

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.

ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED to participate in the pastor-led Women's Bible Study on Tuesday, January 3 at 10 AM for coffee and fellowship and 10:30 AM for the study in the Fireside Room. All interested women are welcome. The study is about the Beatitudes, and we will be covering Lesson 4. Some study books are still available.

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.

PRAYER SHAWL knit-together is Tuesday, January 3, at 1 PM in the Fireside Room and 7 PM at Marilyn Tuffs' house. Please call for directions.



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CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE COMING WEEK

January 1 - 8, 2012

<p>SUNDAY, January 1 8:30 AM Worship 9:30 AM Early Bird Coffee Hour 10:00 AM Worship 11:15 AM Coffee Fellowship</p> <p>MONDAY, January 2 8:00 AM Women's Aerobics 4:00 PM Upward Basketball Practice 6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 7:30 PM Scout Troop 592</p> <p>TUESDAY, January 3 10:00 AM Tai Chi Class 10:30 AM Women's Bible Study 1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry 4:00 PM Upward Basketball Practice 6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 40168 6:30 PM Cub Scouts 7:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry</p>	<p>WEDNESDAY, January 4 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study 8:00 AM Women's Aerobics 12:00 PM Wednesday Adult Education Class 7:00 PM Liturgical Arts Comm.</p> <p>THURSDAY, January 5 10:00 AM Piecemakers 10:00 AM Alanon 10:00 AM Tai Chi Class 4:00 PM Upward Basketball Practice 6:00 PM Worship and Music Committee 7:00 PM Tai Chi Class 7:15 AM Sanctuary Choir</p> <p>FRIDAY, January 6 8:00 AM Women's Aerobics 2:30 PM Camp Fire Meeting 4:00 PM Upward Basketball Practice</p>	<p>SATURDAY, January 7 2:00 PM Stave Memorial Service and Reception</p> <p>SUNDAY, January 8 8:30 AM Worship 9:30 AM Early Bird Coffee Hour 10:00 AM Worship 11:15 AM Coffee Fellowship 11:15 AM Finance Committee Mtg. 11:15 AM Session Meeting with New Members 2:00 PM Camp Fire Meeting 2:30 PM Cub Scout Den 5 3:00 PM Eagle Scout Ceremony 5:00 PM Youth Choir 6:30 PM High School FAMILY</p>
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TREASURER'S REPORT

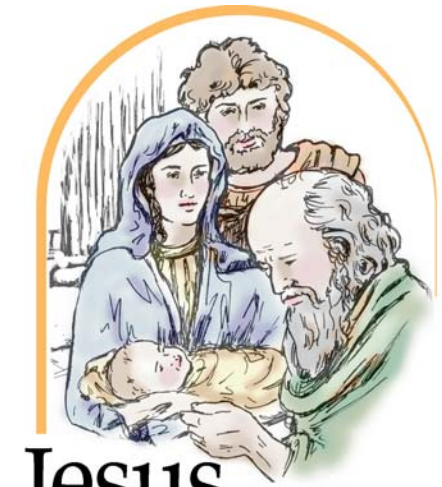
(52 weeks ending 12-28-11)

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	\$502,422	\$499,278
	Non-pledge	\$57,578	\$57,578	\$43,930
	Total	\$560,000	\$560,000	\$543,208

Please try to make payments to bring pledges and other giving more current to lower the year to date shortage of \$16,792.

THE LECTIONARY TEXTS for Sunday, January 8 are *Genesis 1:1-5; Psalm 29; Acts 19:1-7 and Mark 1:4-11.*



Jesus Presented in the Temple

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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

1st SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

January 1, 2012 ☩ 10:00 AM

❖ *Please stand as you are able*

Bold Text is spoken by everyone

GATHER AROUND GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE SENTENCES

René Minshew

MUSIC TO BEGIN WORSHIP

He is Born, the Divine Christ Child

Goemanne

ACOLYTES

Luke Blair and Jake Blair

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

❖ **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Linda Sanderman, Liturgist

We enter into worship under the light of God's star.

We follow in the path of wandering seekers of long ago.

We have experienced Christmas, and now we must center its meaning in our lives.

Our prayers, our songs, our hopes, even our fears are holy through God's gift of love.

❖ **PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

Go Tell It On The Mountain

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Bethlehem:

**you bless us richly, forgive our reluctance to share;
you hold us close to your heart, forgive us for keeping
others at arm's length;
you shine in the shadows of our soul, forgive us for not
sharing the Light;
you lift us from where we have fallen, forgive us for not
offering a helping hand;
you grace us with Joy, forgive us when we worship fear.**

...*Silence is kept*...

KYRIE

No. 2275

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

If we believe the songs of the angels,
And have seen the Child in the manger,
We must go out and tell others this good news.

We will go:

**glorifying God, praising the Lord,
and, confessing to everyone we meet
how God has richly blessed us. Amen.**

❖ THE PEACE

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

❖ RESPONSE OF PRAISE *Angels We Have Heard on High* No. 23, v.3

**Come to Bethlehem and see, Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee, Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM

My Dancing Day

Traditional

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

TIME WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Proverbs 27:1-9 and Luke 2:25-35

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

The Uncertainties of Life

René Minshew

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERING AND SIGNING THE FRIENDSHIP REGISTERS

Offertory

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

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 Christmas Joy be with you.

And also with you.

Children of God, lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the One who came to us in Bethlehem.

Children of Hope, give thanks to God.

We sing our songs of Joy to the One who became one of us.

...So, with all creation echoing the songs of angels,
we join in praising your name.

**Holy, holy, holy are you God, who alone is exalted. All creation
rejoices in you. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One who
would not keep silent. Hosanna in the highest!**

...As we celebrate his Birth, and remember his death and resurrection,
we speak of that mystery we call faith:

By Christ, we are redeemed from sin;

By Christ, we are delivered from death;

By Christ, we are adopted as God's children.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (page 16)

BREAKING THE BREAD & POURING THE CUP

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

SHARE GOD'S WORD

❖ SENDING HYMN

What Child Is This

No. 53

❖ CHARGE & BENECTION

❖ SUNG RESPONSE

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

No. 28, v. 3

**Good Christian friends rejoice, With heart, and soul, and voice;
Now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all, To gain the everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!**

MUSIC TO CONCLUDE WORSHIP

God Rest Ye, Merry Gentlemen

Goemanne

*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 Starfish Mariner Group upstairs in Davis Hall (gym) after the 10 AM worship. Coffee, tea, and juice 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 their families. Sunday School will resume on January 8, 2012.

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.

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.

OUR YEAR ROUND PRODUCE TABLE is set 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.

THANK YOU to all the holiday heroes we had at the recent Red Cross Blood Drive. Our final donor count was 33. That's a potential of 99 lives we have saved. Great job! Stay well and healthy and come to our next Blood Drive, March 29, 2012.

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.