

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS NEEDED! We are in need for a group or families to host coffee hour the following Sundays this month: Jan. 9, 16, and 23. Please contact Marie Bird as soon as possible if you are interested.

WREATH RINGS FOR NEXT YEAR: The Advent Fair committee wants your plastic/metal rings from your Christmas wreath. There is a labeled box in the church office to drop them off. If you have any questions, please contact Marie Bird.

CHRISTMAS DÉCOR DONATIONS: As you put away your holiday decorations and find items you would like to donate to the Youth Mission Project: *Reuse, Repurpose, Recycle* for next year's Advent Fair, we will gladly take them. Please contact Marie Bird to make arrangements.

THANK YOU to the Wednesday Men's Bible Study for preparing and serving the December 16 meal at the Glisan Homeless Shelter—and especially to Wally Phillips for organizing this activity. Soup Kitchen needs volunteers for the January 20 meal. Please contact Jini De Vries if you can help.

LOOKING FOR A REFRIGERATOR: The Youth House is in need of a new refrigerator for the youth groups! If you have a working refrigerator (any size) that needs a new home, please contact Rebecca in the church office, or by e-mail: rebecca@valleycommunity.org. Thank you!

LITURGY WORKSHOP: All are invited to a workshop on Saturday, January 22, 9:00-11:00 a.m. to learn more about our worship, our liturgy, and serving as a liturgist in Sunday morning worship. If you have questions or would like to RSVP, contact Rebecca in the church office.

PRAYER CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS: Our pastors and staff pray for needs in the church each week. Fill out a prayer request form found in the friendship folder and *place it in the offering plate or hand it to a pastor.*

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE COMING WEEK

January 2 - January 9, 2011

SUNDAY, January 2

8:30 AM Worship Service
9:00 AM Sunday School Teacher Training
10:00 AM Worship Service
11:15 AM Coffee Fellowship
11:30 AM Confirmation Class and Parent/Youth Meeting
2:00 PM Stave Memorial Service and Reception

MONDAY, January 3

Office Closes at 2:00 PM
8:00 AM Women's Aerobics
3:20 PM Camp Fire Meeting
4:00 PM Upward Basketball
6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop Mtg.
7:00 PM Moms' Study Group
7:00 PM Portland Games Assoc.

TUESDAY, January 4

10:00 AM Tai Chi Class
10:30 AM Women's Bible Study
4:00 PM Upward Basketball
6:00 PM Morrison Center Class
7:00 PM High School FAMILY

WEDNESDAY, January 5

8:00 AM Men's Bible Study
8:00 AM Women's Aerobics
12:00 PM Wed Adult Education
1:15 PM Membership Meeting
5:30 PM Upward Basketball
6:30 PM Middle School LIFE

THURSDAY, January 6

10:00 AM Alanon
10:00 AM Piecemakers
10:00 AM Tai Chi Class
4:00 PM Upward Basketball
6:00 PM Worship Committee
6:15 PM English Hand Bell Choir
7:00 PM Youth Ministry Team
7:00 PM Tai Chi Class
7:15 PM Sanctuary Choir

FRIDAY, January 7

8:00 AM Women's Aerobics
3:00 PM Camp Fire Meeting
4:00 PM Upward Basketball
5:00 PM High School FAMILY Retreat

SATURDAY, January 8

5:00 PM HS Retreat concludes

SUNDAY, January 9

8:30 AM Worship Service
10:00 AM Worship Service
10:25 AM Children's and Youth Sunday School Classes
11:15 AM Coffee Fellowship
2:00 PM Cub Scouts 592 Den 7
5:00 PM Youth Choir
6:00 PM New Spirit Ringers

THE LECTIONARY TEXTS for next Sunday, January 9 are:
Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 29; Acts 10:34-43 and Matthew 3:13-17.

TREASURER'S REPORT

(52 weeks ended 12-26-10)

	Annual	Budget	Actual
Pledged	\$508,046	\$508,046	\$498,460*
Non-pledge	\$40,954	\$40,954	\$50,081
Total	\$549,000	\$549,000	\$548,541

*The actual pledged receipts include \$31,809 from 59 families who exceeded their pledge commitments for 2010. We thank you.



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TODAY'S ANTHEM IS: *The Birds* (Britten)

When Jesus Christ was four years old
The angels brought Him toys of gold,
Which no man ever had bought or sold.

Jesus Christ, Thou child so wise,
Bless mine hands and fill mine eyes,
And bring my soul to Paradise.

And yet with these He would not play.
He made Him small fowl out of clay,
And blessed them till they flew away:

Tu creasti Domine
(Thou hast created them, o Lord)



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Valley Community Presbyterian Church
8060 SW Brentwood, Portland, Oregon 97225

2ND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
January 2, 2011 † 10:00 AM

❖ *Please stand as you are able*
Bold Text is spoken by everyone

GATHER AROUND GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE SENTENCES

Ben Paroulek

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us,
full of grace and truth.

MUSIC TO BEGIN WORSHIP

If you must whisper, let it be into the ear of God.

ACOLYTES

Halle Dixon and Lindsay Kurtz

❖ PROCESSIONAL HYMN *We Three Kings of Orient Are* No. 66

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

Arise, shine; for your light has come;
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
Lift up your eyes and look around;
sons and daughters gather together, they come to you.
Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice.
They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.
God reveals the mysteries of the ages to those who wait.
The light of Christ illumines our way.
Come, let us walk in the light of God!

WELCOME & COMMON CONCERNS

CALL TO CONFESSION

Liturgist, Dan Rueff

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we cannot fully comprehend that you became one of us, in order to save us from sin and death and lead us into life abundant. We forget that our lives depend on your grace alone, and not on our own good intentions or our great accomplishments. Forgive us, and lead us in your light, that we, too, might be light in a dark and weary world.

...*Silence is kept...*

KYRIE

No. 2275

***Kyrie, Kyrie eleison (2x). Christe, Christe eleison (2x).
Kyrie, Kyrie eleison. Kyrie, Kyrie eleison, eleison.***

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The light of love shines upon us, radiating from God Most High, pouring through Jesus, God's Beloved Child, warming our hearts through the work of the Spirit. Welcome the light; embrace forgiveness; live in reconciliation with God and one another.
We are a forgiven people. Thanks be to God!

❖ RESPONSE OF PRAISE *What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright* No. 68

***O Jesus, while the star of grace
Impels us on to seek Your face,
Let not our slothful hearts refuse
The guidance of Your light to use.***

❖ THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you!

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rebecca Chancellor

TIME WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH

ANTHEM

The Birds

Britten

Full text of the anthem is on the reverse side of the bulletin.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 60:1-6

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 2:1-12

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Following the Star

René Minshew

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERING AND SIGNING THE FRIENDSHIP REGISTERS

Offertory

(Note: After the offertory, rise as the ushers pass your pew to present the offering for dedication.)

❖ DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* No. 592

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

May the God of new days be with you.

And also with you.

People of Christmas, lift up your hopes.

We lift them to the one who comes bringing new life to us.

People of hope, offer your thanksgiving to God.

Joy overflows from our hearts, praises dance from our lips to our loving God.

Into the emptiness of chaos, ...we join our voices singing to you:

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God of all creation!

Before the foundations of the world were poured,

you prepared every blessing for us. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the Word who comes to bear witness to you.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you ... even as we tell of that mystery we call faith:

At the beginning, Christ was your imaginative Word;

at the right time, Christ was the Word of salvation;

at the end, Christ will be the Word of fulfillment.

As your Spirit... all eternity, God in Community, Holy in One. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (page 16)

Our Father, who art in heaven...Amen.

BREAKING THE BREAD, BLESSING THE CUP

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

SHARE GOD'S WORD

❖ SENDING HYMN *The First Nowell* No. 56

❖ CHARGE & BENEDICTION

❖ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE No. 2280

The Lord bless and keep you, the Lord make his face to shine on you and be gracious, gracious.

The Lord bless and keep you, the Lord lift his countenance on you and give peace, give you peace. Shalom. Shalom.

MUSIC TO CONCLUDE WORSHIP

You are invited to remain seated to conclude worship with the postlude or exit after the benediction.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

A SPECIAL WELCOME to all newcomers: we greet you in the name of Jesus Christ. Following the service, coffee, goodies, conversation, and a warm welcome await you upstairs in Davis Hall.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP for today is hosted by Karen & Norm Jacox in Davis Hall.

FOR THE CHILDREN: All children are invited to remain in worship today. There is no Sunday School or Nursery Care today. Sunday School and Nursery Care will resume next Sunday, January 9, 2011, during the 10 a.m. Service. Be sure to ask an usher for one of the "Rainbow Bags" which is full of appropriate activities for children to use during worship.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION will be celebrated today. Please come forward, if you are able, as directed by the ushers. Take the bread, dip it in the chalice and consume it. If you choose not to dip, you may eat the bread, take a small cup and drink. Please leave the cup in the basket provided. Return to your pew via the outside aisles. If you are unable to come forward, an Elder will offer the elements to you in your pew. Gluten-free bread will be available on a red napkin.

A MEMORIAL SERVICE for Louise Bruce Stave will be held in our sanctuary this afternoon at 2:00 p.m. A reception will follow in Armitage Hall.

PLEDGE ENVELOPES are available in the Fireside Room today for all members and friends who give money to the operating budget of the church.

POINSETTIAS IN THE SANCTUARY: If you would like to take a poinsettia at the conclusion of today's worship service, please feel free to do so. However, we do ask that you do not take the baskets in which the plants sit.

YOUTH MINISTRIES - 6th through 12th grades

Youth will remain in worship today. Youth Sunday School resumes next week, Jan. 9.

MIDDLE SCHOOL: 6th-8th grade youth meet on Wednesday evenings in the Youth House, 6:30 - 8:30 PM, for Middle School L.I.F.E. See you this Wed., Jan. 5!

HIGH SCHOOL: 9th-12th grade youth meet on Tuesday evenings in the Youth House, 7:00 - 9:00 PM. Join our High School FAMILY. See you all on Jan. 4!

CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2011 MEETING TODAY:

Join us at the Youth House at 11:30 a.m. for an informational meeting about Confirmation for all interested High School youth and their parents!

May God bless you as you worship here this morning: Touch you, Challenge you, Heal you, Inspire you, Direct you to new paths in your unfolding journey. Valley Community Presbyterian Church is a place for: **Awakening Souls, Sharing Joy, Serving God in Christ, TRANSFORMING LIVES.**