
Vale United Methodist Church



“How Much Is Your Bible Worth?”

January 7, 2024

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 761****Hymn “Jesus Loves Me”****UMH 191****Confession and Pardon****Lay Reader**

One: A prophet appeared in the wilderness, calling the people to repent, be baptized, and prepare the way of the Lord. We return to the water to confess our sins, giving thanks for the grace of Jesus Christ, the one who has come to save us

Many: God of all glory, you look from heaven and see us as we are- not worthy to kneel at your feet, not ready to welcome your way. Forgive us, gracious God. In Christ, stoop down to save us; loosen the ties that bind us to sin and set us free to love and serve you; in Jesus' name. Amen.

One: Hear the good news of the gospel: As a voice from heaven said to Jesus, so God says to each of us, “You are my beloved child, and with you I am well pleased.” In 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

Genesis 1:1-5

*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 “How Much Is Your Bible Worth?”

Rev. Jeff Haugh

Creed

UMH 889

Call for Joys and Concerns

Dedication of Vale Leadership

When prompted, please respond with “We will.”

“Fill My Cup, Lord”

*Fill my cup, Lord, I lift it up, Lord.
Come and quench this thirsting of my soul.
Bread of heaven, feed me til I want no more;
Fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole.*

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

***Doxology**

UMH 621

“Be Present at Our Table, Lord”

*Be present at our table, Lord;
Be here and everywhere adored;
Thy creatures bless, and grant that we
May feast in paradise with thee.*

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

Having been consumed into your Body by your love, send us
to all who hunger for your sustaining presence that we may
gratefully share the Feast. Amen.

Hymn “Christ, We Are Blessed”

W&S 3174

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 Tom Feeney

Virtual Tom Feeney

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP

2nd Sunday after the Epiphany, January 14, 2024

“Eli’s Gift”

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: Jan 7 – Jan 14, 2024

Sun, Jan 7

- 8:30 am Worship Service (Virtual)
- 8:45 am Contemporary Christian Topics*
- 10:00 am Worship Service (In-Person)
- 10:15 am Sunday School for Children
- 11:00 am Children's Choir
- 11:30 am Handbell Choir

Mon, Jan 8

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

Tues, Jan 9

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

Wed, Jan 10

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

Thurs, Jan 11

- 7:00 pm Church Board Meeting

Sun, Jan 14

- 8:30 am Worship Service (Virtual)
- 8:45 am Contemporary Christian Topics*
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* see announcement for details

Vale Mission and Ministry Opportunities

"Not a Spectator Sport"

Jan 7, 2024

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, Tom Feeney, at FinSec@ValeChurch.org



Year End Staff Recognition – It is a tradition at Vale UMC to recognize each of our staff at year end with a monetary gift. This gift is our way of saying “THANK YOU” for their efforts in supporting our Vale community through their gifts and graces. Please prayerfully consider contributing to this fund as our staff have all gone above and beyond in keeping the light of Christ alive at Vale. Contributions may be made via Push Pay or via check. If paying by check please write Staff Year End Gift in the memo section of your check and place it in one of the collection plates or the box on the welcome table. Any questions or concerns should be directed to Bette Rutherford, Staff Parish Chair, at 703-620-2448

RISE Against Hunger 2024 – Vale will be hosting our meal packing event for RISE Against Hunger on Sunday, February 4! This year we are aiming to pack 75,000 meals, and we will be packing our one millionth meal this year, so come help us reach this amazing milestone! Please sign up to help out at bit.ly/RAH2024



The Closet – Our next volunteer day at The Closet is Wednesday, January 10. 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.



Save the Date – Join us for a Square Dance on Saturday, January 20, from 7 to 9 pm. Punch and cookies will be served. Flannel attire is encouraged! This is the first of our Third Weekend at Vale events of 2024. If you are interested in hosting an event, please contact Jeff at pastor@valechurch.org.

Adult Sunday School – Join us Sunday mornings at 8:45 am for our Contemporary Christian Topics Sunday School class. Contact Stan Ellis at vwfdeuph@gmail.com or Lee Eisman at leeandlinda@verizon.net for more information.

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.



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.

2024 VALE CHURCH LEADERSHIP

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