
Vale United Methodist Church



“Where Do You Stand?”

September 24, 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](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

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**

UMH 828

Hymn “By Grace We Have Been Saved” W&S 3110

Confession and Pardon

Lay Reader

One: Trusting in God’s mercy, let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors.

Many: Gracious God, we have sought after things, but we have not sought after you. We have expected generosity, but we have not shown generosity. We have not been gracious or grateful. We have failed to remember all that you have done. Forgive us and fill our hearts with gratitude. Help us to share our gifts and strengthen our legs so that we can run after you, O God. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen

One: People of God, we are reconciled to God. Let us therefore love one another with gratitude in our hearts and praise on our lips. 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 20:1-16

*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.*

Sermon "Where Do You Stand?"

Rev. Michelle Chaney

Hymn "Living for Jesus"

TFWS 2149

Call for Joys and Concerns

“Sanctuary”

*Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary,
Pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.*

Prayers of the People

You may send prayer requests to PrayerRequests@ValeChurch.org.

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

“Lord, 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.

God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Special Music

“For the Beauty of the Earth” by Rutter

Vale Chancel Choir

***Doxology**

UMH 95

“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Blessing of the Offerings

Hymn “Shine, Jesus, Shine”

TFWS 2173

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* (Blue)

TFWS - *The Faith We Sing* (Black)

W&S - *Worship and Song* (Green)

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Thank you to Debbie German and Bob Collum
for providing our coffee hour treats!

Lay Readers:

10:00 Bob Lacy

Virtual Deppe Family

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP

World Communion Sunday, October 1, 2023

“Be of the Same Mind as Christ”

Rev. 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: Sep 24 – Oct 1, 2023

Sun, Sep 24

- 8:30 am Worship Service (Virtual)
- 10:00 am Worship Service (In-Person)
- 10:15 am Sunday School*
- 11:00 am Children's Choir
- 11:30 am Handbell Choir
- 12:00 pm **Youth Group***

Tues, Sep 26

- 7:30 pm Flute Choir

Wed, Sep 27

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

Fri, Sep 29

- 6:00 pm GS Troop 56034

Sun, Oct 1

- 8:30 am Worship Service (Virtual)
- 10:00 am Worship Service (In-Person)
- 10:15 am Sunday School*
- 11:00 am Children's Choir
- 11:30 am Handbell Choir
- 1:00 pm **Blessing of the Animals***
- 3:00 pm GS Troop 56061
- 5:00 pm Youth Group*

* see announcement for details

Vale Mission and Ministry Opportunities

"Not a Spectator Sport"

Sep 24, 2023

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



Blessing of the Animals – The Blessing of the Animals will be on Sunday, October 1 at 1:00 pm. We will be celebrating all the creatures of this world in honor of St. Francis of Assisi. Bring your furry, scaly, and feathered friends! If your pet can't make it, you may also bring a photo.

New Email Provider. We are transitioning our Church Management System from Breeze to Church Community Builder, which is associated with PushPay. Church emails, including the weekly Shout and monthly Voice, will soon come from ccbchurch.com or ccbgroups.com. If you are suddenly not receiving emails from Vale, please check your spam folder.



Vale Fall Fair – Join the Vale community on October 14 from 11 am - 3 pm for the Vale Fall Fair! There will be music, games, and food at the schoolhouse, as well as a bounce house and spin art here at the church. We will also have our sanctuary open to show the community our beautiful place of worship. We are looking for volunteers to help supervise these stations for 2 hours at a time, please sign up on Vale's SignUp Genius if you are interested.

Sunday School Help Wanted – Are you interested in working with Vale's children? We are always looking for volunteers who are willing to spend an hour on their Sunday mornings to help teach our Children's Sunday School class. Materials and curriculum are provided. If you are interested, please contact Miranda Mason at ChristianEd@valechurch.org.

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



Youth Group - Vale's Youth Group is starting meetings again for the school year! Join us on Sunday evenings 5-6 pm in the downstairs youth room for fun and fellowship! Contact Nicole Wells at youth@valechurch.org with any questions.

Vale Worship Greeters - Do you want to connect with the Vale community? We are in need of some volunteers to greet people as they arrive to worship. This is an excellent opportunity to get to know the congregation better, both old and new members! On communion Sundays, we especially need help to create nametags as folks arrive. Please sign up to help out on Vale's SignUp Genius page.

Holy Land Trip! - Pastor Jeff is going to the Holy Land February 7-14. Our trip will bring to life many of the stories you remember from the Old and New Testaments. The cost is approximately \$3000. See Pastor Jeff if you are interested.



Vale Choirs - The Chancel, Children's, Handbell and Flute Choirs are starting rehearsals again! See below for details.

Flute Choir - Every second and fourth Tues at 7:30-9:00 in the Fellowship Hall.

Chancel Choir - Every Wednesday 7:30-9:00 in the sanctuary.

Handbell Choir - Every Sunday at 11:30-12:30 in the Fellowship Hall

Children's Choir - Every Sunday after the 10:00 service in the sanctuary.

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