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# Vale United Methodist Church

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## “Christ Is Coming”

November 12, 2023

11528 Vale Road • Oakton, Virginia 22124

[www.ValeChurch.org](http://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 799****Hymn “My Lord, What a Morning”****UMH 719****Confession and Pardon****Lay Reader**

One: We and our ancestors have sinned. Our ancestors exchanged the glory of God for the image of a golden calf. They forgot God, their Savior, who had done great things in Egypt. While our means are different, our compulsions are the same. Let us confess our brokenness, for God is merciful and just and will forgive us our sin.

Many: Holy God, you are the Lord our God, who brought us out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. And yet our trust in you is fragile, easily crushed by our bent toward indifference- the dismissal of your faithfulness as a result of our forgetfulness. Our trust is fragile, easily broken by the slightest pause- an answer to

prayer not instantly given, a request for peace not immediately felt. Our trust is fragile, easily displaced by gods of our own making- the god of self-sufficiency, chased at any cost; the god of illusion, pursued in any form. Lord, have mercy on us, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

One: Beloved, hear the good news: Jesus Christ came to stand in the breach to reconcile us to God. 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**

### **I Thessalonians 4:13-18**

*The reading will end with "A word of God that is still speaking."*

*Please respond with "Thanks be to God."*

### **Special Music**

### **"He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"**

**by Nordmeyer**

Vale Children's Choir

### **Children's Moment**

*After the Children's Moment, children will be dismissed to return to their families.*

### **Sermon "Christ Is Coming"**

**Rev. Haugh**

**Call for Joys and Concerns**

**Call to Prayer**

**TFWS 2193**

**“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”**

*Lord, listen to your children praying,*

*Lord, send your Spirit in the place;*

*Lord, listen to your children praying,*

*Send us love, send us power, send us grace.*

**Prayers of the People**

You may send prayer requests to [PrayerRequests@ValeChurch.org](mailto: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**

**Offertory**

**“Litany for America” by Lovelace**

Vale Chancel Choir

Wayne Applewhite, narrator

*O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,  
Who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life!  
America! America! May God thy gold refine,  
Till all success be nobleness, and every gain divine.*

*America! America! God shed His grace on thee,  
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.*

**\*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 “Battle Hymn of the Republic”**

**UMH 717, v 1, 2, 4**

# SENDING FORTH

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

## Mission and Ministry Opportunities

### \* Blessing and Charge

### \* Postlude

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*\*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 Dottie Brinker  
for providing our coffee hour treats!

Lay Readers:

10:00 Terri Lowry

Virtual Shira Goodfellow

## **NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP**

25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, November 19, 2023

“Keep Awake”

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.

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**This Week at Vale: Nov 12 – Nov 19, 2023**

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**Sun, Nov 12**

- 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
- 3:00 pm GS Troop 56061 Meeting

**Mon, Nov 13**

- 7:00 pm Troop 1983 B&G BSA Meeting
- 7:15 pm Troop 1983 Committee Meeting

**Tues, Nov 14**

- 7:00 pm GS Troop 56034 Meeting
- 7:00 pm Wire Choir
- 7:30 pm Flute Choir

**Wed, Nov 8**

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

**Thurs, Nov 9**

- 1:00 pm UMW Meeting

**Sat, Nov 18**

- 12:00 pm **Church Clean Up\***  
**\*\*Possible Tree Unloading\*\***

**Sun, Nov 19**

- 8:30 am Worship Service (Virtual)
- 9:30 am **AlterNatives\***
- 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 Friendsgiving at Oakton\*  
**\*\*Possible Tree Unloading\*\***

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\* see announcement for details



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## Vale Mission and Ministry Opportunities

"Not a Spectator Sport"

Nov 12, 2023

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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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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](mailto:FinSec@ValeChurch.org)





**Virtual Thanksgiving Bags** – Help make someone’s holidays a little warmer this year! Vale is collecting donations for virtual Thanksgiving bags to provide a holiday meal for families in Southeast DC. If you would like to participate, please select a meal bag on the SignUp Genius, found on Vale’s homepage. Donations must be received either by check or through PushPay by November 12. Please clearly designate “Turkey Fund” on your donation.

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**Tree Unloading** – Christmas Trees are coming soon! Hundreds of trees will be arriving in just a few short weeks and it will take many volunteers to handle tasks such as unloading, drilling, and placing trees, tagging and pricing trees and wreaths, among others. We have two loads, one tentatively scheduled for Nov 18, 19, or 24, and the other confirmed for Nov 24. Go to [bit.ly/ValeTreeUnload](https://bit.ly/ValeTreeUnload) to sign up. Please sign up for **ALL** dates you are able to help, and we will follow up with **ONE** date, once a date is confirmed.



**Tree Sales** – Tree sales will start on Friday, Nov 24! There are jobs for everyone, from donating cider and cookies to working the register to helping bag and load trees. We need as much help as possible, as it truly “takes a village” to ensure a successful event! Please look over the dates and sign up at [bit.ly/ValeTreeSale](https://bit.ly/ValeTreeSale) to help out.

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**AlterNatives Sale** – Our partners at the Highland Support Project are returning to host our AlterNatives sale on November 19! Come shop for beautiful handmade Christmas gifts and support the indigenous peoples of Guatemala and other nations in the Americas.

**Church Fall Cleanup** – On Saturday, Nov 18, from 12:00 to 2:00pm, we will be hosting our Vale Fall Cleanup. This is a very social event, and almost all of the work is easy pruning, raking, and leaf blowing of the planting beds. If you have them, bring rakes, wheelbarrows, tarps, leaf blowers, and gloves. We are a smaller church, so we need everybody to come help out and be part of this fellowship!

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**Youth Cohort Friendsgiving** – On November 19, from 12 – 1:30 pm at Oakton UMC, all youth are invited to share in a holiday celebration! Bring your favorite snack or dish to share, and help make “to go” bags for unhoused people in the area. We hope to see you there!

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**Confirmation Class** – This year, we will collaborate with other local Methodist churches for Confirmation 2024. We will hold classes at Vale and have several field trips from Feb. 3 – May 19. **We will have an orientation meeting on Nov 19 at Oakton UMC from 1:30 – 2:30 PM.** Any youth who are interested are invited to attend. If you have any questions, please see Pastor Jeff.

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**Children & Youth Ministry Director** – Community of Faith UMC and Vale UMC are seeking a full-time, Children & Youth Ministry Director to lead a newly created staff position focused on reaching the community beyond the walls of the church. An ideal candidate brings a passion for building relationships with the next generation as well as good time management, interpersonal, and leadership skills. Full job description available at [bit.ly/valechurchinfo](https://bit.ly/valechurchinfo). To apply, please submit a resume and cover letter to Rev. Dr. Jeff Haugh at [jobs@valechurch.org](mailto:jobs@valechurch.org)

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**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](mailto:ChristianEd@valechurch.org).

## 2023 VALE CHURCH LEADERSHIP

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