

THE CHURCH BUILDING will be closed Monday, September 5 in observance of the Labor Day holiday.

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.

UPWARD BASKETBALL 2012 REGISTRATION begins in September! We are gearing up for another fun-filled season of Upward Basketball. Upward is a Christian basketball league for children ages Kindergarten through 6th grade. Registration will begin on September 19 and will be online. Feel free to visit Valley's website now for more information about the league, or call Anne Searce.

THE WEDNESDAY NOON BOOK STUDY will meet next Wednesday, September 7, to discuss "The Rapture and The Second Coming," and "Heaven."

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY INVITES YOU to the "Ramble Glen Dedication" Saturday, September 10 at 1 PM, off of 185th and Farmington. Park at the Westside Community Church. Please contact Chuck Falconer with questions.

VALLEY PRODUCE TABLE is open for whatever your gardens have started to yield. Stop by and see what is available! Consider a donation to the Oregon Food Bank as you enjoy the bounty. Come one, come all!

THE SEPTEMBER BLOOD DRIVE is just a few weeks away on September 14. Come to coffee hour and take a minute to sign up to give blood. Youth who are 16 years old may contact Christine Danner for a parental consent packet. We would love to see you at the Blood Drive Wednesday, September 14 from 2-7 PM!

YOUTH MINISTRIES: Youth in 6th-12th grades remain in worship with the congregation. Middle School LIFE and High School FAMILY are taking a short break before Fall Kickoff on September 11! The September calendar is out- you can pick one up today!



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CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE COMING WEEK		
September 4-11, 2011		
SUNDAY, September 4 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:30 AM Early Bird Coffee Hour 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:15 AM Coffee Fellowship	WEDNESDAY, September 7 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 6:30 PM Yth Advisor Orientation 7:00 PM Liturgical Arts Comm.	FRIDAY, September 9 8:00 AM Women's Aerobics 2:30 PM Ping Pong for Seniors 6:00 PM CIRCLE Meeting
MONDAY, September 5 Labor Day Holiday - Building Closed	THURSDAY, September 8 10:00 AM Alanon 10:00 AM Piecemakers 10:00 AM Tai Chi Class 5:00 PM Ping Pong for Seniors 6:00 PM Worship Committee	SUNDAY, September 11 Kickoff Sunday 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:30 AM Early Bird Coffee Hour 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:15 AM Ministry Fair & Coffee Fellowship 11:15 AM Session Meeting with New Members 5:30 PM Youth Fall Fellowship Kickoff Picnic
TUESDAY, September 6 10:00 AM Tai Chi Class 1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry 3:30 PM Ping Pong for Seniors 7:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry 7:30 PM Sanctuary Choir		



TREASURER'S REPORT - Budgeting for 2011 has been finalized.
(35 weeks ending 8-28-11)

	Annual	Budget	Actual
Pledged	\$502,422	\$338,168	\$320,030
Non-pledge	\$57,578	\$38,754	\$24,395
Total	\$560,000	\$376,922	\$344,425

Please try to make payments to bring pledges and other giving more current to lower the year to date shortage of \$32,497.



THE LECTIONARY TEXTS for Sunday, September 11 are *Exodus 14:19-31; Psalm 114* or *Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21; Romans 14:1-12* and *Matthew 18:21-35*.



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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

23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
September 4, 2011 ☩ 10:00 AM

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

GATHER AROUND GOD'S WORD

GREETING Ben Paroulek
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

MUSIC TO BEGIN WORSHIP Walthew
Bagatelle No. 3
Don Baxter, clarinet; Mark Kembal, piano
If you must whisper, let it be into the ear of God.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

❖ **CALL TO WORSHIP**
People's Response: **Let us worship the Lord!**

❖ **HYMN OF PRAISE** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* No. 356

CALL TO CONFESSION

Liturgist, Kate White

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, you offer yourself as the model for how we ought to work and we have fallen short. With each day of creation you called your work good. We confess that we do not always do good work, acknowledge good work, or provide opportunities for good work. Creator God, on the seventh day you rested and commanded all you created do the same. We confess we do not take time for Sabbath. We work and labor and toil at the expense of our relationships, spirits, and bodies and we demand it of others. Forgive us, God. Instill in us a respect for how you intend us to labor...

...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

Kate White

TIME WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 13:8-14

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON

A Labor of Love

Ben Paroulek

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERING AND SIGNING THE FRIENDSHIP REGISTERS

Offertory

Adagio from Sonata No. 1

Lefevre

Don Baxter, clarinet; Mark Kemball, piano

(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.*

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is good to give our thanks and praise.

God, we give you thanks...and with all creation that calls out to you:
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might
Heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord
Hosanna in the highest.

We speak of your holiness...Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Send your Spirit upon us...the Creator and Sustainer of all.
Amen.

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**

The Servant Song

No. 2222

❖ **CHARGE & BENECTION**

❖ **SUNG RESPONSE**

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love No. 2223, v.3

We will work with each other, we will work side by side, we will work with each other, we will work side by side, and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love; yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

MUSIC TO CONCLUDE WORSHIP

Rondo from Sonata No. 1

Lefevre

Gipsy Tango, Waltz

Seiber

Don Baxter, clarinet; Mark Kemball, piano

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 Navigators Mariner group 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. Ask an usher for one of the "Rainbow Bags" which is full of activities for children to use during worship. Sunday School resumes on September 18. Plan to visit the Children's Ministries table on Kickoff Sunday! 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.

OUR GUEST PIANIST in worship today is Mark Kemball. A special thanks to Mark for filling in for Darlene.

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.

BRING A FRIEND TO WORSHIP/KICKOFF SUNDAY is next Sunday, September 11! All Valley members and friends are encouraged to bring someone new to worship! 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!

INTERESTED IN CHURCH MEMBERSHIP? You are invited to meet with the Session (elders and pastors) in the Fireside Room following 10 AM worship next Sunday, Sept. 11 to join the church. New members may be received by baptism, affirmation of faith, or transfer of membership.

REMEMBER to clip the Box Tops for Education to support local schools. Collection boxes are on the bookcases in the Narthex. Thank you!

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.