
Vale United Methodist Church



January 4, 2026

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



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.

Epiphany

Jan. 4th, 2026

“New Years’s Resolution”

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

Calling on God

Psalm 98: 1-8

UMH 818

Hymn

UMH 228

“He Is Born”

Confession and Pardon

Lay Reader

Many: Creator God, at the beginning of time your voice brought light into the darkness. Your hands shaped dry land. Your creativity exploded in colors and shapes and smells. And your breath brought life to all creatures. As we step outside, may we discover the light of your presence, hear your purpose-giving voice of direction, and be amazed and inspired by your creativity. And as we breathe in fresh air, may you fill us with the breath of your Spirit who brings us true peace, rest, and strength. Father, as we gather here today, may our hearts and minds be open to receive Your guidance and inspiration. Help us to recognize Your hand at work in our lives and to be transformed by the encounter with Your love and grace. In your holy name we pray, Amen.

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

We hear God's word proclaimed. We act in response.



Prayer for Illumination

Many: Gracious God, open our hearts and minds to your Word. By your Spirit, help us not only to hear these words, but to live them with faith made visible through love. Shape us as we listen, that our lives may reflect your grace. Amen.

Scripture

James 2:14-23

(NRSV)

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, the children are asked to return to their seats with their families.

Sermon

Rev. Yun Kim

"New Year's Resolution"

Call for Joys and Concerns

Let's begin today by sharing our joys.

What concerns do we have to lift to God?

Call to Prayer

UMH 234

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him. Christ the Lord.

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, in your 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

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

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.

A New Year's Scripture Blessing

After you receive Communion today, we invite you to stop by the small table as you return to your seat. On this table, you'll find a selection of Bible verse cards. Simply choose one at random and take it with you as a special word of encouragement for the new year. Let this verse be a reminder of God's guidance and presence as we begin 2026 together

Hymn

UMH 251

"Go, Tell it on the Mountain"

SENDING FORTH

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

Mission and Ministry Opportunities

Blessing and Charge

Postlude

**James 2:23 Thus the scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness," and he was called a friend of God.*

UMH - United Methodist Hymnal (Blue)

TFWS - The Faith We Sing (Black)

W&S - Worship and Song (Green)

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Fellowship

Following the service you are invited to join us in the Fellowship Hall for coffee and treats provided by The Emerick Family.

*If you are interested in assisting with coffee hour,
please contact us at office@valechurch.org*

Lay Readers

8:30 am Virtual Kim Sheard

10:00 am Terri Lowry

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP

“Return to the Waters”

January 11, 2026

Rev. Yun Kim

This Week at Vale: Jan 4 – Jan 11, 2026

Sun, Jan. 4

- 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
- 11:00 am Fellowship coffee*
- 11:30 am Handbell Choir

Mon, Jan. 5

- 7:00 pm Troop 1983, Scouts BSA

Tues, Jan. 6

- 7:00 pm Girl Scout Troop Meeting
- 7:00 pm Missions Committee Meeting
- 7:00 pm Wire Choir

Wed, Jan. 7

- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thurs, Jan. 8

- 7:00 pm Council Meeting
- 7:00 pm Wire Choir

Fri, Jan. 9

- 6:30 pm Pack 1530 Meeting

Sun, Jan. 11

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- 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
- 11:00 am Fellowship coffee*
- 11:30 am Handbell Choir
- 11:45 am Vale Lunch Out
- 3:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 56051

* see announcement for details

Vale Mission and Ministry Opportunities

"A shared worship experience."

January 4, 2026

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* 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 2026! – We're excited to launch our newly structured Youth Group gatherings next week! Preteens (ages 9-12) are invited to meet on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month from 11:30 am to 1:00pm. Teens (ages 13-18) will gather on the 2nd and 4th Sunday at the same time. Our Sunday school program will continue during the morning service, with curriculum designed for ages 3-7 and older youth are always welcome to join in as helpers and role models! Be sure to follow us on Instagram @valeyouth. We can't wait to see you there!

RISE AGAINST HUNGER 2026 – Vale will be hosting our meal packing event for RISE Against Hunger on Sunday, February 1! We are planning for three shifts: 11:30 am, 2pm, and 4:30pm. There are loads of fun ways you can assist, but the most important thing is to see how our Christmas tree donations get put to work. The whole family can participate! Kids 8 and up can help serve as runners. Teens can earn service hours toward school requirements. This year we will be packing over 80,000 meals thanks to the proceeds raised from our annual Christmas tree sale. Please sign up at bit.ly/ValeRAH2026 and don't forget to review and sign the waiver.



Hypothermia Shelter – We need volunteers to make and serve food at Christ Lutheran Church on January 9 and 10! Please bring your food to the Vale church kitchen from 12-3pm on the date so the meals can be delivered and served on time. Volunteers for meal prep should come to the church at 3, and servers should come by 4:30-5 to help transport the meals. Kindly, sign up on Vale's Signup genius page. The recipe can also be found on our Signup Genius page. For more information or questions, please contact Vicky Alonso at icandoit030480@yahoo.com

Vale Ladies Brunch – is held at the Silver Diner on the corner of West Ox Road and Fair Lakes Parkway. We meet on the first Tuesday of every month for fellowship and support. Our next meet-up is Tuesday, January 6. All women of the church are welcome. Please contact Linda Heflin at hefhl@verizon.net or by phone at [703-620-2571](tel:703-620-2571) if you would like to join us so that we make sure to save a seat for you at the table.

Coffee Hour Volunteers – Help support our fellowship by bringing snacks! Sign up on [Vale's SignUp Genius](#) page.



Vale Sunday Lunch Out – Everybody is invited to come to our Sunday Lunch Out event on Sunday, January 11, at 11:45am, at Famous Dave's, in the Oakton shopping center. All are welcome to join the fun and fellowship. Reservations are not necessary, but they would be very helpful since the manager would like a count by the Wednesday before the event. Separate checks will be given. For more information, please contact Terri Lowry by phone at 703-620-6632 or via email at tlowry2003@gmail.com

Wednesday Morning Bible Study –Resumes January 7th at 10 am. Looking for a midweek lift for your spirit in the New Year? Come join our Wednesday morning Bible study!



Vale Book Club – meets the second Tuesday of each month, via Zoom. We read fiction for the most part, but are open to other genres. We hope you can join us Tuesday, Jan 13th. For more information, contact Terri Lowry at tlowry2003@gmail.com or Mary Morran at mmorran01@gmail.com.

Men's Breakfast Group: meets at the Silver Diner on West Ox Road. We meet every other week, from 8:00AM to about 9:30AM, for breakfast and fellowship. Join us for our next meet-up which is scheduled for Monday, January 12. If you'd like to be included, please email Bob Collum at robert_collum@hotmail.com.

Sunday School Help Wanted – We are always looking for volunteers to help in Children's Sunday School. If you're interested, please contact our Director of Children and Youth, Cayla Hailwood at valedcym@gmail.com.

Vale Bowling League – If you'd like to join, or form a team, or know of others who might want to join, email Bob Lacy at robertklacy@gmail.com. The league should run about 16 weeks, probably on Friday nights. It's a handicap league, so the better you are the more others get some advantage in their scoring!



Seeking Lay Readers – Help share God's word during worship, no experience needed, just a willing heart. It's a simple and meaningful way to serve. We are seeking both new and returning lay readers for both virtual and in-person services. Sign up on [Vale's SignUp Genius Page!](#)



The Closet –Please consider this opportunity to help in our community! 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 SignUp Genius](#) page, If you have questions contact Nancy Abramson at StronachNW@aol.com

Vale Sunday Lunch Out – will be held on Sunday, January 11, at 11:45 am, at Famous Dave's in the Oakton Shopping Center. ALL ARE WELCOME.



Separate checks will be given. While reservations are not necessary, the manager would like to have a general idea of how many guests to expect. Please contact Terri Lowry at 703-620-6632 or via email at lowry2003@gmail.com to make a reservation or ask questions about the event.

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