
Vale United Methodist Church



“Godsmacked”

February 4, 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 859

Hymn “God of the Ages”

UMH 698

Confession and Pardon

Lay Reader

One: We fool ourselves if we think that our ways are hidden from God. Therefore let us confess our sin, trusting in the mercy of God our Maker

Many: God, you are everlasting, the creator of all that is. Your understanding is beyond measure. We confess to you that we have sinned against you and our neighbors. In your compassion, forgive us, for we place our hope in your steadfast love.

One: Praise the Lord! Our God heals the brokenhearted and binds up our wounds. God takes pleasure in those who place their trust in God’s grace. 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

Isaiah 40:21-31

*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 "Godsmacked"

Rev. Jeff Haugh

Creed

UMH 887

Call for Joys and Concerns

Call to Prayer

UMH 143

"On Eagle's Wings"

*And God will raise you up on eagle's wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of God's hand.*

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

Special Music

"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

Clint O'Brien, soloist

Michael Mintz, mandolin

***Doxology**

UMH 95

"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

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

We thank you God, for inviting us to this table, where we have known the presence of Christ and have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Hymn “Isaiah 40”

Kim Sheard and Jan Smith

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 Tom and Judy Jobbitt
for providing our coffee hour treats!

Lay Readers:

10:00 Terri Lowry

Virtual Suzanne Michaelis

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP

Transfiguration Sunday, February 11, 2024

“Visible Mending”

Rev. Jeff Haugh

This Week at Vale: Feb 4 – Feb 11, 2024

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
- 11:30 am **RISE Against Hunger***

Mon, Feb 5

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

Tues, Feb 6

- 7:00 pm GS Troop 56034 Meeting
- 7:00 pm Missions Committee Meeting

Wed, Feb 7

- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thurs, Feb 8

- 7:00 pm Church Council Meeting

Fri, Feb 9

- 4:00 pm Pack 1530 Pinewood Derby

Sat, Feb 10

- 8:30 am Pack 1530 Pinewood Derby

Sun, Feb 11

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- 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

* see announcement for details

Vale Mission and Ministry Opportunities

"Not a Spectator Sport"

Feb 4, 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



RISE Against Hunger 2024 – Vale is hosting our meal packing event for RISE Against Hunger **TODAY!** This year we are aiming to pack 80,000 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



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.

The Closet – Our next volunteer days at The Closet are Monday February 12, and Tuesday March 5. We are asked to volunteer a total of 12 hours or manpower. If you can help out, please sign up on the SignUp Genius found on Vale’s website, or on 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.

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 Tom Feeney at finsec@valechurch.org. Thank you for your contributions to Vale!

Preschool Registration – Vale UMC Preschool registration for Fall 2024 is now open to all. 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 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 vvfdeuph@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 Miracle Ryder at ValeDCYM@gmail.com.



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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