# Vale United Methodist Church



## "Go!"

February 2, 2025

I I 528 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



#### 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 794** 

Lay Reader

#### \*Hymn "Take My Life, and Let It Be" **UMH 399**

#### **Confession and Pardon**

#### One: God calls us to speak the truth, even when it is difficult, to others but also to ourselves. Confessing our sin in prayer, we dare to speak the truth about ourselves to God, who desires to deliver us and to cast out our fear.

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- Many: God, our Deliverer, we confess that we are too reluctant to speak and to live according to your truth. We grow comfortable with the way things are, passively condoning injustice. We see ourselves as "insiders," excluding those we consider "outsiders." We find it easier to uproot and knock down, to overthrow and destroy, than to plant and to build. Forgive us, O God, for being timid disciples. Empty us of fear and shame, and fill us with love that is humble and patient and kind. We pray this in the name of the One who humbled himself, Jesus the Christ. Amen.
- One: God has loved us since the beginning, and God's love for us will never end. Do not fear, therefore, but have faith in God's steadfast love, God's healing power, and God's ability to make all things new. 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: Holy Spirit, as the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah in his time, bring this word now to us. Touch our mouths and our hearts with your word today, that we may build on it in our lives, in the church, and in your world. Amen.

#### Scripture

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 "Go!"

#### Rev. Jeff Haugh

Hymn "Lord, Speak to Me"

### **Call for Joys and Concerns**

#### **Call to Prayer**

UMH 473

"Lead Me, Lord"

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness; Make thy way plain before my face.

### **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 "O God of all creation," Please respond with, "**be our hope and trust.**"

### Jeremiah 1:4-10

UMH 463

#### 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 "Here I Am, Lord"

**UMH 593** 

#### 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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> If you are interested in assisting with coffee hour, please contact us at <u>office@valechurch.org</u>

Lay Readers: 10:00 Terri Lorwy Virtual The Deppe family

#### NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP

 $5^{\rm th}$  Sunday after Epiphany, February 9, 2025

"Fishing"

Rev. Jeff Haugh

#### Sun, Feb 2 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\* 11:30 am Rise Against Hunger Event\*

#### Mon, Feb 3

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

#### Tues, Feb 4

7:00 pm	Missions Committee Meeting
7:30 pm	Chancel Choir

#### Wed, Feb 5

10:00 am Wednesday Morning Bible Study\*

#### Thurs, Feb 6

7:00 pm Tree Sales Debrief

#### Sun, Feb 9

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
11:15 am	Handbell Choir
2:00 pm	Tiger Pack 1530 Meeting
3:00 pm	GS Troop 56051 Meeting
4:00 pm	Youth Group*

\* see announcement for details

#### Vale Mission and Ministry Opportunities "Not a Spectator Sport" Feb 2, 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 Feeney, at FinSec@ValeChurch.org



**Rise Against Hunger** – Join us TODAY, 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!

Vale T-Shirts – If you do not yet have a Vale t-shirt, we have spares! We will have our leftover shirts available at the Rise Against Hunger event for anyone who is interested.

**Tree Sales Debrief** – For all who participated in our tree sales and Rise Against Hunger event, thank you! If you have thoughts on ways we can improve these activities, please join us on Thursday night, February 6 at 7:00 pm for an evaluation and reflection. If you have any questions, please let Mike Martin know at mike.vumc@yahoo.com.



**Hypothermia Shelter** – On Saturday, 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 with any questions.

**Youth Group** – All youth 6th through 12th grade are invited to gather together on Sunday, February 9 from 4-5:30pm at Vale. Linda, Retired Professor from GMU, will join the youth to answer any questions about college. We will finish early so everyone can be home to watch the Super Bowl. Please bring a can of soup to share with the COF food pantry on this Super Bowl Sunday. No dinner this time, however snacks will be available. Friends and neighbors are welcome. If you have questions or to rsvp, talk with Miracle directly or email her at valedcym@gmail.com.



**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!

**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

**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.

2024 Giving Statements - 2024 Giving Statements were distributed on January 29. If you have an email address on file, you should have received an email notification with directions to access your statement. If not, they were placed in the U.S. mail. If you have a Pushpay account, you can access your giving statements directly. Simply sign in to Pushpay, look for "Giving Statements" in the dropdown menu, and click. Hard copies are also available on request from the financial secretary. Please note that giving statements include only contributions that are tax-deductible. If you made nondeductible contributions directly from an Individual Retirement Account or a Donor-Advised Fund, look for a separate email from the financial secretary summarizing your contributions. If you do not receive your statement or have any questions, please contact Tom Feeney, our financial secretary, at finsec@valechurch.org. Finally, THANK YOU for your contributions toward making Vale a vibrant faith community!

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