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# Vale United Methodist Church

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## “Jerusalem: A Place of Waiting”

December 08, 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.*

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

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

Many: **We are on our way to more peace.**

One: Life is full of expectations and waiting for the right time, the right answer, the right opportunity.

Many: **We are a people who wait for Good News.**

One: It is hard to wait, but there are milestone moments when we get a glimpse of what true peace feels like.

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!**”*

# PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

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



**Scripture**

**Romans 12:9-18**

**Gospel Reading**

**Luke 1:5-17**

*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 “Jerusalem: A Place of Waiting”**

**Rev. Jeff Haugh**

**Hymn**

**“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”**

**UMH 196**

**Call for Joys and Concerns**

**Call to Prayer**

**UMH 204**

**“Emmanuel, Emmanuel”**

*Emmanuel, Emmanuel,  
His name is called Emmanuel.  
God with us, revealed in us,  
His name is called Emmanuel.*

## 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

### \*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

### Hymn

**“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” UMH 206**

## 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!*

#### Hymn

**“O Little Town of Bethlehem”**

**UMH 230, v 4**

#### \* 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)

Thank you to Judy Jobbitt and Tom Marshall  
for providing our coffee hour treats!

Lay Reader:

8:30 Suzanne Michaelis

10:00 Kim Haugh

# 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



Ad - vent can - dle burn - ing bright through the night, shine your



light of (1.) hope tell - ing peo - ple ev - 'ry - where: soon the Sav - ior

(2.) peace

(3.) joy



comes, soon He will be here! Peo - ple gath - er and pre -



pare in the night with the light of (1.) hope  
(2.) peace  
(3.) joy

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## **NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP**

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent, December 15, 2024

“Nazareth: A Place of Simplicity”

Rev. Jeff Haugh

### **RECENTLY AT VALE:**



The UMW's toy collection for our local police station

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**This Week at Vale: Dec 8 – 15, 2024**

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**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**

**Mon, Dec 9**

- 7:00 pm BSA Troop 1983 Meeting
- 7:15 pm BSA Troop 1983 Committee Meeting

**Tues, Dec 10**

- 10:00 am Vale Book Club**
- 7:00 pm Wire Choir
- 7:30 pm Flute Choir

**Wed, Dec 11**

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

**Thurs, Dec 12**

- 5:00 pm GS Troop 56051 Meeting
- 7:00 pm Charge Conference

**Sun, Dec 15**

- 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
- 2:00 pm GS Troop Meeting
- 3:00 pm GS Troop 56051

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\* see announcement for details



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## Vale Mission and Ministry Opportunities

"Not a Spectator Sport"

Dec 8, 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)





**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). 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.

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**Wreaths by Mail** - Would you like to spread a little Christmas cheer to a loved one living far away? This is the last Sunday 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. 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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**Vale Lunch Out** - Our next Vale Lunch Out will be held after the service today at 11:45, at Famous Dave's, located in the Oakton Shopping Center. Separate checks will be given. For questions or to RSVP, contact Terri Lowry at 703-620-6632 or via email at [tlowry2003@gmail.com](mailto:tlowry2003@gmail.com). All are welcome to join us. Hope to see you there!



**UMW Christmas Party** - All the women of the church are invited to attend the United Methodist Women's Christmas party on Thursday, December 19, from 1:00 to 3:00 in the Resource Room. Please bring a dish to share, and if you would like to participate in a gift exchange, bring a wrapped/bagged gift of \$15 to \$20. We look forward to celebrating with you. If you have any questions, contact Karen Leniart at [karen.leniart@gmail.com](mailto:karen.leniart@gmail.com).

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**The Closet** - Our next volunteer day at The Closet is Sat, Dec 21. We are asked to volunteer a total of 12 hours or manpower. Shifts are 10am-1pm and 1-4 pm. This is a great opportunity for high school students who are out of school and want service hours to participate. There are plenty of fun and easy jobs. If you can help out, please sign up at [bit.ly/ValeChurchInfo](http://bit.ly/ValeChurchInfo), or on the Missions board in the hallway. If you have questions, please contact Nancy Abramson at [StronachNW@aol.com](mailto:StronachNW@aol.com).

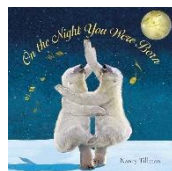
**Year End Staff Recognition** – It is a tradition at Vale UMC to recognize each of our staff at year end with a monetary gift. This gift is our way of saying “THANK YOU” for their efforts in supporting our Vale community through their gifts and graces. Please prayerfully consider contributing to this fund as our staff have all gone above and beyond in keeping the light of Christ alive at Vale. Contributions may be made via Push Pay or via check. If paying by check please write Staff Year End Gift in the memo section of your check and place it in one of the collection plates or the box on the welcome table. Any questions or concerns should be directed to Bette Rutherford, Staff Parish Chair, at 703-620-2448.

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**Charge Conference** – Vale’s Charge Conference will be on Thursday, Dec 12 at 7:00 pm

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



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### **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*

## 2024 VALE CHURCH LEADERSHIP

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