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# Vale United Methodist Church

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## “What Fruit Are You Producing?”

November 24, 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.*

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**27<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost    November 24, 2024**  
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**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 lay reader will call out “May the peace of Christ be with you!”*

*Please respond with, “And also with you!”*

**Prelude**

**\*Call to Worship**

**UMH 798**

**Hymn “He Has Made Me Glad”**

**TFWS 2270**

**Confession and Pardon**

**Lay Reader**

One:        Christ Jesus did not call down destruction upon those who rejected him. How much more will he show mercy to those who seek forgiveness? In faith, let us confess our sins.

Many:      O God, Holy Trinity, help us to confess our sins. You give us a place in your creation, and you intend that we live in love with all that you have made. We confess that we abuse what you give us.

**Many:** By our thoughts, actions, and the meditations of our hearts we show how enslaved we are to life made corrupt by sin. Far from walking in the Spirit, we stumble on paths that lead to death. O Fire of heaven, have mercy on us. Satisfy the longings of our souls by taking us up into your Spirit that we may love our neighbor. Rekindle our desire to follow our Savior, Jesus Christ, whose passion for obeying you leads us to our inheritance, which is your promised kingdom. To you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, One God, be all worship and praise, now and forever. Amen.

**One:** The crucified Christ has set us free to live in the Spirit of life. Hear the good news of the gospel. 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.*



## **Prayer for Illumination**

**Many:** O Father, by your Spirit plant your word within us that we may follow your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ, and never leave him. May we find our home in your kingdom and our life in your Spirit. Amen.

## Scripture

**Galatians 5:1, 13-25**

*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 “What Fruit Are You Producing?”

**Rev. Jeff Haugh**

## Hymn “For the Beauty of the Earth”

**UMH 92**

## Guatemala Celebration

## Call for Joys and Concerns

## Call to Prayer

**UMH 84**

“Thank You, Lord”

*Thank you, Lord. Thank you, Lord.*

*Thank you, Lord. I just want to thank you, Lord.*

## 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, have mercy.” Please respond with,*

*“Christ, have mercy.”*

## **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, Ye Thankful People, Come" arr. Black**  
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 "Let All Things Now Living"**

**TFWS 2008**

# SENDING FORTH

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

## Mission and Ministry Opportunities

### \* Blessing and Charge

*After the service, please join us in the Fellowship Hall  
for refreshments and conversation!*

### \* 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 Joanna Esty  
for providing our coffee hour treats!

Lay Reader:

8:30 Kim Sheard

10:00 Wayne Applewhite

## NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent, December 1, 2024

“Rome: A Place of Longing”

Rev. Jeff Haugh

## CELEBRATING GUATEMALA

*A look at the 2024 Guatemala trip*



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**This Week at Vale: Nov 24 – Dec 1, 2024**

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**Sun, Nov 24**

- 8:30 am Worship Service (Virtual)
- 10:00 am Worship Service (In-Person)
- 10:15 am Children's Sunday School
- 11:00 am AlterNatives Sale\***
- 11:00 am Children's Choir
- 11:30 am Handbell Choir
- 3:00 pm GS Troop Meeting

**Mon, Nov 25**

- 6:30 pm BSA Thanksgiving Potluck\*

**Tues, Nov 26**

- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir
- 7:30 pm Flute Choir

**Thurs, Nov 28**

**Happy Thanksgiving!**

**Sat, Nov 30**

- 10:00 am Fall Cleanup\***

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\* see announcement for details



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## Vale Mission and Ministry Opportunities

"Not a Spectator Sport"

Nov 24, 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!

**Video Recording Notice** – We occasionally record and publish our worship services. If you do not wish for your image to be shown, please alert the pastor or the church office.



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



**AlterNatives** – Our partners at the Highland Support Project are returning to host our AlterNatives sale TODAY! Come shop for beautiful handmade Christmas gifts and support the indigenous peoples of Guatemala and other nations in the Americas!

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**Christmas Tree SignUps** – Our Christmas trees are here! We will need plenty of help with our sales during the week, so sign up to help out at [bit.ly/valetrees](http://bit.ly/valetrees). Volunteers that sign up before Nov 28 will be getting some “thank you” gifts this year! If you sign up for 6 or more shifts you will get a hat, 15 or more and you will get a sweatshirt.

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**Wreaths by Mail** – Would you like to spread a little Christmas cheer to a loved one living far away? After the worship service, see Mike Martin in Fellowship Hall to order a mailed wreath! Each wreath is \$60 including shipping, and is 22 inches in diameter, made of Frasier fir, and has a red bow with 16 inch tails. If you will not be at Vale in person, you can also email Mike with the addresses and quantity at [mike.vumc@yahoo.com](mailto:mike.vumc@yahoo.com) to place an order.

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**Fall Cleanup** – On Saturday, November 30th from 10 am to 12 pm, we will be hosting our Vale Fall Cleanup. This is a very social event, and almost all of the work is easy pruning, raking, and leaf blowing of the planting beds. If you have them, bring rakes, wheelbarrows, tarps, leaf blowers, and gloves. We need everybody who is able to come help out and be part of this fellowship!

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**The Closet** – Our next volunteer day at The Closet is Mon, Dec 2. We are asked to volunteer a total of 12 hours or manpower. Shifts are 10-1 and 1-4 pm. If you are unable to make the full 3 hours or specific time slot, you may sign up for just one or two hours (or more) anytime between 10am and 4pm, hours that day; please just note hours you will work. If you can help out, please sign up on the Missions 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](mailto:StronachNW@aol.com).

**Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner.** Vale Church members are invited to join Troop 1983 TOMORROW, November 25 for their annual Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner from 6:30-8:00 in the Fellowship Hall. It's a time for fellowship, enjoying other's favorite Thanksgiving dishes, and an opportunity to share your favorite dish with others. While not required, if you'd like to bring something to share, you can sign up using the link on [bit.ly/ValeChurchInfo](http://bit.ly/ValeChurchInfo). Please label your item if it is vegetarian or includes tree nuts. Contact Dwight Reed, [sm1983bsa@cox.net](mailto:sm1983bsa@cox.net) if you have any questions

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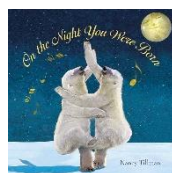
**Advent Wreath Lighters** - Would you like to participate in our Advent worship series? We are looking for individuals and families to light the Advent wreath for the in-person and virtual worship services starting on December 1 through December 22. If you are interested, please contact the office at [office@valechurch.org](mailto:office@valechurch.org)

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**SE DC Christmas:** Each year Vale Southeast DC Sponsors send financial support to the families of 36 kids to help them provide Christmas gifts. Currently there are 2 toddler girls who have no sponsors. If you would like to help this ministry, you can either provide a one time gift of a \$100 Visa gift card for one of the girls, or donate any amount to the Missions SE DC Christmas fund. Contact Mary Morran at [mmorran01@gmail.com](mailto:mmorran01@gmail.com) with any questions. Together, let's make sure that all our kids in SE DC have a great Christmas!

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**Christmas Nativity** - Save the date! On Sunday, Dec 22 at 4pm, Vale & Community of Faith will come together for a Christmas Nativity Play. We are looking for all ages to participate and offer their gifts as we tell the story of when Jesus was born. If you are interested in helping us get ready by decorating or prepping costumes, we would love that too! Please let Miracle know if you are interested in participating by talking with her directly or emailing her at [valedcym@gmail.com](mailto:valedcym@gmail.com).



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