book can be found on <u>Amazon</u>. Come learn how to deepen your discipleship with other women and this light-hearted read. Join us Saturday mornings at 9am on <u>Zoom</u>, link available on bit.ly/ValeChurchInfo. For more information please contact Joanna Dietz.

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 <u>youth@valechurch.org</u>.

A Thank You from the Staff – We, the staff of Vale Church, would like to thank you all for your thoughtfulness and generosity this holiday season. We appreciate the effort you put into making us feel cherished and at home here. We hope you had the merriest Christmas, and a happy New Year! 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 <u>music@valechurch.org</u> 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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