CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE: After the Children's Message all kids from Pre-K to Fifth Grade are invited to Armitage Hall for Music Time with Amy Rheingans.

Pre-K children will be led by Craig and Cheryl Hoffbeck for Bible Story Time and join older children in Room 16 to view "The Little Drummer Boy" video.

Kindergarten, First and Second Grade will be escorted by Kay Hope Gold to Room 16 for today's lesson and to view "The Little Drummer Boy" video.

Grades three, four and five will join Michelle Blair in Rooms 15/16 for "The Manger" lesson and art activity.

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, November 30 for "Pie Night!"

HIGH SCHOOL FAMILY (youth in 9th-12th grades) is on Sundays at the Youth House, 7-9 PM. Join us tonight, November 27, for dinner and a mission challenge!

PARENTS NIGHT OUT ON DECEMBER 3! The Valley Youth are hosting an evening of childcare, complete with activities, movies, and snacks, for toddlers through 5th graders. Hours are 4 - 9 PM on Saturday, December 3. This is a new fundraiser for Youth Mission. Cost is $20/child or $50/household with three or more children. Reserve space for your children no later than Thursday, December 1. RSVP to Pastor Rebecca in the church office.

NO SENIOR LUNCHEON IN NOVEMBER. Join us for our Wednesday, December 7 Christmas Luncheon 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. Please join us!

WEDNESDAY ADULT EDUCATION CLASS this week, November 30 in the Fireside Room at 12 noon.

MANY THANKS to the Navigator Mariner Ship and Skippers Janet and Dick Adkins for preparing and serving the November 17 meal at the Bud Clark Commons in downtown Portland, as part of Valley's local mission.

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CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE COMING WEEK

November 27-December 4, 2011

SUNDAY, November 27
8:30 AM Worship Service
9:00 AM Sunday School Teacher Training
9:30 AM Early Bird Coffee Hour
10:00 AM Worship Service
10:00 AM Children's Sunday School
11:15 AM Coffee Fellowship
5:00 PM Youth Choir
7:00 PM High School FAMILY

MONDAY, November 28
8:00 AM Women's Aerobics
1:00 PM Century Club General Meeting
6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop
7:00 PM Personnel Committee
7:30 PM Scout Troop 592

TUESDAY, November 29
10:00 AM Tai Chi Class
6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 40168

WEDNESDAY, November 30
8:00 AM Men's Bible Study
8:00 AM Women's Aerobics
12:00 PM Wednesday Adult Education
5:00 PM Cherub Choir
5:00 PM King's Kids Choir
6:00 PM Royal Ringers
6:30 PM Middle School L.I.F.E.

THURSDAY, December 1
10:00 AM Tai Chi Class
10:00 AM Piecemakers
10:00 AM Alanon
6:00 PM Worship and Music Committee
6:15 PM English Handbell Choir
7:00 PM Tai Chi Class
7:15 AM Sanctuary Choir

FRIDAY, December 2
8:00 AM Women's Aerobics
2:30 PM Camp Fire Meeting

SUNDAY, December 4
8:30 AM Worship Service
9:00 AM Youth Breakfast Club
9:30 AM Early Bird Coffee Hour
10:00 AM Worship Service
10:00 AM Children's Sunday School
11:15 AM Advent Fair
11:15 AM Coffee Fellowship
5:00 PM Youth Choir
7:00 PM High School FAMILY

AmyAnn Green's Office Hours:
Mon.-Thurs., 10:00-2:30

TREASURER'S REPORT - Budgeting for 2011 has been finalized.
(47 weeks ending 11-20-11)

	Annual	Year to Date Budget	Year to Date Actual
Pledged	$502,422	$454,112	$431,059
Non-pledge	$57,578	$52,041	$37,351
Total	$560,000	$506,153	$468,410

Please try to make payments to bring pledges and other giving more current to lower the year to date shortage of $37,743.

THE LECTIONARY TEXTS for Sunday, December 4 are *Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13; 2 Peter 3:8-15a* and *Mark 1:1-8.*

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
November 27, 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

ACOLYTES Lindsay Kurtz and Josh Gregory

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

❖ **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Prepare the way of the Lord;
Make a path for our God in the desert.
Every valley shall be exalted;
Every mountain and hill be laid low.
The crooked shall be made straight;
Rough places shall become plain.
The glory of the Lord shall be revealed;
All people shall see it together.
This is the promise of the Lord;
God's promise shall be fulfilled.

❖ **PROCESSIONAL HYMN**
People, Look East No. 12, v.1 only (repeated)

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES David, Sue, Kegan and Ariel Derting
Advent means coming. We are preparing ourselves for the days
When the nations shall beat their swords into plowshares,
And their spears into pruning hooks;
Nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
Neither shall they learn war anymore.

All Pray: **O God of majesty and power, your word of truth resounds above the clamor of violence and despair. May we hear and trust the words of the prophets: You work for those who wait for you. We are the work of your hand, we are your people. Hasten the advent of the day when the weapons of war shall be banished and all your scattered children gathered into one. We ask this through the One whose coming is certain, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

SUNG RESPONSE *Advent Song* No. 2090, v.1
Light the Advent candle, one: Now the waiting has begun;
We have started on our way, time to think of Christmas day.
Candle, candle, burning bright, shining in the cold winter night;
Candle, candle, burning bright, fill our heart with Christmas light.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
God of unending mercy, we are a people of abundance. Your never-ceasing love surrounds us; your great compassion embraces us; but we take these gifts for granted. Open our eyes to the wonders of creation. Tune our ears to the cries for love in a lonely world. Fill our hearts with a faith that is revealed in action. This we pray in the name of the One who never ceases to come.

…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 Good News of this Advent season is forgiveness of sin and new life.
Let us commit our lives to Christ's way of hope and peace.
Thanks be to the Advent God, who comes among us,
Setting us free to love and serve.

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

❖ **RESPONSE OF PRAISE** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* No. 9, v.1
O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION René Minshew

TIME WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH

ANTHEM *Soon and Very Soon* arr. Dilworth

SCRIPTURE LESSON *Luke 2:15-19*
Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON *Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart*
René Minshew

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ~ BIDDING PRAYER Rebecca Chancellor
God, hear our prayer.
O come, O come Emmanuel.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (p.16)

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** *Give Thanks* No. 2036, v. 3-4
Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son.
And now let the weak say, "I am strong"; let the poor say,
"I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us." Give thanks!

❖ **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SHARE GOD'S WORD

❖ **SENDING HYMN** *Prepare the Way* No. 13

❖ **CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

❖ **SUNG RESPONSE** *The King of Glory Comes* No. 2091

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.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP will be hosted by the Starfish Mariner group upstairs in the gym after the 10 AM worship. 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!

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

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 9 AM-1PM.
Saturday, December 17 from 9 AM-1PM.
Sunday, December 18* from 11:15 AM-1 PM.
Thanks to all who have donated to Kidz Mart! Proceeds will offset the Children's Ministries.
*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 (9 AM-1 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.
*based on availability of sellable merchandise remaining.

ADVENT FAIR: Don't miss Valley's annual Advent Fair on Sunday, December 4 from 11:30 AM - 2 PM. Bring your family, friends and neighbors! There will be holiday music and goodies to enjoy while making a wreath. Be sure to bring your gloves, clippers and ring and a few dollars if you plan to make a wreath or centerpiece. Volunteers are still needed. Please contact our coordinator, Andrea Murdoch to find out where you can help. If you are able, please bring a hearty snack to contribute to coffee fellowship (Take & Bake Pizza, cheese & crackers etc.).

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.

JARS FOR YOUTH MISSION are still available for purchase! The youth will have a table set up during coffee fellowship today and for the next couple of Sundays until all the jars are sold! Remaining jars are all sweets, $12 each. Come by today for a taste of gingerbread cookies and/or brown sugar nut cookies!

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.*