
Vale United Methodist Church



“Into the Light”

January 05, 2025

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.

“Into the Light”

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 795

Hymn “He Is Born”

UMH 228

Confession and Pardon

Lay Reader

One: In the light of Christ, we see the shadows of our world and of our hearts. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

Many: Merciful God, you have given light to the world in Jesus Christ, but we have preferred to live in darkness. Your justice protects the weak and the distressed, yet we seek the shelter of privilege and power. Your righteousness redeems the poor and the needy, yet we seek the status of wealth and possessions. Your peace upholds the oppressed and the defenseless, yet we seek the security of weapons and retribution. Forgive us our sins, and lead us to true repentance, that we may trust you in all things; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

One: This is the good news: Christ is the light of the world, who grants forgiveness and healing of our sins. Thanks be to God, for 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: Spirit of God, in the proclamation of your Word, reveal to us the hidden mystery of your love in Christ, and strengthen our faith that we may approach you with boldness. Amen.

Scripture

Matthew 2:1-12

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 "Into the Light" Rev. Alyssa Densham

Hymn "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

UMH 218

Call for Joys and Concerns

Call to Prayer

UMH 234

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

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

"Glorious light," 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**

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 “We Three Kings”

UMH 254, v 1-3

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 the Koroma family
for providing our coffee hour treats!

Lay Readers:

10:00 Mike Martin

Virtual Shira Goodfellow

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP

Baptism of the Lord Sunday, January 12, 2025

“Baptism”

Rev. Jeff Haugh

This Week at Vale: Jan 5 – 12, 2025

Sun, Jan 5

- 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

Mon, Jan 6

- 6:00 pm GS Troop 56122 Meeting
- 7:00 pm BSA Troop 1983 Meeting

Tues, Jan 7

- 7:00 pm Missions Committee Meeting

Wed, Jan 8

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

Sun, Jan 12

- 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
- 11:45 am Vale Lunch Out***
- 11:30 am Handbell Choir
- 4:00 pm Youth Group*

* see announcement for details

Vale Mission and Ministry Opportunities

"Not a Spectator Sport"

Jan 5, 2025

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



Vale Lunch Out - Our next Vale Lunch Out will be held on Sunday, January 12, 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, Jan 9. 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!



Hypothermia Shelter - On January 10 and 11, Vale is once again providing meals for the Hypothermia Shelter at Christ Lutheran Church. We need a few more volunteers to cook and serve meals. Please sign up to help out on Vale's website!

New Wednesday Study! - On January 8, we'll start our new study: *Soul Feast* by Marjorie Thompson. This is a classic guide to Christian spirituality. Our first meeting will be an overview, there's nothing to read beforehand. You should be able to find copies in your local bookstore or on Amazon. Please note that we will **not** meet if Fairfax County schools are closed



The Closet - Our next volunteer day at The Closet is Thurs, Jan 16. We are asked to volunteer a total of 12 hours or manpower. If you can help out, please sign up on Vale's website or 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.

Youth Group - All youth 6th through 12th grade are invited to gather together next Sunday, January 12th from 4-6pm at Vale. We will study, play and share a meal together. Friends and neighbors are welcome. If you have questions or to rsvp, talk with Miracle directly or email her at valedcym@gmail.com



Rise Against Hunger - With tree sales over, the next step is our Rise Against Hunger packing event! Join us on Feb 2 to see the huge impact that our community has on world hunger. Sign ups are available on Vale's webpage.

Coffee Hour Volunteers - 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 on Vale's SignUp Genius page to help out!

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