
Vale United Methodist Church



“Baptism”

January 12, 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.

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 761

Hymn “This Is the Spirit’s Entry Now”

UMH 608

Confession and Pardon

Lay Reader

One: God loves us and calls us each by name. Knowing we are eternally forgiven and infinitely loved, let us boldly confess our sins before God.

Many: We are precious in your sight, yet we often forget that we are your beloved. We confess that our love is fickle and inconstant. We follow selfish goals and deny that our way of life harms others and hurts your world. We are sorry and we want to change. Create in us a clean heart, strengthen our resolve, reconcile us one to another, and bless us with your peace. Amen.

One: Beloved, God forgives your sins; know that you are pardoned and be at peace to love the Lord and serve the world, 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: Glorious God, when Jesus was baptized for your healing mission, the heavens opened in a flash of glory as vision and voice blazed upon the waters. May your Spirit so burn in us that we hear your word translated into deed and follow Jesus in paths of justice, right relationship, and peace. Amen.

Scripture

Acts 8:14-17

*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 return to their families.*

Sermon "Baptism"

Rev. Jeff Haugh

Creed

UMH 881

Call for Joys and Concerns

Call to Prayer

UMH 641

"Fill My Cup, Lord"

*Fill my cup, Lord, I lift it up, Lord.
Come and quench this thirsting of my soul.
Bread of heaven feed me till I want no more;
Fill my cup, fill it up, and make me whole.*

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, 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

“The First Noel” arr. Berg

Chancel Choir; Susan Rigger, flute

*Doxology

UMH 621

“Be Present at Our Table, Lord”

Be present at our table, Lord;

Be here and everywhere adored;

Thy creatures bless, and grant that we

May feast in paradise with thee.

Blessing of the Offerings

THANKSGIVING & COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

UMH 15

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.

Communion Prayer

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn “Christ, We Are Blest”

W&S 3174

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

**Please stand in spirit or in posture.*

The First Noel

Choir:

1. The first Noel the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.
2. They looked up and saw a star shining in the east, beyond them far,
And to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.
3. And by the light of that same star three Wise Men came from country far;
To seek for a King was their intent, and to follow that star wherever it went.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.



All: 4. Then let us all with one accord sing



prais - es to our heav - en - ly Lord Who



hath made heav'n and earth of naught, and



with his blood man - kind hath bought. No -



el, No - el, No - el, No - el,



born is the King of Is - ra - el!

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP

2nd Sunday after the Epiphany, January 19, 2025

“Celebrate!”

Rev. Jeff Haugh

UMH – *United Methodist Hymnal* (Blue)

TFWS – *The Faith We Sing* (Black)

W&S – *Worship and Song* (Green)

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

Lay Readers:

10:00 Wayne Applewhite

Virtual Kim Sheard

This Week at Vale: Jan 12 – 19, 2025

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
- 11:30 am Handbell Choir
- 11:45 am Vale Lunch Out***
- 3:00 pm GS Troop 56051 Meeting
- 4:00 pm Youth Group*

Mon, Jan 13

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

Tues, Jan 14

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

Wed, Jan 15

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

Thurs, Jan 16

- 1:00 pm UMW Meeting
- 4:00 pm GS Troop 56051 Meeting
- 7:00 pm Church Council Meeting

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- 8:30 am Worship Service (Virtual)
- 10:00 am Worship Service (In-Person)
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* see announcement for details

Vale Mission and Ministry Opportunities

"Not a Spectator Sport"

Jan 12, 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 TODAY, January 12, at 11:45 at Famous Dave's, located in the Oakton Shopping Center. Separate checks will be given. For questions, 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!



New Wednesday Study! - This Wednesday, January 15, 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 no need 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 TONIGHT, 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.

Nursery Help Wanted - We are currently looking for an individual to occasionally cover the nursery on Sunday morning during the 10 am church service when neither of our current staff members are available to do so. This individual should be at least 20 years of age, love children and ideally have experience caring for them. If you or someone you know is interested in this position, please contact Miracle Ryder at valedcym@gmail.com or Bette Rutherford at rockycat1@msn.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.

Trustees Update – The Vale Trustees focused 2024 on building on our great momentum from 2023 and recognizing that we are responsible for a 130-year-old sanctuary and a 30-year-old Fellowship Hall. Thanks to extremely generous donations of both money and time, we were able to tackle some substantial projects! These included substantially investing in the HVAC of the church, overhauling Fellowship Hall and building new storage closets, and some significant landscaping and exterior maintenance. We expect 2025 to be a very busy year, as our DHS grant-funded projects of new exterior doors and new parking lot lighting should be implemented. A successful endowment process should generate funds for new carpeting inside the church as well. For the full report of 2024 projects, visit bit.ly/ValeChurchInfo.

Pushpay Giving – As we start 2025, this is a good time to review your giving in Pushpay! If you have planned to change your giving, please make sure to update your giving by signing in to your account, scrolling down to the “Recurring Gifts” line and clicking on the “Edit” link. REMEMBER, only you can change your recurring giving; we CANNOT do it. If you are not using Pushpay for your donations, please consider doing so. It’s convenient and easy to set up, and you can donate either by credit card or from a bank account. Simply go to Vale’s home page, valechurch.org, click on the “Give Using Pushpay” link, and follow the prompts. If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact our financial secretary Tom Feeney at finsec@valechurch.org. Many thanks for your support of Vale!

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!

2025 VALE CHURCH LEADERSHIP

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