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# Vale United Methodist Church

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**“Celebrate!”**

January 19, 2025

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.*

**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**

**“Reveries” by Anderson**

Flute Choir

**\*Call to Worship**

**UMH 771**

**\*Hymn “He Is Exalted”**

**TFWS 2070 (x2)**

**Confession and Pardon**

**Lay Reader**

One: In the light of Christ, we see the darkness of our world and of our hearts. Trusting in God's saving love, let us confess our sin.

**Many:** Almighty God, we confess that we have been led astray by the idols of our world. We have depended on our possessions and have not placed our trust in your grace. We have carelessly consumed the gifts you offer and have failed to be faithful stewards of the earth's resources. We have sought security in the might of the sword rather than the strength of your Holy Spirit. Forgive us, we pray. Lead us to true repentance that we may serve you faithfully. Through Christ we pray. Amen.

**One:** Hear the good news: Christ unmask the idols of our world and frees us from slavery to all that would oppress us. 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:** Gracious God, by the power of the Holy Spirit, quicken our understanding that we may receive the testimony of Scripture and believe in the signs that reveal your presence. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

## Scripture

**John 2:1-11**

*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 “Celebrate!”

**Rev. Jeff Haugh**

## Hymn “Come, and Let Us Sweetly Join” UMH 699

## Call for Joys and Concerns

## Call to Prayer

**UMH 162**

**“Alleluia, Alleluia”**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Give thanks to the risen Lord.*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Give praise to his name.*

## 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*

*“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**

### **Special Music**

**"A Hymn for a Peaceful World" by Raybould**

Flute Choir

### **\*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 "Shine, Jesus, Shine"**

**TFWS 2173**

# SENDING FORTH

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

## Mission and Ministry Opportunities

### \* Blessing and Charge

### \* 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)

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Thank you to Diane DuBois  
for providing our coffee hour treats!

*If you are interested in assisting with coffee hour,  
please contact us at [office@valechurch.org](mailto:office@valechurch.org)*

Lay Readers:

10:00            Kim Haugh

Virtual           Judy Jobbitt

**NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP**

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany, January 26, 2025

“Fulfilling Scripture”

Rev. Jeff Haugh

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**This Week at Vale: Jan 19 – 26, 2025**

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**Sun, Jan 19**

- 8:30 am Worship Service (Virtual)
- 9:00 am Adult Sunday School
- 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 Tiger Pack 1530 Meeting

**Tues, Jan 21**

- 7:30 pm Worship Committee Meeting

**Wed, Jan 22**

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

**Thurs, Jan 23**

- 6:30 pm CoF Food Pantry Committee Meeting

**Sun, Jan 26**

- 8:30 am Worship Service (Virtual)
- 9:00 am Adult Sunday School
- 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 Youth Group\*

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\* see announcement for details



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# Vale Mission and Ministry Opportunities

"Not a Spectator Sport"

Jan 19, 2025

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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)





**Hypothermia Shelter** - On February 8, Vale is once again providing meals for the Hypothermia Shelter at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax. We need volunteers to cook and serve meals. Please sign up to help out on Vale's website! Contact Vicky Alonzo at [icandoit030480@yahoo.com](mailto:icandoit030480@yahoo.com) with any questions.

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**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](mailto:valedcym@gmail.com) or Bette Rutherford at [rockycat1@msn.com](mailto:rockycat1@msn.com)

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**Preschool Registration** - Registration for Vale's preschool is now open to church families! If you register before Feb. 15, the registration fee is \$100. From Feb 15 to March 15, it is a \$125 fee, and after March 15, the fee is \$150. To register, or for more information, contact Diane Willard at [preschool@valechurch.org](mailto:preschool@valechurch.org).

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**Youth Group** - All youth 6th through 12th grade are invited to gather together on Sunday, January 26th from 4-6pm at Community of Faith (13224 Franklin Farm Road). 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](mailto:valedcym@gmail.com).

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**Rise Against Hunger** - Join us on Feb 2 to help us pack 80,000 meals with Rise Against Hunger! All meals are paid for with funds from our Christmas Tree sales. Sign ups are available on Vale's webpage. Come be a part of the huge impact that our community has on world hunger, and wear your Vale T-shirt to show off your Vale pride!

**New Wednesday Study** – We have started our new study: *Soul Feast* by Marjorie Thompson. This is a classic guide to Christian spirituality. You should be able to find copies in your local bookstore or on Amazon. Contact Pastor Jeff with any questions.

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**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](https://bit.ly/ValeChurchInfo).

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**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](https://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](mailto:finsec@valechurch.org). Many thanks for your support of Vale!

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**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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