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# Vale United Methodist Church

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## **“Eli’s Gift”**

January 14, 2024

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 854, v. 1-12**

**Hymn “Father, We Have Heard You Calling”**

**W&S 3150**

**Confession and Pardon**

**Lay Reader**

One: Assured that the One who calls us to hear and obey already knows the confessions of our hearts and is ready to forgive, let us confess our sin before God and before one another.

Many: Holy God, you see into each of us and know us fully as creatures in need of your constant care. We confess that we have neither heard your word nor followed your will. We have failed our nation, neighbors, families, friends, and ourselves. Give us ears to hear your wisdom. Lead us to honesty and faith so that we may begin again with renewed strength; in Jesus’ name. Amen.

One: God knows the hearts of those who seek forgiveness, and by grace you have been saved. Your sins are no more. You have been made clean. God strengthens you with freedom through the Holy Spirit, in Christ Jesus. 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 Samuel 3:1-10**

*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 "Eli's Gift"**

**Rev. Jeff Haugh**

### **Hymn "Lord, Speak to Me"**

**UMH 463**

### **Call for Joys and Concerns**

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

*Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Lord, send your Spirit in this 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

## Special Music

**“Sing Joy! Make a Beautiful Noise!” by Barrett**

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 “Here I Am, Lord”**

**UMH 593**

# 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 Judy and Tom Jobbitt  
for providing our coffee hour treats!

Lay Readers:

10:00            Wayne Applewhite

Virtual            Shira Goodfellow

**NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP**

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany, January 21, 2024

“GPS Jesus”

Rev. Jeff Haugh

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**This Week at Vale: Jan 14 – Jan 21, 2024**

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**Sun, Jan 14**

- 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 15**

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

**Tues, Jan 16**

- 5:30 pm GS Troop 56130
- 7:00 pm Wire Choir
- 7:30 pm Worship Committee Meeting

**Wed, Jan 17**

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

**Thurs, Jan 18**

- 1:00 pm UMW Meeting

**Sat, Jan 20**

- 7:00 pm **Square Dance\***

**Sun, Jan 21**

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\* see announcement for details



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## Vale Mission and Ministry Opportunities

"Not a Spectator Sport"

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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, Tom Feeney, at [FinSec@ValeChurch.org](mailto:FinSec@ValeChurch.org)



**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](https://bit.ly/RAH2024)



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**RISE Against Hunger Photos** – We are looking for photos of past RISE Against Hunger events to use in our promotions. If you have any, please send them to Mike Martin at [mike.vumc@yahoo.com](mailto:mike.vumc@yahoo.com) or the office at [office@valechurch.org](mailto:office@valechurch.org)



**Save the Date** – Join us for a Square Dance this 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](mailto:pastor@valechurch.org).

**Preschool Registration** – Vale UMC Preschool registration for Fall 2024 is now open to Vale UMC families and returning preschool families. Registration will open to new families on January 18, 2024. Please tell your friends, family and neighbors to come register! Please see the preschool bulletin board across from the preschool classrooms for registration forms, or email Diane Willard at [preschool@valechurch.org](mailto:preschool@valechurch.org) for information

**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](mailto:vwfdeuph@gmail.com) or Lee Eisman at [leeandlinda@verizon.net](mailto:leeandlinda@verizon.net) for more information.

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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).

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

## 2024 VALE CHURCH LEADERSHIP

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