
Vale United Methodist Church



“Bless Their Hearts”

February 23, 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 772

***Hymn**

“Father, We Have Heard You Calling” W&S 3150

Confession and Pardon

Lay Reader

One: Jesus promised us that God is kind even to the ungrateful and the wicked, even to us. Trusting in God's kindness and love, let us confess our sin.

Many: Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your ways or trusted your promises. We love only those who love us; we show kindness only to those who are kind to us; we give only when we expect to receive. Forgive us, Lord. Fill our hearts with your selfless love. Change our lives by your matchless grace. These things we pray through Christ our Savior. Amen.

One: Children of the Most High God, through Jesus Christ our Lord we have received grace in good measure spilling out and running over, thanks be to God. Now go and live as Christ commands: Be merciful, as God is merciful; do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned; but forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you, 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: Gracious God, by your Word you provide all we need for salvation, for wholeness, for abundant life. Now draw us close in your Spirit so that we may discover your will and live according to your purposes; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture

Luke 6:27-38

*The reading will end with "A word of God that is still speaking."
Please respond with "Thanks be to God."*

Special Music

“Sing, Sing, Sing, Alleluia!” by Martin

Vale Chancel and Children’s Choirs

Children’s Moment

*After the Children’s Moment, children will be dismissed
to their Sunday School class.*

Sermon “Bless Their Hearts”

Rev. Jeff Haugh

Hymn “Help Us Accept Each Other”

UMH 560

Call for Joys and Concerns

Call to Prayer

UMH 432

“Jesu, Jesu”

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,

Show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

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

“God, have mercy,” 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**

TFWS 2072

“Amen, Amen”
Amen, amen,
Amen, amen, amen!

***Blessing of the Offerings**

Hymn “Pass It On”

UMH 572

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 office@valechurch.org*

Lay Readers:

10:00 Kim Sheard

Virtual Kim Sheard

Sermon Notes and Illustrations

This is a page for you to take notes on the sermon or for our children and youth to illustrate what they've heard in the story today.

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP

Transfiguration Sunday, March 2, 2025

“Radiant”

Rev. Jeff Haugh

RECENTLY AT VALE:



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

This Week at Vale: Feb 23 – Mar 2, 2025

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*

Mon, Feb 24

- 7:00 pm BSA Troop 1983 Meeting
- 7:00 pm BSA Troop 1983 Board Meeting

Tues, Feb 25

- 5:30 pm GS Troop 56130 Meeting
- 7:00 pm Wire Choir
- 7:30 pm Flute Choir

Wed, Feb 26

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

Fri, Feb 28

- 6:30 pm GS Troop Meeting

Sat, Mar 1

- 10:30 am Prayer Shawl Ministry

Sun, Mar 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
- 11:00 am Children's Choir
- 11:15 am Handbell Choir
- 2:00 pm GS Troop Meeting

* see announcement for details

Vale Mission and Ministry Opportunities

"Not a Spectator Sport"

Feb 23, 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



Youth Group - All youth 6th through 12th grade are invited to gather together TODAY, 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



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!

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.

The Closet - Our next volunteer day at The Closet is this Wed, Feb 26. We are asked to volunteer a total of 12 hours or 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.

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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