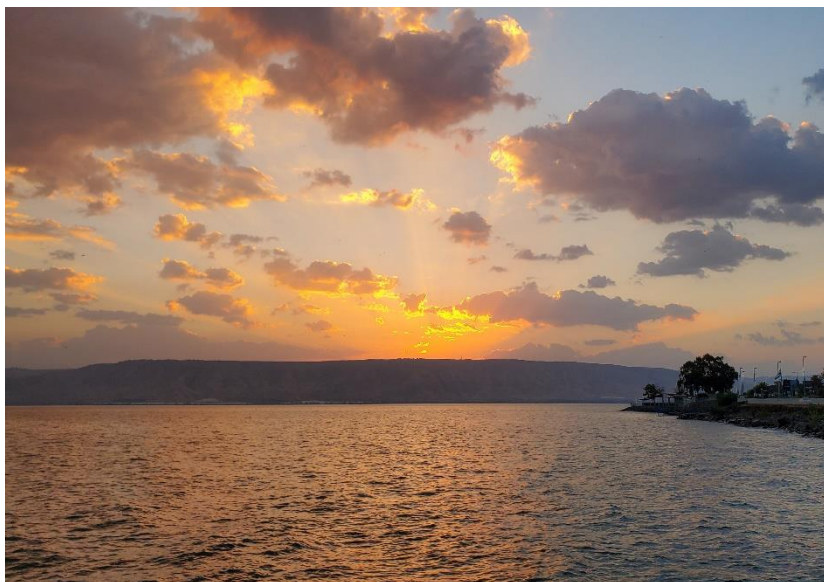

Vale United Methodist Church



“Keep Awake”

November 19, 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

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” arr. Krug

Vale Handbell Choir

***Call to Worship**

One: To you I lift up my eyes,

Many: O you who are enthroned in the heavens!

One: As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,

Many: So our eyes look to the Lord our God, until he has mercy upon us.

One: Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us, for we have had more than enough contempt.

Many: Our soul has had more than its fill of the scorn of those who are at ease, of the contempt of the proud.

Hymn “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

UMH 694

Confession and Pardon

Lay Reader

Many: Loving God, we confess that we have sinned against you by not honoring you or one another. When we place our iniquities before you, it is your love that sheds light on our wayward deeds. As we stand in awe of your constancy for us, we ask your forgiveness through the mercy of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

One: Family in Christ, when we acknowledge our human limitations and turn to depend upon our everlasting God, we grow wise in our hearts to God’s commands. You are freed to love another, for 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 5:1-11

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 return to their families.

Sermon "Keep Awake"

Rev. Haugh

Hymn "God Almighty, We Are Waiting"

W&S 3047

Missions Moment

Deb Cohen

Call for Joys and Concerns

Call to Prayer

UMH 84

"Thank you, Lord"

Thank you Lord. Thank you, Lord. Thank you, Lord.

I just want to thank you, Lord.

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

"O God of hope," Please respond with,

"Awaken us to your new world."

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.

Stewardship Moment

Margie Koller

God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Special Music

"For the Autumn Sky" by Schram
Vale Chancel Choir

***Doxology**

UMH 62

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

*All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing,
 O praise ye! Alleluia!
O brother sun with golden beam,
O sister moon with silver gleam!
O praise ye! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Blessing of the Offerings

Hymn “For the Beauty of the Earth”

UMH 92

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.*

Thank you to Dottie Brinker
for providing our coffee hour treats!

Lay Readers:

10:00 Bob Lacy

Virtual Kim Sheard

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP

1st Sunday of Advent, November 26, 2023

“Being Present with Hope”

Rev. Jeff Haugh

UMH - *United Methodist Hymnal* (Blue)

TFWS - *The Faith We Sing* (Black)

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

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This Week at Vale: Nov 19 – Nov 26, 2023

Sun, Nov 19

- 8:30 am Worship Service (Virtual)
- 10:00 am Worship Service (In-Person)
- 10:15 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am **AlterNatives***
- 11:00 am Children's Choir
- 11:30 am Handbell Choir
- 12:00 pm Youth Friendsgiving at Oakton*
- 4:00 pm Tree Unloading and Prep ***

Mon, Nov 20

- 6:30 pm Troop 1983 B&G Thanksgiving Potluck***

Tues, Nov 21

- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thurs, Nov 23

Happy Thanksgiving!

Fri, Nov 24

- 7:45 am Tree Unloading and Prep*
- 9:00 am Tree Sales*

Sat, Nov 25

- 9:00 am Tree Sales*

Sun, Nov 26

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* see announcement for details

Vale Mission and Ministry Opportunities

"Not a Spectator Sport"

Nov 19, 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



Tree Unloading - Christmas Trees are arriving **TODAY!** Hundreds of trees will be arriving at 4:00 pm, 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 also have one more load confirmed for Nov 24. Go to bit.ly/ValeTreeUnload to sign up.



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 to help out.



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

Youth Cohort Friendsgiving - Today, Nov 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!

Thanksgiving Putluck - Join Scouts BSA Troops 1983B and 1983G this Monday, Nov 20, from 6:30-8:00 for a Thanksgiving Pot Luck Dinner in the Fellowship Hall. This special event is for the entire family, neighbors, and friends. It's a time for fellowship and an opportunity to enjoy traditional and non-traditional Thanksgiving dishes. Scout families are providing the food but you can also sign up at the below Signup Genius link if you'd like to share something. Please label your item if it is vegetarian or includes tree nuts. Signup: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F054DA5AE2DA1F94-39309091-thanksgiving#/>



Advent Wreath Lighters - Would you like to participate in our Advent worship series? We are looking for individuals and families to light the Advent wreath for the in-person and virtual worship services starting on November 26 through December 17. If you are interested, please contact the office at office@valechurch.org.

The Closet - Our next volunteer day at The Closet is Tuesday, December 12. We are asked to send two people from 10 am - 1pm and another two people from 1- 4pm. If you can help for either shift, please sign up on the SignUp Genius found on Vale's website, or the missions bulletin board in the hallway. The jobs are easy & the organization helps the greater area in so many ways. If you have questions contact Nancy Abramson at StronachNW@aol.com

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. To apply, please submit a resume and cover letter to Rev. Dr. Jeff Haugh at jobs@valechurch.org

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 TODAY, 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.

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.

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