

CREATIVE CLASSROOM CIRCUIT and PRE-K SUNDAY SCHOOL are not being offered this morning. All children are invited to remain in the Sanctuary for our traditional Saint Nicholas Service. Our nursery (Room 7) is available for infants through three years old.

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. Join us on Wednesday, December 7 at 6:00 PM for "Ratatouille Night" with dinner and a movie in Armitage Hall!

HIGH SCHOOL FAMILY (youth in 9th-12th grades) is on Sundays at the Youth House, 7-9 PM. Join us tonight, December 4, for dinner, Christmas decorating, and more!

ADULT SENIOR CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON is Wednesday, December 7 at noon. Pastor Ben and Valley's Preschool will get us into the Christmas spirit by singing carols for us. Following the carol program, a quartet from the Beaverton Symphony will be providing us with music in the sanctuary.

NO WEDNESDAY ADULT EDUCATION CLASS this week, December 7. Instead, please join the Senior Adult Luncheon at noon for a Christmas program. We will take a break for the month of December. Join us in the New Year!

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE sign up will be at coffee fellowship today! Sign up for your donation time for the December 14 Blood Drive. Youth who are 16 will need parents' permission each time. Youth who are 17 and older do not need permission. We would love to see you there! Contact Christine Danner or Virginia Grubb if you have questions.

ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED to participate in the pastor-led Women's Bible Study on Tuesday, December 6. We will be discussing the 3rd lesson in the study book "Confessing the Beatitudes." Some copies are still available in the church office for \$8.50. Come at 10 AM for coffee and fellowship. The study begins at 10:30 AM.

RECENT "DELICIOUS" CHURCH ACTIVITIES have resulted in many bowls, platters and containers being left in the kitchen. Please check the counters before unclaimed items are donated on December 20. Thanks!



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CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE COMING WEEK		
December 4-11, 2011		
<p>SUNDAY, December 4</p> <p>8:30 AM Worship 9:30 AM Early Bird Coffee Hour 10:00 AM Worship 11:15 AM Advent Fair 11:15 AM Coffee Fellowship 5:00 PM Youth Choir 7:00 PM High School FAMILY</p> <p>MONDAY, December 5</p> <p>8:00 AM Women's Aerobics 6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 6:30 PM Girl Scout Troop 41406 7:30 PM Portland Highland Games Association</p> <p>TUESDAY, December 6</p> <p>10:00 AM Tai Chi Class 10:30 AM Women's Bible Study 6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 40168 6:30 PM Cub Scouts 6:30 PM Youth Ministry Team</p>	<p>WEDNESDAY, December 7</p> <p>8:00 AM Men's Bible Study 8:00 AM Women's Aerobics 12:00 PM Senior Adult Luncheon 5:00 PM Non-Rush Hour 5:00 PM Cherub Choir 5:00 PM King's Kids Choir 6:00 PM Royal Ringers 6:30 PM Middle School LIFE 7:00 PM Liturgical Arts Committee Meeting</p> <p>THURSDAY, December 8</p> <p>10:00 AM Tai Chi Class 10:00 AM Piecemakers 10:00 AM Alanon 5:30 PM Preschool Board Mtg. 6:15 PM English Handbell Choir 7:00 PM Tai Chi Class 7:15 AM Sanctuary Choir</p>	<p>FRIDAY, December 9</p> <p>8:00 AM Women's Aerobics</p> <p>SUNDAY, December 11</p> <p>8:30 AM Worship 9:30 AM Early Bird Coffee Hour 10:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Children's Sunday School 11:15 AM Coffee Fellowship 11:15 AM Session Meeting with New Members 2:00 PM Camp Fire Meeting 2:30 PM Cub Scout Den 5 5:00 PM Youth Choir 7:00 PM High School FAMILY</p>

SALVATION ARMY GIVING TREE: The Valley staff will be assisting a family of four (mother and three children) this holiday season. If you would like to help, stop by the office lobby and pick up a tag from the giving tree. Please return all gifts unwrapped with their identifying tag from the tree to the office lobby by Sunday, December 18.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Budgeting for 2011 has been finalized.				
(48 weeks ending 11-27-11)				
		Year to Date		
AmyAnn Green's Office Hours:		Annual	Budget	Actual
Mon.-Thurs.,				
10:00-2:30	Pledged	\$502,422	\$463,774	\$437,877
	Non-pledge	\$57,578	\$53,148	\$37,436
	Total	\$560,000	\$516,922	\$475,313

Please try to make payments to bring pledges and other giving more current to lower the year to date shortage of \$41,609.

THE LECTIONARY TEXTS for Sunday, December 11 are *Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; Psalm 126* or *Luke 1:47-55; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24* and *John 1:6-8, 19-28*.



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 4, 2011 ☩ 10:00 AM

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

GATHER AROUND GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE SENTENCES *Matthew 1:23* Ben Paroulek
A young woman will conceive and bear a child,
and the child shall be called Emmanuel,
a name which means 'God is with us.'

MUSIC TO BEGIN WORSHIP *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland* J.S. Bach

ACOLYTES Ainsley Killian and Grady Killian

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

❖ **CALL TO WORSHIP** By Thom M Shuman Richard Gold
You come to us, alive and present in that Word clothed in human flesh,
so we might hear those songs about forgiveness, echoing with joy.
You come to us, Shepherd of God's people, feeding us with your peace,
so we might go out and offer the bread of hope to all the lost.
You come to us, Spirit of comfort, welcoming us into the kingdom,
where righteousness is our best friend,
where justice lives right next door.

❖ **PROCESSIONAL HYMN** *People, Look East* No. 12, v.1-2

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES

Richard & Kay Gold
Michael, Tony, Aidan, & Gracie Gold
Frank, Bridget, & Anna Rego

Advent is a time of expectant waiting. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah:

**I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way;**

The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

“Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.”

All Pray: **O God of wonder, in the midst of the hustle and bustle of everyday life, your Word comes to us. May we pause long enough to know you are here. Help us to watch and wait, expecting the good news that you will come to us, yet again. Like the shepherds, may we see and hear you with great awe. We ask this through the One whose coming is certain, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

SUNG RESPONSE

Advent Song

No. 2090, v.2

**Light the Advent candle, two: Think of humble shepherds,
who filled with wonder at the sight of the child of Christmas night.
Candle, candle, burning bright, shining in the cold winter night;
Candle, candle, burning bright, fill our hearts with Christmas light.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Liturgists, Ainsley and Alisha Killian

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

By Thom M Shuman

God of Comfort, You call us home to live with you, but we are too busy right now to listen. We flock to the stores run by temptation and seduction, seeking the best prices. We rush to judge everyone around us, but ask you to be more patient with our repeated errors. We feast at the table piled high with broken promises and drink from the cup of fading dreams. Yet you continue to cry out to us, speaking to us of your love. Forgiveness is the gift for every moment, not just one day; hope is our constant companion as we journey with Jesus Christ...

...Silence is kept...

KYRIE

Lord, Have Mercy (Cantor, Adam Steele)

No. 573

*Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

❖ THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

❖ RESPONSE OF PRAISE

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

No. 9, v.2

**O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer Our spirits by Thine advent here; Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!**

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM

Advent Carol

Wood

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Kay Hope Gold

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Isaiah 40:1-11 and Mark 1:1-8

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God!

A BLESSING FROM ST. NICHOLAS

Rebecca Chancellor

MUSICAL RESPONSE

Ubi Caritas

No. 2179

Ubi caritas et amor, ubi caritas Deus ibi est.

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERING AND SIGNING THE FRIENDSHIP REGISTERS

Offertory

Still, Still, Still

Manz

(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 Advent be with you.

And also with you.

People of Advent, lift up your hopes.

We lift them to the One who comes to share our lives with us.

People of hope, offer your thanksgiving to God.

Joy, praise, adoration are in our hearts and on our lips.

At the advent of creation... that Advent mystery we call faith:

Jesus was born that we might have hope.

Jesus died and was raised that we might have life.

Jesus will come again to welcome us home.

Pour out the spirit of Advent...And all of God's children said: **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (page 16)

BREAKING THE BREAD, BLESSING THE CUP

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

Rene Minshew

SHARE GOD'S WORD

❖ SENDING HYMN

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

No. 5

❖ CHARGE & BENEDICTION

❖ SUNG RESPONSE

like a child

No. 2092

MUSIC TO CONCLUDE WORSHIP

O Love, How Deep

Manz

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 upstairs in the gym after the 10 AM worship. Coffee, tea, juice and goodies will be available in Davis Hall/Gym during the Advent Fair.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER 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 in a red cup.

PLEASE WELCOME Steve Peter as our guest choir director today.

KIDZ MART: All children are welcome to shop for your families and friends at this year's Kidz Mart in Room 16. Shop hours are:

Wednesday, December 14 from 4 PM-7 PM.

Saturday, December 17 from 9 AM-1PM.

Sunday, December 18* from 11:15 AM-1 PM.

*based on availability of sellable merchandise remaining.

WANTED: Adults, Teens, and Tweens are needed as shop keepers and assistants in Kidz Mart for Wednesday, December 14 (4 PM-7 PM), Saturday, December 17 (9 AM-1 PM), and Sunday, December 18 (11:15 AM-1PM). Please contact Kay Hope Gold in the church office or e-mail kay@valleycommunity.org.

ADVENT FAIR 2011: *Come one, come all*, to Valley's annual Advent Fair today from 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM in Davis Hall. There will be crafts galore for the kids and wreaths, swags or centerpieces for the adults. We supply the greens, you supply the glove, clippers and creativity. Be sure to bring a few dollars if you need to buy a wreath ring, centerpiece item or bow. All other crafts are available at no cost. We could always use some extra hands for clean up afterwards. Even if you aren't going to attend the Fair, please consider returning at 2 PM to help. If you are able, please bring a hearty snack to contribute to coffee hour (Take & Bake Pizza, cheese & crackers, etc.).

RECYCLE, REUSE, & REPURPOSE ROOM is open in Armitage Hall today, 11 - 2 PM. The Valley Youth have collected an assortment of holiday decorations that are looking for a new home! All proceeds will benefit the Youth Mission Fund. There are also a limited number of sweet jars available for purchase at \$12 each. Come see us in Armitage Hall during the Advent Fair!

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.