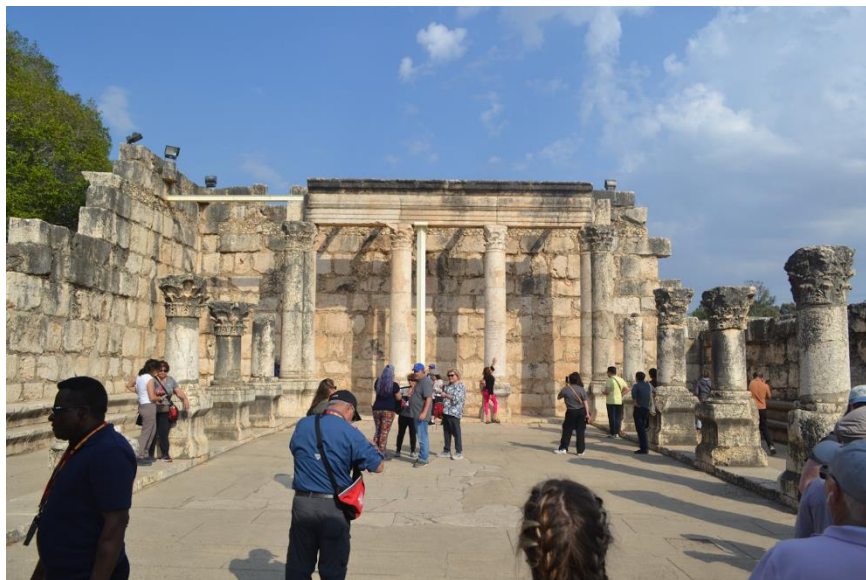


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# Vale United Methodist Church

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## “Discipleship”

January 28, 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 832**

**Hymn “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” UMH 127**

**Confession and Pardon**

**Lay Reader**

One:           The One who pardons, heals, and strengthens all who repent calls us to name our failings and our hopes. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

**Many:** Holy and all-powerful God, who commands all spirits, comforts those in distress, and casts out destructive forces, we confess that we are unable to do your will. We protect what is familiar and reject what is unknown. We admire those with courage but excuse ourselves when we falter from the truth. We forget that you are always with us, and that with you all things are possible. Forgive us, lead us, make us new. Remove our desire to heed false prophets, and show us your way; in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, Mother of us all. Amen.

**One:** The God who made you and knows your every thought hears you now and forgives you all your sin. You have been redeemed through Jesus Christ, God's Son, our Savior, who is Alpha and Omega, all in all. 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**

**Mark 1:21-28**

*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 "Discipleship"**

**Dr. Karen McElfish**

## **Hymn "God Hath Spoken by the Prophets"**

**UMH 108**

## **Call for Joys and Concerns**

## **Call to Prayer**

**TFWS 2129**

### **"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"**

*I have decided to follow Jesus,  
I have decided to follow Jesus,  
I have decided to follow Jesus—  
No turning back, no turning back.*

## **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**

**"Come and See the Newborn King" by Johnson**  
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 "Awesome God"**

**TFWS 2040 (4x)**

# 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 Diane DuBois  
for providing our coffee hour treats!

Lay Readers:

10:00            Bob Lacy

Virtual            Judy Jobbitt

**NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP**

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany, February 4, 2024

“Godsmacked”

Rev. Jeff Haugh

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**This Week at Vale: Jan 28 – Feb 4, 2024**

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**Sun, Jan 28**

- 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
- 12:00 pm Youth Cohort\*

**Mon, Jan 29**

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

**Wed, Jan 31**

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

**Thurs, Feb 1**

- 7:00 pm Wire Choir

**Sat, Feb 3**

- 10:30 am Prayer Shawl Ministry

**Sun, Feb 4**

- 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 **RISE Against Hunger\***

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\* see announcement for details



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## Vale Mission and Ministry Opportunities

"Not a Spectator Sport"

Jan 28, 2024

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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)



**Youth Cohort** – All youth grades 7-12 are invited to join us at Community of Faith UMC **TODAY**, Jan 28 from 12-2 for a “Minute to Win It” tournament! Come test yourself with unique games and enjoy some pizza after! Contact Miracle Ryder at ValeDCYM@gmail.com for more information.

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**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)



**Hypothermia Shelter** – Vale is once again providing meals for the Hypothermia Shelter. We need a few more volunteers to cook and serve meals on Friday, February 9. Please sign up to help out on the SignUp Genius, available on Vale’s website.

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**Giving Statements** – Year end tax statements will be available by January 26. If you do not have a Pushpay account and we don’t have an email address for you, we will mail the statement to your address of record. If we have an email address, we will email the statement to you. If you have a Pushpay account, you may also access your statement directly. To do so:

- Log in to your account
- Open the drop-down menu (look for the three bars at the top left and click)
- Click on “Giving Statements”
- You can download your statement from there.

If you need assistance or have any questions or issues, please contact us at [finsec@valechurch.org](mailto:finsec@valechurch.org). Thank you for your contributions to Vale!

**Preschool Registration** – Vale UMC Preschool registration for Fall 2024 is now open to Vale UMC families and returning preschool families. 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

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**Adult Sunday School** – Join us Sunday mornings at 8:45 am for our Contemporary Christian Topics Sunday School class. Contact Stan Ellis at [vvfdeuph@gmail.com](mailto:vvfdeuph@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 Miracle Ryder at [ValeDCYM@gmail.com](mailto:ValeDCYM@gmail.com).

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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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