

YOUTH MINISTRIES: All youth in 6th-12th grades are encouraged to remain in worship with the congregation.

MIDDLE SCHOOL LIFE (youth in 6th-8th grades) is on Wednesdays from 6:30-8:30 PM at the Youth House. We are on Christmas break until January 11, when we will meet for a youth and families potluck dinner! See you all in the new year!

HIGH SCHOOL FAMILY (youth in 9th-12th grades) is on Sundays at the Youth House. In the new year, we will begin meeting at a new time, 6:30-8:30 PM. We are on Christmas break until January 8, 2012 when we will meet for dinner and a mission project for Beaverton youth.

WEDNESDAY NOON ADULT EDUCATION will begin on the first Wednesday in January. We will be studying *A Credible Jesus; fragments of a vision* by Robert W. Funk. Books are available in the church office for purchase or to borrow and return. This book will attempt to help us see how Jesus saw the extraordinary in the ordinary. His vision comes to us in bits and pieces, in random stunning insights, embedded in the everyday language of his parables, aphorisms, and dialogues. Dr. Robert Funk sorts and assembles these fragments and examines ways in which the vision they preserve can serve twenty-first century people searching for meaning in a very different world than the one Jesus inhabited. The results are both unsettling and reassuring. Come and help us engage the subject.

OUR CHRISTMAS SENIOR LUNCHEON took place on Wednesday, December 7, and we were entertained by Valley's preschool children along with Pastor Ben on guitar. The La Musica Quartet performed for us in the sanctuary. The Quartet are members of the Beaverton Symphony Orchestra, and they have so graciously given us a limited number of tickets to their performance on either Friday, January 13 at 7:30 PM or Sunday, January 15 at 3 PM. Their Winter Concert will be at Village Baptist, 330 SW Murray Blvd., Beaverton. If you are interested in free tickets, please call Sandy Cundiff. For the Sunday Concert, those who would like to carpool should meet in the church East parking lot at 2:15 PM.



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CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE COMING WEEK		
December 25, 2011-January 1, 2012		
SUNDAY, December 25 11:00 AM Worship 12:00 PM Coffee Fellowship	WEDNESDAY, December 28 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study 8:00 AM Women's Aerobics 3:30 PM Girl Scout Troop 45531	FRIDAY, December 30 8:00 AM Women's Aerobics
MONDAY, December 26 Church Office Closed	THURSDAY, December 29 10:00 AM Piecemakers 10:00 AM Alanon 6:15 PM English Handbell Choir 7:15 AM Sanctuary Choir	SUNDAY, January 1 8:30 AM Worship 9:30 AM Early Bird Coffee Hour 10:00 AM Worship 11:15 AM Coffee Fellowship
TUESDAY, December 27 6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 40168		



TREASURER'S REPORT - Budgeting for 2011 has been finalized.				
		(51 weeks ending 12-18-11)		
		Year to Date		
AmyAnn Green's Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs., 10:00-2:30		<u>Annual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
	Pledged	\$502,422	\$492,760	\$482,859
	Non-pledge	\$57,578	\$56,470	\$41,585
	Total	\$560,000	\$549,230	\$524,444
Please try to make payments to bring pledges and other giving more current to lower the year to date shortage of \$24,786.				



THE LECTIONARY TEXTS for Sunday, January 1st are *Isaiah 61:10-62:3; Psalm 148; Galatians 4:4-7* and *Luke 2:22-40*.



A SERVICE OF LESSONS & CAROLS FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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

CHRISTMAS DAY
December 25, 2011 ☩ 11:00 AM

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

GATHER AROUND GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE SENTENCES *John 1:14* René Minshew
The Word became flesh and dwelt among us,
full of grace and truth.

MUSIC TO BEGIN WORSHIP *Silent Night* S. Barber

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

❖ **OPENING HYMN** *The First Nowell* No. 56, v.1-4

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE
David, Ruthann, Andrea, and Carter Marquis

We have prepared for the coming of the Holy Child.
Christ is born!
Like Elizabeth and Mary, Simeon and John the Baptist,
we open ourselves to God's plan.
Christ is born for us!
We light a candle for Christ, the Word Incarnate.
Christ is born today! Hallelujah!
Jesus Christ, the light of the world!
Jesus Christ, the light of the world! Alleluia! Amen.

All Pray: **Mysterious God, you come to us this day, softly as a mother's sigh, as startling as the cry of a newborn child. Come into our hearts, we pray, that we might be cradled in your love and stirred by your glory. Move us to share your gifts of peace, hope, joy, and love with all of your children. We pray in the name of the One whose coming we celebrate, Jesus Christ, the Bethlehem baby. Amen.**

SUNG RESPONSE *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* No. 28
**Good Christian friends, rejoice With heart, and soul, and voice;
Give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today;
He hath opened heaven's door, And we are blest forevermore.
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!**

TIME WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH Rebecca Chancellor
BLESSING OF THE GIFTS

❖ **THE PEACE**
The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you!

❖ **RESPONSE OF PRAISE** *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* No. 31, v.3
**Hail the heaven born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings, Risen with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by, Born that we no more may die,
Born to raise us from the earth, Born to give us second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"**

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON *Genesis 1: 1-5, 14-18*
God said, "Let there be light"

❖ **CAROL** *Joy to the World!* No. 40

SECOND LESSON *Isaiah 9:2-7*
The people who have walked in darkness

CAROL *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear* No. 38, v.1
**It came upon the midnight clear, That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth, To touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to all, From heaven's all gracious
King": The world in solemn stillness lay, To hear the angels sing.**

THIRD LESSON *Micah 5:2-5a*
From Bethlehem, shall come forth a ruler

❖ **CAROL** *O Little Town of Bethlehem* No. 44

FOURTH LESSON *Luke 1:26-35, 38*
The birth of Jesus foretold by Gabriel

CAROL *Angels We Have Heard on High* No. 23, v.1
**Angels we have heard on high, Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply Echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

FIFTH LESSON *Luke 2:1-20*
Angels announce Jesus' birth

❖ **CAROL** *What Child Is This* No. 53

SIXTH LESSON *Matthew 2:1-11*
The magi follow a star to find the child Jesus

*(An offering will be received at this time.
Please sign and pass the friendship registers.)*

Offertory *O Little Town of Bethlehem* Barr

SEVENTH LESSON *Hebrews 1:1-12*
In these last days, God has spoken to us

❖ **CAROL** *On This Day Earth Shall Ring* No. 46

EIGHTH LESSON *John 1:1-14*
The great mystery of the incarnation

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

BIDDING PRAYER Rebecca Chancellor
**O Holy Child of Bethlehem,
be born in us today.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (p.16)

SHARE GOD'S WORD

❖ **SENDING CAROL** *Go Tell It on the Mountain* No. 29

❖ **BLESSING**
May the God of the stable help us to see the wonder of Christmas:
the wonder of children who can hardly wait,
the wonder of Mary and Joseph who feel the power of God's love,
the wonder of the shepherds who hear the Good News,
the wonder of Magi who kneel and offer their gifts,
**the wonder of the ages that God would come in such a simple
birth. Amen.**

MUSIC TO CONCLUDE WORSHIP *Joy to the World* Barr
*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.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP will be hosted by the Sanderman Family in the Fireside Room after the 10 AM worship. Coffee, tea, juice, and cake will be available.

EARLY BIRD COFFEE TIME will be 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!

NURSERY CARE is available for infants through 3-year olds every Sunday from 9:30 AM until 11:30 AM on the lower level in room 7.

ALL CHILDREN are invited to remain in the Sanctuary this morning to worship with our families. Sunday School will resume on January 8, 2012.

INTERESTED IN CHURCH MEMBERSHIP? You are invited to meet with the Session (elders and pastors) in the Fireside Room following 10 AM worship on the second Sunday of each month to join the church. New members may be received by baptism, affirmation of faith, or transfer of membership.

PLEDGE ENVELOPES are now available for those who requested them. You may pick yours up from the table in front of the Fireside Room.

ALL FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS must be received in the church office *before* 11 AM on Friday, December 30, in order to be included in your 2011 annual pledge statement. Any contributions brought to church on January 1 will be too late! If you choose to give cash, please include your name or envelope number.

YEAR ROUND PRODUCE TABLE is up today during coffee fellowship! We will have produce available to take home for a free will donation. Funds collected will be donated to the Oregon Food Bank.

SOUP KITCHEN THANK YOU to the Men's Wednesday Bible Study Group for preparing and serving the December Soup Kitchen meal at the Bud Clark Commons in Portland.

VALLEY CELEBRATES TEN YEARS WITH BEN on Sunday, January 22. Following worship, we will have a reception honoring Pastor Ben Paroulek and his ten years of ministry among us. If you would like to express your appreciation to Ben in writing, please send your card or note to the church office clearly labeled tenth anniversary. These cards will be given to him at the reception.

May God bless you as you worship here today:
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.**