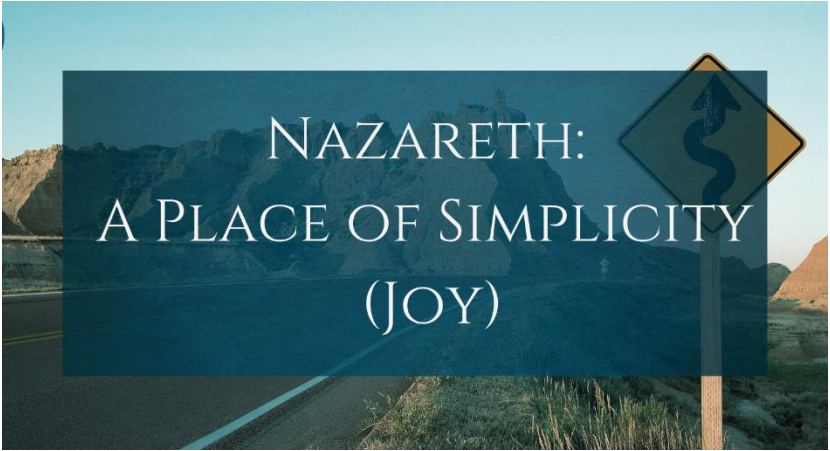

Vale United Methodist Church



“Nazareth: A Place of Simplicity”

December 15, 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

**“Gentle Mary Laid Her Child/Angels We Have
Heard on High” arr. Childers**

Vale Handbell Choir

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 joy.

One: Life can be so complicated and filled with
distractions.

Many: We are a people who simply want Good News.

One: We need a marker on the journey to tell us to stop
and notice the wonder of the moments along the
way.

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!”

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

“Ding, Dong, Merrily on High” arr. Childers

Vale Handbell Choir

*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. Amen.

Blessing of the Offerings

Hymn

“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates” UMH 213

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

*O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us we pray,
Cast out our fear, and draw us near; be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.*

* 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)

Thank you to Jan and Tom Feeney
for providing our coffee hour treats!

Lay Reader:

8:30 The Deppe family

10:00 Tom Feeney

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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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

4th Sunday of Advent, December 22, 2024

“Bethlehem: A Place of Humility”

Rev. Jeff Haugh

RECENTLY AT VALE:



The joint Vale and CoF youth group had a blast helping sell Christmas trees!

This Week at Vale: Dec 15 – 22, 2024

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

Mon, Dec 16

- 7:00 pm BSA Troop 1983 Meeting
- 7:00 pm BSA Troop 1983 Board Meeting

Tues, Dec 17

- 5:30 pm GS Troop 56130
- 7:30 pm Worship Committee Meeting

Wed, Dec 18

- 10:00 am Wednesday Morning Bible Study
- 6:30 pm GS Troop 56034
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thurs, Dec 19

- 1:00 pm **UMW Christmas Party***

Sun, Dec 22

- 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
- 4:00 pm **Christmas Nativity Play***

* see announcement for details

Vale Mission and Ministry Opportunities

"Not a Spectator Sport"

Dec 15, 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





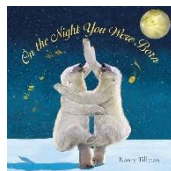
Christmas Tree SignUps – Our Christmas trees are here! We will need plenty of help with our sales during the week, so sign up to help out at bit.ly/valetrees. Please be sure to sign up, not just show up! While unexpected volunteers are always a welcome surprise, we need to know how many volunteers we will have for each shift.

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.



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, or on the Missions board in the hallway. If you have questions, please contact Nancy Abramson at StronachNW@aol.com.

Christmas Nativity – Next 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.



Coffee Hour Volunteers Needed – Interested in feeding fellowship by feeding your fellows? We are in need of volunteers to help provide coffee and snacks for after our 10:00 service. Please sign up to help out on Vale's SignUp Genius page

Welcome Trudy! – We welcome Trudy Rupp into our membership. She joins us via transfer from another United Methodist Church.

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.

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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