
Vale United Methodist Church



“Being Present with Hope”

November 26, 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.

**WE CELEBRATE OUR PRESENCE TOGETHER:
GATHERING**

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

Prelude

Welcome

Advent Wreath Lighting

One: We unwrap a present on this first Sunday of Advent with great anticipation for the gift that God will reveal.

Many: **We open our hearts as we open the gift!**

One: The promise of Hope is the Divine Gift we receive.

Many: **And what will we do with it?**

One: The gift of hope is an essential survival tool because it reminds us that the hard times do not have the last word. Hope is not simply a wish. Hope calls us into action based on a belief that things can be different. We can work to bring about the better world that we hope for.

Many: **We light this Candle of Hope as a sign that we will be Present with Hope in the world.**

What Can I Give Him?

What can I give Him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part;
Yet what can I give Him: I will give my heart.

Prayer of Presence

Holy Living Light of God, you are our Hopeful Presence. Let this hope grow in our lives each day, so we can be a Present of Hope to others. Unwrap and open our hearts. May it be so. Amen

*Hymn “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

UMH 213

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!”*

THE WORD PRESENT AMONG US: PROCLAIMING

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



First Reading

Psalm 80: 1-2

One: Shepherd of Israel, hear us, you who lead Joseph like a flock!

Many: You who are enthroned on the cherubim, shine out!

One: Shine out before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh!

Many: Awaken your power and come to save us!!

One: O God, return to us – let your face smile on us,

Many: And we will be saved!

Second Reading

I Corinthians 1:4-7

Hymn “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

UMH 196

Gospel Reading

Mark 13:24-37

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 “Being Present with Hope”

Rev. Haugh

FULLY PRESENT IN THE MOMENT: PRAYING

We practice being present in the moment with God through prayer.

Call for Joys and Concerns

Call to Prayer

UMH 204

“Emmanuel, Emmanuel”

Emmanuel, Emmanuel,

His name is called Emmanuel.

God with us, revealed in us,

His name is called Emmanuel.

Prayers of the People

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

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

***Doxology**

UMH 87

“What Gift Can We Bring”

*What gift can we bring, what present, what token?
What words can convey it, the joy of this day?
When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,
What song can we offer in honor and praise?*

***Blessing of the Offerings**

PRESENT TO THE WORLD: SENDING

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

***Hymn "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" UMH 203**

***Mission and Ministry Opportunities**

*** Blessing and Charge**

*** Postlude**

**Please stand in spirit or in posture.*

Thank you to Diane DuBois
for providing our coffee hour treats!

Lay Readers:

10:00 Dorothy Arbiter

Virtual Judy Jobbitt

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP

2nd Sunday of Advent, December 3, 2023

“Being Present with Peace”

Rev. Jeff Haugh

UMH - *United Methodist Hymnal* (Blue)

TFWS - *The Faith We Sing* (Black)

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

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Our Advent worship series comes from Worship Design Studio.

This Week at Vale: Nov 26 – Dec 3, 2023

Sun, Nov 26

- 8:30 am Worship Service (Virtual)
- 10:00 am Worship Service (In-Person)
- 11:00 am Tree Sales***
- 11:00 am Children's Choir
- 11:30 am Handbell Choir

Mon, Nov 27

- 5:00 pm Tree Sales***
- 7:00 pm Troop 1983 B&G BSA Meeting

Tues, Nov 28

- 5:00 pm Tree Sales***
- 7:00 pm Trustees Meeting
- 7:30 pm Flute Choir

Wed, Nov 29

- 10:00 am Wednesday Morning Bible Study
- 5:00 pm Tree Sales***
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thurs, Nov 30

- 5:00 pm Tree Sales***
- 6:30 pm GS Troop 56130
- 7:00 pm Wire Choir

Fri, Dec 1

- 5:00 pm Tree Sales***
- 7:00 pm Pack 1530 Meeting

Sat, Dec 2

- 9:00 am Tree Sales***

Sun, Dec 3

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

* see announcement for details

Vale Mission and Ministry Opportunities

"Not a Spectator Sport"

Nov 26, 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 Sales - Tree sales have begun! 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.

Tree Sale Saturday Special Events - Join us on Saturday, Dec 2 at 11 am - 1 pm for pony rides for kids 10 and under, and a Christmas Carol sing along with the Vale Choir. Then on Dec 9 10 am - 2 pm, we will have a bounce house, spin art, and ball toss! Tell your friends and neighbors to head on over and join the fun!

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 through December 17. If you are interested, please contact the Vale office at office@valechurch.org.



SEDC Sponsors - The SE DC Ministry currently has 4 children who have no sponsors. We are looking for people who would like to donate a \$100 Visa Gift Card so the child's family can provide some Christmas gifts. If you'd like to help, please contact Mary Morran at mmorran01@gmail.com for more details.



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

Thomas Jones Funeral Service - Come celebrate the life of long time member Tom Jones. Visitation is on Sunday Nov 26 at 2:30 - 5:00 pm at Money and King Funeral Home. There will be a funeral service for on Nov 27 at 10 am here at Vale, with a reception to follow at Bazin's on Church in Vienna.

Advent Devotional - A companion journal is available for our Advent worship series on the table outside the office.

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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