
Vale United Methodist Church



“Rome: A Place of Longing”

December 01, 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.

Prelude

Welcome

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

One: The journey begins, and this candle will help light our way.

Many: We are on our way to more hope.

One: Decrees and decisions affect our world and our lives as they did in Jesus' day.

Many: We are a people who long for Good News.

One: There are milestones that Guide us to a better day.

Many: God's light goes before us, we are not alone.

Hymn “Advent Candlelight Carol”

Opening Prayer

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!”

Hymn “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

UMH 211

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

We hear God's word proclaimed. We act in response.



Scripture

Luke 2:1-3

Gospel Reading

Romans 8:18-25

*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 “Rome: A Place of Longing”

Rev. Jeff Haugh

Creed

UMH 887

Call for Joys and Concerns

Call to Prayer

UMH 473

“Lead Me, Lord”

*Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness;
Make thy way plain before my face.*

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**

To the tune of “Away in a Manger”

*Praise God for these gifts that we offer today
And bless them for good in the world, we pray.*

*Praise Jesus, the Christ-Child, our Hope and our Stay,
The Spirit, our Keeper, our Guide on the Way.*

Blessing of the Offerings

THANKSGIVING & COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

UMH 15, 89

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. Those who wish to have Communion brought to their seat should notify an usher. Gluten-free elements are available upon request. If you would prefer to receive a blessing instead of Communion, you may cross your hands as you approach.

SENDING FORTH

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

Hymn “Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”

UMH 203

Mission and Ministry Opportunities

*** Blessing and Charge**

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

Hymn

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

UMH 230, v 4

*** 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)

ADVENT CANDLELIGHT CAROL

Tune: BURGUNDIAN CAROL

Arranged with new words by

ANNA LAURA PAGE

and **JEAN ANNE SHAFFERMAN**

Verses 1, 2 & 3

Choir and Congregation



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Lay Reader:

8:30

Judy Jobbitt

10:00

Dorothy Arbitier

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP

2nd Sunday of Advent, December 8, 2024

“Jerusalem: A Place of Waiting”

Rev. Jeff Haugh

RECENTLY AT VALE:



Christmas trees have arrived! Thank you to everyone who helped unload!

This Week at Vale: Dec 1 – 8, 2024

Sun, Dec 1

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

Mon, Dec 2

- 5:00 pm GS Troop 56122 Meeting
- 7:00 pm BSA Troop 1983 Meeting

Tues, Dec 3

- 7:00 pm Wire Choir
- 7:00 pm Missions Committee Meeting**

Wed, Dec 4

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

Thurs, Dec 5

- 5:00 pm GS Troop 56051 Meeting

Fri, Dec 6

- 5:00 pm GS Troop Meeting
- 6:00 pm Pack 1530 Meeting

Sat, Dec 7

- 3:00 pm GS Holiday Party

Sun, Dec 8

- 8:30 am Worship Service (Virtual)
- 10:00 am Worship Service (In-Person)
- 10:15 am Children's Sunday School
- 11:00 am Children's Choir
- 11:30 am Handbell Choir
- 11:45 am Vale Lunch Out***
- 3:00 pm Charity League Meeting
- 3:00 pm Youth Group**

** see announcement for details*

Vale Mission and Ministry Opportunities

"Not a Spectator Sport"

Dec 1, 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!

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.

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 Feeny, at FinSec@ValeChurch.org





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. Please be sure to sign up, not just show up! While unexpected volunteers are always a welcome surprise, we need to know how many volunteers we will have for each shift. If there are not enough volunteers signed up on a date, we are supplementing with paid labor, so please be sure to sign up if you are coming to help us avoid unnecessary costs.

The Closet - Our next volunteer day at The Closet is TOMORROW, Dec 2. We are asked to volunteer a total of 12 hours or manpower. Shifts are 10-1 and 1-4 pm. 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



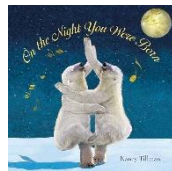
Advent Wreath Lighters - Would you like to participate in our Advent worship series? We are looking for individuals and families to light the Advent wreath for the in-person and virtual worship services starting on December 1 through December 22. If you are interested, please contact the office at office@valechurch.org

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 with any questions. Together, let's make sure that all our kids in SE DC have a great Christmas!



Vale Lunch Out - Our next Vale Lunch Out will be held on Sunday, December 8, at 11:45, at Famous Dave's, located in the Oakton Shopping Center. Separate checks will be given. While reservations are not necessary, the manager would like a "guesstimate" of the number of guests by Thursday, December 5. For questions or to let me know you plan to attend, contact Terri Lowry at 703-620-6632 or via email at tlowry2003@gmail.com. All are welcome to join us. Hope to see you there!

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. Please let Miracle know if you are interested in participating by talking with her directly or emailing her at valedcym@gmail.com.



Holiday Worship Schedule:

Sun, Dec 22

- 8:30 am Worship Service (Virtual)
- 10:00 am Worship Service (In-Person)
- 10:15 am Children's Sunday School
- 4:00 pm Children's Nativity

Tues, Dec 24

- 9:00 pm Christmas Eve Worship Service

Sun, Dec 29

- 10:00 am Pajamas and Stories Service (In-Person)

*The church office will be closed Mon, Dec 23
through Thurs, Jan 2*

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