Vale United Methodist Church

"Remembering Our Baptism"

January 8, 2023

11528 Vale Road • Oakton, Virginia 22124
www.ValeChurch.org
In Person Worship at 10:00 a.m.
Virtual Worship at 8:30 a.m.
Facebook.com/groups/valechurch

United in faith, we seek to...

*A*lign our lives with the way of Jesus Christ.
*I*nvite others to journey with us.
*M*ove beyond our walls to create a more just and loving world.

Baptism of the Lord Sunday **January 8, 2023**

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GATHERING

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

Welcome

The Peace

From your seat, please offer your neighbors the peace of Jesus Christ.
The liturgist will call out ***"May the peace of Christ be with you!"***
Please respond with, ***"And also with you!"***

Prelude

*Call to Worship

One: In the beginning, at creation, the Spirit hovered over the waters of the deep.

Many: In the waters of the flood, God cleansed the earth and humankind.

One: God caused the waters to part so that Israel could cross from slavery to liberation.

Many: God formed Jesus in the waters of Mary's womb.

One: Jesus taught us how to live by washing his disciples' feet in water.

Many: Drinking water from a well, Jesus met a Samaritan woman, the first person to recognize that he was the Christ.

One: Today we celebrate the baptism of Jesus, the Christ.

Many: God meant for Jesus to be the firstborn in a large family. Praise be!

*Hymn "There's a Song in the Air" UMH 249

Confession and Pardon Lay Reader

One: Let us be bold and confess our sins, for God is gracious and always ready to forgive

Many: God, you show no partiality, yet we are not always as tolerant and accepting. Forgive our intolerance, and help us to see as you see, that we may be found acceptable in your sight through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

One: God forgives all our sins and promises to bring us to everlasting life. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Many: In the name of 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 3:13-17

*The reading will end with **"A word of God that is still speaking."***
*Please respond with **"Thanks be to God."***

Children's Moment

After the Children's Moment, children will be dismissed to their Sunday School class for the remainder of the service.

Sermon "Remembering Our Baptism"

Rev. Jeff Haugh

Baptism Renewal

One: And so I ask you, will you turn away from the powers of sin and death?

Many: We renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of our sin!

One: Will you let the Spirit use you as prophets to the powers that be?

Many: We accept the freedom and power god gives us to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves!

One: Will you proclaim the good news and live as disciples of Jesus Christ, his body on earth?

Many: We confess Jesus Christ as our Savior, put our whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as our Lord, in union with the church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races!

One: Will you be living witnesses to the gospel, individually and together, wherever you are, and in all that you do?

Many: We will remain faithful members of Christ's holy church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world.

One: Will you receive and profess the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

Many: We affirm and teach the faith of the whole church as we put our trust in God, the Father Almighty, in Jesus Christ, his only Son, and in the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

One: The Spirit of the Lord is with us.

Many: Even so, come Lord Jesus!

Baptismal Prayer

One: Almighty God, the life you birthed in us by baptism into Jesus Christ will never die. Your justice never fails. Your mercy is everlasting.

Many: Your healing river flows. Your Spirit blows where you will. We cannot stop you, God!

One: But sometimes we try, we try to block the flow, we redirect the winds of the Spirit, or we walk so far away from the life-giving Stream that we do not hear its sound, and we forget its power. We parch ourselves.

Many: We are dry and thirsty, O God. Come, refresh us!

One: Come upon us, Holy Spirit!

Many: Come upon us, Holy Spirit!

One: Come upon these waters.

Many: Come upon these waters.

One: Let these waters be to us drops of your mercy.

Many: Let these waters remind us of your righteousness and justice.

One: Let these waters renew in us the resurrection power of Jesus.

Many: Let these waters make us long for your coming reign.

One: Most Holy God, Abba, Father!

Many: Glory to you!

One: Jesus Christ, Savior, Lord!

Many: Glory to you!

One: Spirit of fire, Spirit of the waters, Spirit of holiness!

Many: Glory to you!

One: Eternal God, One in Three and Three in One!

Many: All glory is yours, now and forever. Amen!

All who are baptized and have renewed their vows
are invited to come to the font to use the water
as a sign of refreshing.

Call for Joys and Concerns

Call to Prayer — UMH 234

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.

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 "****Renew us, O God,"*** *Please respond with, "****By the waters of the baptism.****"*

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.

***Doxology** **UMH 95**

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

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Hymn "We Three Kings"** **UMH 254**

SENDING FORTH

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

Mission and Ministry Opportunities

* Blessing and Charge

* Postlude

**Please stand in spirit or in posture.*

UMH – *United Methodist Hymnal*
TFWS – *The Faith We Sing Hymnal*

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Thank you to Judy Jobbitt and Tom Marshall for providing our coffee hour treats!

Lay Readers:

10:00	Wayne Applewhite
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.

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP

2nd Sunday after Epiphany, Jan 15 2023

"Soothe a Savage"

Jeff Haugh

Masks are no longer required at Vale. Please wear a mask and maintain distancing if you are not up to date on vaccinations or boosters, if you are engaging with children, or based on personal preference, informed by personal level of risk.

This Week at Vale: Jan 8 – Jan 15, 2023

Sun, Jan 8

8:30 am	Worship Service (Virtual)
8:45 am	Contemporary Christian Topics
10:00 am	Worship Service (In-Person)
10:15 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	**Jeff's Holy Land Trip Talk***
11:45 am	Handbell Rehearsal
6:00 pm	Youth Group
7:00 pm	Sunday Evening Bible Study

Tues, Jan 10

10:30 am	**Vale Book Club**
7:30 pm	Flute Choir

Wed, Jan 11

10:00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study
7:30 pm	Vale Chancel Choir

Thurs, Jan 12

7:00 pm	Wire Choir

Fri, Jan 13

9:00 am	Women's Bible Study

Sun, Jan 15

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* *see announcement for details*

Vale Mission and Ministry Opportunities

"Not a Spectator Sport"

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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!

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, Bill Barnhart, at FinSec@ValeChurch.org

Holy Land Talk – Following the service today, Pastor Jeff will be recounting his recent trip to the Holy Land. Join us for refreshments and stories in the Fellowship Hall!

The Closet – Vale is once more sending volunteers to help at The Closet! Our upcoming dates are January 18 and February 9. Please see the sheet on the Missions bulletin board in the hallway to sign up. Contact Chris Olsen (703) 476-4561 or Nancy Abramson (703) 307-9737 with questions.

Coffee Hour Volunteers – Interested in feeding fellowship by feeding your fellows? Please sign up on the SignUp Genius found on Vale's website to help provide coffee and snacks for after our 10:00 service.

Chancel Choir – WE WANT YOU - to join the Choir at Vale!! Everyone is welcome, and anyone can learn to sing. If you've ever had any interest in singing with a very friendly and loving group of people, now's your chance! Chancel Choir (ages 14-100) rehearsals are Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary. Come and sing with us! Questions? Contact Jan Smith at music@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 email him at applewhitew2003@yahoo.com, or call at (703) 815-6618 with any matters you might want brought to Jeff

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