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# Vale United Methodist Church

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## **“Foolishness?”**

February 16, 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**

**“Grace” arr. Austin**

Handbell Choir

**\*Call to Worship**

**UMH 738**

**\*Hymn “My Hope is Built”**

**UMH 368**

**Confession and Pardon**

**Lay Reader**

One: The prophet Jeremiah says that God tests our minds and searches our hearts, because the condition of mind and heart affects actions. Trusting in God's mercy, let us invite God to search us, so that God might also lead us in the way everlasting.

**Many:** God of judgment and renewal, we admit to you and to each other that we have not always loved you and our neighbors as fully as you call us to love. We have failed to be good stewards of the air, the water, the animals, and the plants. We have turned away from you and toward our own self-interest. We have been shortsighted, and we are humbly sorry. Help us turn back to you, O Lord, to reach toward you as a tree sends its roots out toward water. Amen.

**One:** Because Christ has been raised from the dead, sin and death do not have the last word! Our faith is not in vain! Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, we are forgiven and set free to live for God and neighbor. 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:** Creator God, you created us with free will and freedom of choice. By the power of the Holy Spirit, speak your Word through scripture, that we may live according to your will; through Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

## Scripture

**I Corinthians 15:12-30**

*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 “Foolishness?”**

**Rev. Jeff Haugh**

**Hymn “My Faith Looks Up to Thee”**

**UMH 452**

**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](mailto:PrayerRequests@ValeChurch.org).*

*After each petition, there will be a moment of silence closed by*

*“Blessed are those who trust in the Lord,” Please respond with,*

*“Whose trust is in the Lord.”*

## **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**

**"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" arr. Ingram**  
Handbell Choir

### **\*Doxology**

**TFWS 2072**

**"Amen, Amen"**  
*Amen, amen,*  
*Amen, amen, amen!*

### **\*Blessing of the Offerings**

**Hymn "Standing on the Promises"**

**UMH 374**

# 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 Debbie German and Bob Collum  
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 Tom Feeney

Virtual Tom Feeney

## **NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP**

7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany, February 23, 2025

“Bless Their Hearts”

Rev. Jeff Haugh

## **RECENTLY AT VALE:**



Thank you to everyone who helped us pack 80,000 meals  
with Rise Against Hunger!

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**This Week at Vale: Feb 16 – Feb 23, 2025**

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**Sun, Feb 16**

- 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 **Vale Lunch Out\***

**Mon, Feb 17**

- 7:00 pm BSA Troop 1983 Meeting

**Tues, Feb 18**

- 7:30 pm Worship Committee Meeting

**Wed, Feb 19**

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

**Thurs, Feb 20**

- 1:00 pm UMW Meeting
- 7:30 pm Cemetery Committee Meeting\*

**Sat, Feb 22**

- 9:00 am BSA Troop 1313 Event

**Sun, Feb 23**

- 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
- 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"

Feb 16, 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)



**Vale Lunch Out** - Our next Vale Lunch Out will be held TODAY, February 16, at 11:45 at Famous Dave's, located in the Oakton Shopping Center. Separate checks will be given. 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](mailto:tlowry2003@gmail.com). All are welcome to join us. Hope to see you there!



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**Youth Group** - All youth 6th through 12th grade are invited to gather together on Sunday, February 23 from 4-6pm at Community of Faith UMC. Dinner will be provided. 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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**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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**Cemetery Committee** - If you are interested in helping with Vale's cemetery, the Cemetery Committee will meet on Thursday, February 20, 7:30 pm in the resource room. Contact Pastor Jeff if you have any questions at [pastor@valechurch.org](mailto:pastor@valechurch.org)

**Preschool Registration** – Registration for Vale’s preschool is now open to all families! If you register before March 15, the registration fee is \$125, and afterwards 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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**The Closet** – Our next volunteer day at The Closet is Wed, Feb 26. We are asked to volunteer a total of 12 hours of manpower. Shifts are 10-1 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 on Vale’s website. If you have questions contact Nancy Abramson at [StronachNW@aol.com](mailto:StronachNW@aol.com).

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**Iftar Dinner** – The American-Turkish Friendship Association (ATFA) is inviting you to an Iftar dinner at Vale on March 6 at 5:30 pm. This gathering is a wonderful opportunity to come together in friendship, share a meal, and learn about the traditions of fasting. During Ramadan, Muslims do not eat or drink anything from sunrise to sunset. Iftar is the sunset meal in which they break their fast for the day. We will start dinner after 6:08 PM altogether, sharing in the spirit of unity and togetherness. Throughout the event, we encourage everyone to connect, engage in meaningful conversations, and build new friendships with those around the table and beyond. Please reserve your spot using the link on Vale’s website.

## 2025 VALE CHURCH LEADERSHIP

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