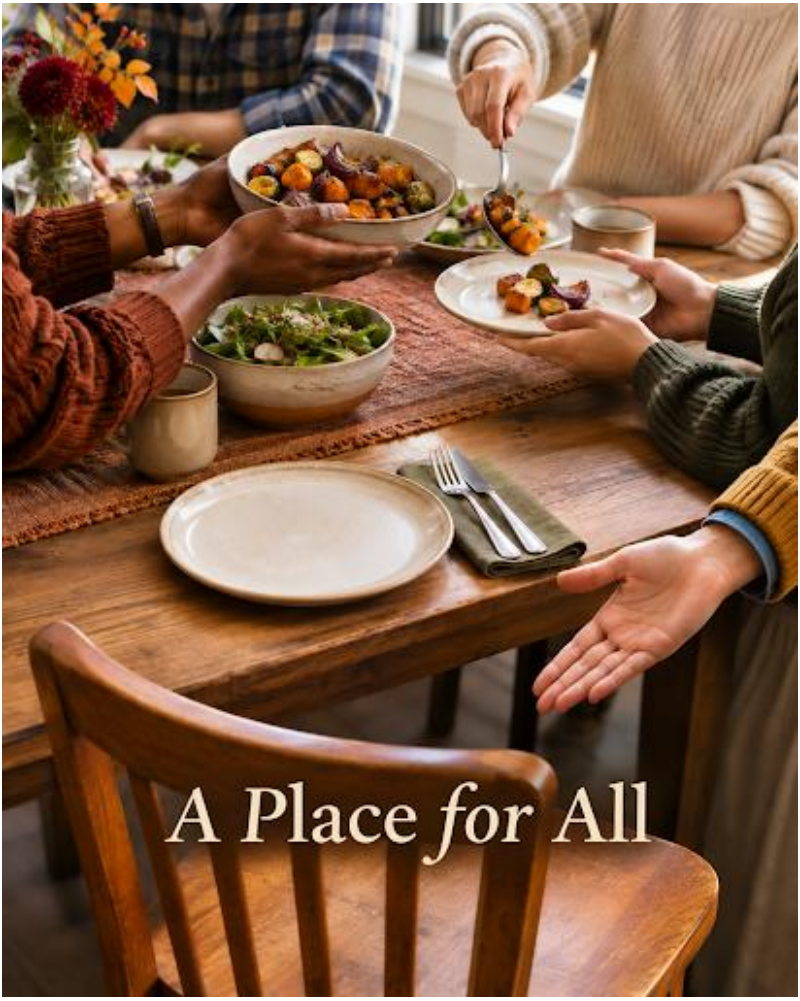
Vale United Methodist Church



Nov 22, 2026

11528 Vale Road • Oakton, Virginia 22124

8:30 am (virtual) worship &10:00 am Worship

www.ValeChurch.org

United in faith, we seek to...

*A*lign our lives with the way of Jesus Christ.

*I*nvite others to journey with us.

*M*ove beyond our walls to create a more just and loving world.

26th Sunday after Pentecost **Nov 22, 2026**

"A Place for All"

GATHERING

We gather as the people of God to be formed by God's grace.
**Please stand in spirit or in posture.*

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!"***

Ministry Announcement

Beginning today, we'll set aside a moment before worship for announcements about the life and ministries of our church. If you have a ministry update, an upcoming event, or an opportunity to serve, please share it now. We'll share our joys and concerns during our prayer time later in the service.

Prelude — Norm Dietz

*Call to Worship

One: Family of God, on this Reign of Christ Sunday, we celebrate and remember Christ, who reigns over all creation with love and grace, forming us as a family bound together by God.

Many: We come to worship Christ, who cares for the least of these and calls us to do the same.

One: We gather to recount all the ways we encounter Christ in our midst – in our neighbor who checks in when we're sick, in our unhoused friends who gather for a meal, in our friends who have been wounded in body and spirit.

Many: **We come to worship Christ, who cares for the least of these and reminds us to do the same.**

One: We join voices with Christians throughout the world and throughout time to give thanks and to seek guidance as we grow in love of God, neighbor, self, and creation.

Many: **We come to worship Christ, who cares for the least of these and inspires us to do the same.**

One: Come, you blessed by God, with open hearts, open arms, and open doors to welcome and embrace all of our neighbors, because when we love our neighbors, we love Christ among us.

Many: **We come to worship Christ, who cares for the least of these and empowers us to do the same. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

*Hymn — UMH 694

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

Confession and Pardon — Lay Reader

One: In the lives of neighbors who suffer brokenness and pain:

Many: **We confess you are still speaking!**

One: In the struggle of the poor whose rights are not honored:

Many: **We confess you are still speaking!**

One: In a world crying out for wisdom, love, and mercy:

Many: **We confess you are still speaking!**

One: In a world calling for the blessing of truth:

Many: **We confess you are still speaking! Bless us to receive!**

One: Let us confess together: We confess that in our lives we often hide behind our work and play, schools and jobs, fun and fashion.

Many: **We let ourselves get so busy that we forget the cause of the poor and the suffering. We confess we allow the powers of this world to seduce us into selfishness and silence our witness. Teach us to champion the cause of justice for all; strengthen us to love our neighbor and speak truth no matter the penalty. Amen.**

One: The Word of God assures us that we are able to love through the Spirit of Christ, whose grace forgives and empowers us to love our neighbors near and far, to speak up for those who are broken. Beloved, in the name of Jesus Christ, you 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, open our hearts to your Word. Help us to hear your invitation to welcome others and share what we have received. May our gratitude become generosity, and our faith become love in action. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

Scripture Luke 14:12-14

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

Sermon **Rev Yun Kim**

"A Place for All"

***Hymn** **UMH 102**

"Now Thank We All Our God"

Christmas Tree Sale Update

Call for Joys and Concerns

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

Special Music

Creator of It All – Choplin
Chancel 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** **TFSW 2008**

"Let All Things Now Living"

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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Thank you to Amy Masters
for providing our coffee hour treats!
If you are interested in assisting with coffee hour, please contact us at office@valechurch.org

Lay Readers:

8:30 am Virtual	Bette Rutherford
10:00 am	Mike Martin

This Week at Vale: Nov 22 – Nov 29, 2026

Sun, Nov 22	**Thanksgiving Sunday**
8:30 am	Worship Service (Virtual)
9:00 am	Adult Sunday School
9:00 am	AlterNatives Sale*
9:30 am	Youth Bible Study
10:00 am	Worship Service (In-Person)
10:00 am	Children's Sunday School
11:00 am	Children's Choir
11:00 am	Fellowship Coffee**
11:30 am	Handbell Choir
7:00 pm	Wire Choir
Mon, Nov 23	
8:30 am	Men's Breakfast Group (off-campus)
6:30 pm	Thanksgiving Potluck*, Trp 1983, Scouts BSA
Tues, Nov 24	
7:30 pm	Chancel Choir
Wed, Nov 25	
Thurs, Nov 26	**Happy Thanksgiving!**
Sat, Nov 28	
Sun, Nov 29	
8:30 am	Worship Service (Virtual)
9:30 am	Youth Bible Study
10:00 am	Worship Service (In-Person)
10:00 am	Baptism (Magnolia Alvarez)
10:00 am	Children's Sunday School
10:00 am	AlterNatives Sale*
11:00 am	Children's Choir
11:00 am	Fellowship Coffee**
11:30 am	Handbell Choir

** see announcement for details*

Vale Mission and Ministry Opportunities

"Your presence matters"

Nov 22, 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 Vale Church community!

We look forward to meeting you in person—and hope to see you with us again soon!



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".

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, at FinSec@ValeChurch.org

AlterNatives – Our dear partners at the Highland Support Project are here at Vale to host their AlterNatives sale **TODAY!** They will also participate in our Christmas Tree Market Sunday, Nov. 29 from 10 to 5 pm! Come shop for beautiful handmade Christmas gifts and support the indigenous peoples of Guatemala and other nations in the Americas!

Thanksgiving Potluck – Vale church members are invited to join Scouts BSA Troop 1983, Monday, November 23 for their annual Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner from 6:30 - 8:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for fellowship while enjoying traditional and also not so traditional Thanksgiving dishes. Bring your favorite dish to share!

Fall Cleanup – On Saturday, Dec. 12 from 9 am to 11 am, we will be hosting our annual Vale Fall Cleanup. This is a very social event, and almost all of the work is easy: pruning, raking, and leaf blowing of the planting beds. If you have them, bring rakes, wheelbarrows, tarps, leaf blowers, and gloves. We need everybody who is able to come help out and be part of this fellowship!

Pictures with Santa & the Grinch! Bring your family and friends, to Vale on Saturday, December 5 from 12 - 2 pm for a festive photo op with both Santa and the Grinch! Enjoy a fun atmosphere perfect for making memories and kicking off the Christmas season. All are welcome!

Free Pony rides at Vale – Saddle up for some great fun on Saturday, December 5th, from 12 pm to 2 pm, children are invited to enjoy free pony rides right here at Vale.

Adult Bible Study – Will not meet next Sunday, November 29, 2026.

Holiday Tea and Sweets – sponsored by the Shepherd's Center, Dec. 8, 2026, 12-2 pm (doors open at 11:30), at St. Mark's (9970 Vale Rd, Vienna, VA). Come and enjoy music and merriment and get in the holiday spirit. Tickets are $20. Call 703-281-0538 to reserve your seat.

American Flag retirement ceremony – The community is invited to an American flag retirement ceremony at Vale UMC's outdoor sanctuary on December 6, 2026, at 4:00 p.m., hosted by Troop 1983, Scouts BSA. Bring your worn-out American flags and join us as we honor them with a respectful farewell. All are welcome to attend and share in this meaningful community gathering.

Vale Community Cookie Party – is Sunday, Dec. 13th at 11:30 am. Let's get into the Christmas spirit with a Christmas Cookie Party! Wear your favorite holiday attire and enjoy Christmas music, sweet treats, and games as we decorate and share cookies together!

Sweats for Vets – For Veterans Day, the UMW is participating in the Freedom Museum's Sweats for Vets program, collecting sweats—pants and tops, sizes L, XL, XXL for our Veterans. We are inviting members of the congregation to join us in this effort as a way of giving back to those who have sacrificed so much for us. We have put a labeled container in the Fellowship Hall to collect them during the week. The Freedom Museum is delivering the sweats to the veterans Dec. 3rd, so please get your donations to us before Thanksgiving. The Museum will also take monetary donations. Donating sweats is a small way to say, Thank you! to those who have fought to secure the freedoms we enjoy every day. Contact Karen Leniart at karen.leniart@gmail.com

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Cookie Masters – We are looking for two dedicated volunteers to step up and lead our Hospitality team for the annual Christmas Tree Sale! Affectionately dubbed Cookie Master 1 and Cookie Master 2, this dynamic duo will take charge of running our festive community treat stand for everyone stopping by to buy their holiday trees, while also helping share our church/community life with visitors. *The Schedule is* Fridays through Sundays, kicking off on Nov. 21 and running until our sell-out goal on Dec. 13. *Responsibilities will include:* soliciting food donations and supplies (SUG provided), recruiting helpers, managing inventory, individually packaging treats for our tree-buyers, and sharing our *Events* and *Missions* brochures with visitors to help connect them with our community. If you have a passion for spreading holiday cheer (and baked goods!) and can help support us, we want you. Please reach out to Melanie to claim your title as Cookie Master!

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP

1st Sunday of Advent
Nov 29, 2026
"The Perfect Fairytale" Rev. Yun Kim

Events at a Glance

Sun, Nov 22:	
10:00 am	Thanksgiving Sunday AlterNatives morning handmade gift sale
Mon, Nov 23:	
6:30 pm	Scouts BSA Trp 1983,Thanksgiving Potluck
Sun, Nov 29:	
10:00 am	AlterNatives handmade gifts sale (10-5pm)
Sat, Dec 5:	
12:00 pm	Pony Rides
12:00 pm	Pictures with Santa and the Grinch
Sun, Dec 6:	
4:00 am	American Flag retirement ceremony
Sat, Dec 12:	
9:00 am	Fall Clean-up
Sun, Dec 13:	
11:00 am	Cookie Party
Thurs, Dec 24:	
5:00 pm	Family Christmas Eve Worship
8:00 pm	Candlelight Christmas Eve Service
Sun, Dec 27:	
10:00 am	Pajamas and Stories
Sun, Jan 10:	
10:00 am	Baptism of the Lord

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