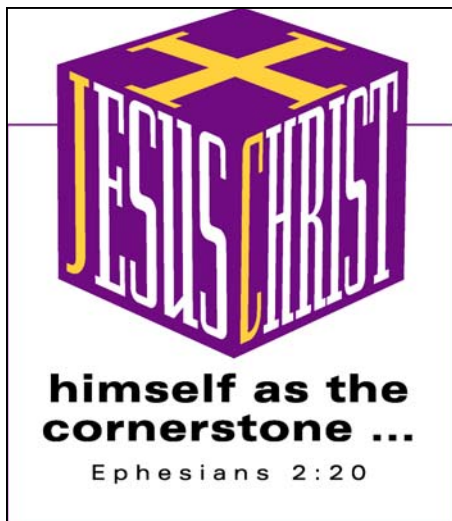


THE WEDNESDAY NOON BOOK STUDY will meet next Wednesday, August 31, to discuss "The Ascension," and "Pentecost."

VALLEY PRODUCE TABLE is open for whatever your gardens have started to yield. Stop by and see what green things might complement your next meal. Consider a donation to the Oregon Food Bank as you enjoy the bounty. Come one, come all! Contributions are always welcome!

THE SEPTEMBER BLOOD DRIVE is just a few weeks away. Come to coffee hour and take a minute to sign up to give blood. Are you a youth wanting to participate? If you are 16 years old, please contact Christine Danner for a parental consent packet. Parental consent is not required for age 17 and older. We would love to see you at the Blood Drive Wednesday, September 14 from 2-7 PM!

SUMMER IS ALMOST OVER...please contact the office to schedule your fall events in the church building.



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CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE COMING WEEK		
August 28-September 4, 2011		
<p>SUNDAY, August 28</p> <p>8:30 AM Worship Service 9:30 AM Early Bird Coffee Hour 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:15 AM Coffee Fellowship 2:00 PM Lee James Memorial and Reception 5:30 PM 6th Grade Watermelon Olympics</p> <p>MONDAY, August 29</p> <p>8:00 AM Women's Aerobics 2:30 PM Ping Pong for Seniors 6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop</p> <p>TUESDAY, August 30</p> <p>10:00 AM Tai Chi Class 3:30 PM Ping Pong for Seniors 6:30 PM Youth Advisor Orientation</p>	<p>WEDNESDAY, August 31</p> <p>8:00 AM Men's Bible Study 8:00 AM Women's Aerobics 12:00 PM Wednesday Adult Education 2:30 PM Ping Pong for Seniors 5:00 PM Ping Pong for Seniors 6:00 PM Children's Ministry/ Youth Ministry Joint Mtg. 7:00 PM Preschool Orientation</p> <p>THURSDAY, September 1</p> <p>10:00 AM Alanon 10:00 AM Piecemakers 10:00 AM Tai Chi Class 5:00 PM Ping Pong for Seniors</p>	<p>FRIDAY, September 2</p> <p>8:00 AM Women's Aerobics 2:30 PM Ping Pong for Seniors</p> <p>SUNDAY, September 4</p> <p>8:30 AM Worship Service 9:30 AM Early Bird Coffee Hour 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:15 AM Coffee Fellowship</p>



TREASURER'S REPORT - Budgeting for 2011 has been finalized.

(34 weeks ending 8-21-11)

	Annual	Budget	Actual
Pledged	\$502,422	\$328,506	\$310,640
Non-pledge	\$57,578	\$37,647	\$21,191
Total	<u>\$560,000</u>	<u>\$366,153</u>	<u>\$331,831</u>

Please try to make payments to bring pledges and other giving more current to lower the year to date shortage of \$34,322.



THE LECTONARY TEXTS for Sunday, September 4 are *Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 149; Romans 13:8-14* and *Matthew 18:15-20*.



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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

23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 28, 2011 † 10:00 AM

❖ Please stand as you are able

Bold Text is spoken by everyone

GATHER AROUND GOD'S WORD

GREETING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Ben Paroulek

MUSIC TO BEGIN WORSHIP

Allegro leggier

Mendelssohn

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PURPOSE IN ACTION

Bring A Friend to Worship

Marilyn Conforti

❖ **CALL TO WORSHIP**

People's Response: **My soul praises you, O God!**

❖ **HYMN OF PRAISE**

Canticle of the Sun

Haugen

REFRAIN

The heav-ens are tell-ing the glo-ry of God, and all cre-
-a-tion is shout-ing for joy. Come, dance in the for-est, come,
play in the field, and sing, sing to the glo-ry
of the Lord. Lord. Sing,
sing to the glo-ry of the Lord!

VERSES

1. Praise for the sun, the bring-er of day, he car-ries the
2. Praise for the wind that blows through the trees, the seas' might-y
3. Praise for the rain that wa-ters our fields, and bless-es our
4. Praise for the fire who gives us his light, the warmth of the
5. Praise for the earth who makes life to grow, the crea-tures you
6. Praise for our death that makes our life real, the knowl-edge of
1. light of the Lord in his rays; the moon and the stars who
2. storms, the gen-tle breeze; they blow where they will, they
3. crops so all the earth yields; from death un-to life her
4. sun to bright-en our night; he danc-es with joy, his
5. made to let your life show; the flow-ers and trees that
6. loss that helps us to feel; the gift of your-self, your
to Refrain
1. light up the way un-to your throne.
2. blow where they please to please the Lord.
3. mys-t'ry re-vealed springs forth in joy.
4. spir-it so bright, he sings of you.
5. help us to know the heart of love.
6. pres-ence re-vealed to bring us home.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Liturgist, Dan Rueff

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We give thanks, merciful God, that in Christ you seek to unite all things in heaven and in earth, and to reconcile all people to one another and to you. Yes, we confess that the new creation is not yet complete in us, and that we feel everywhere the barriers that separate humankind. Forgive us, and fill us with your Spirit of oneness. Reveal to us those places where we build walls, knowingly or unknowingly, between ourselves and others whom you also love; through the power of your Spirit. Amen.

...Silence is kept...

KYRIE

No. 2275

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

❖ **RESPONSE OF PRAISE** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* No. 464, v.1
*Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; Drive the gloom of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day.*

❖ 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

Turn, Turn, Turn

arr. Emerson

Linda DeLacy, soprano; Kirsten Thompson, soprano; Bob Rasmussen, piano

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.
Thanks be to God!

Ephesians 2:11-22

SERMON

The Elephant in the Sanctuary

Amy Dee

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER (p.16)

OFFERING AND SIGNING THE FRIENDSHIP REGISTERS

Offertory

Andante from Tranquilor

Mendelssohn

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

❖ DOXOLOGY

To the tune of Hymn No. 592

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

❖ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SHARE GOD'S WORD

❖ SENDING HYMN

Here I Am, Lord

No. 525

❖ CHARGE

Amy Dee

Look at your hands, see the touch and the tenderness—
God's own for the world.
Look at your feet, see the path and the direction—
God's own for the world.
Look at your heart, see the fire and the love—
God's own for the world.
Look at the cross, see God's Son and our Saviour—
God's own for the world.
This is God's world—
And we will serve God in it.

❖ BENEDICTION

Rebecca Chancellor

❖ SUNG RESPONSE

Be Thou My Vision

No. 339, v.1,3

*Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; Nought be all else to me,
save that thou art; Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.*

*Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word; I ever with Thee and
Thou with me, Lord; Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.*

MUSIC TO CONCLUDE WORSHIP

Spinning Song

Mendelssohn

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



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.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

A SPECIAL WELCOME to all newcomers: we greet you in the name of Jesus Christ.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP will be hosted by the Nelson Family upstairs in the gym after the second service. Coffee, tea, juice, and goodies will be available.

EARLY BIRD COFFEE TIME will be at about 9:30 AM in Gamble Library for anyone who would like a cup of coffee or tea before going to worship. Stop by and say hello!

ALL CHILDREN are invited to remain in worship with their families this summer. Be sure to ask an usher for one of the "Rainbow Bags" which is full of appropriate activities for children to use during worship. Sunday School will resume on September 18. Plan to visit the Children's Ministries table on Kickoff Sunday, September 11. Register your children (Nursery through 5th Grade) for our Children's Ministry Programs for the new school year.

NURSERY CARE is available every Sunday from 9:30 AM until 11:30 AM on the lower level in room 7.

SOUP KITCHEN THANK YOU - Valley Youth did it again! After completing Mission Projects in Kentucky and in Portland, Valley Youth also hosted and served Valley's August 18 meal at the Bud Clark Commons. Thanks Valley Youth and fearless leaders, Pastor Rebecca Chancellor and Kate White.

DO YOU WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT JOINING THIS CHURCH? If you are a visitor or have questions about Valley Community Presbyterian Church, the Membership Committee is here to help you! Church member Donna Rueff welcomes your inquiries at 503.643.2699. The Membership Committee is also planning a special luncheon in October for all who want to know more... about the people in this congregation, our ministries, our beliefs, our denomination, our outreach to the community, etc. More details to come!

BRING A FRIEND TO WORSHIP/KICKOFF SUNDAY on September 11! All Valley members and friends are encouraged to bring someone new to worship with you! After 10 AM worship, we will have a Ministry Fair in Davis Hall/Gym highlighting all of our church ministries, including children's and youth ministries, adult education, quilters, mission ministries, music ministries, and more! Registration for fall programs will be open!

SUPPER CONNECTION GROUPS - Fall/Winter signups start today. To learn more about this great opportunity to get to know others at Valley, visit the Fellowship table at Coffee Hour. Each group will meet three times to share a casual meal together starting in October.

YOUTH MINISTRIES: Youth in 6th-12th grades remain in worship with the congregation for the summer. Middle School LIFE and High School FAMILY are taking a short break before Fall Kickoff on September 11! Be on the lookout for fall calendars to come out soon!