



VALLEY  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

Liturgy for  
June 7, 2026

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# THE BOOK OF 2 KINGS

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Valley Presbyterian Church exists to make disciples of Jesus by gathering for the public worship of God; by growing in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ through Christian education; and by sending God's people to go out into the world and love their neighbors and cities for the glory of God.

**Service Time:**

11:00 am

**Location:**

9200 Haskell Avenue | North Hills, CA 91343



# Welcome to Valley Presbyterian Church!

We trust that you will experience the presence of Christ and the welcome of his people as you gather with us this morning. Below are a series of answers to questions that are often asked about our worship service. We hope that you will find them informative. If you have any other questions, please feel free to contact our pastors directly at [valleypresbyterian@gmail.com](mailto:valleypresbyterian@gmail.com)

## ***Does your church have a statement of faith?***

Yes! Valley Presbyterian Church is part of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA), and as a part of the PCA we subscribe to a document called the Westminster Standards. This document consists of the Westminster Confession of Faith, and two Catechisms (the Larger and Shorter Catechisms) which are meant to be helpful teaching tools for the people of God. The Westminster Standards can be found online, but the basics of what we believe can be found in your bulletin. We confess these basics every week when we recite the Nicene Creed, which has been a summary of the Christian faith for over 1,500 years!

## ***Why is your worship so liturgical?***

Believe it or not, every church is liturgical. Some liturgies consist of three songs, announcements, a 50-minute sermon, etc. Those liturgies tend to reflect many Christian churches in North America. Our worship service is ordered the way that it is because it is a reflection of how God has met with his people throughout the history of the world. Here's a breakdown of why we do what we do:

### **God Gathers His People**

At the appointed time, the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ gathers for worship, recognizing that God Himself has brought together His people.

### **We Come to God by Faith**

In continued response to God's call to worship, we offer our first prayer to God. This prayer also reflects our adoration and affection for God, acknowledging Him as our Creator and Redeemer.

### **God Reshapes the Hearts and Lives of His People**

God once again addresses us directly through His holy Word. As we are faced with God's perfect holiness, there is only one appropriate response—the confession of our sin. Having heard God's Law and having confessed our sins, what we need most is to have the gospel of Jesus Christ proclaimed to us! It is here that God assures us of His forgiveness and Fatherly love toward us!

### **God Uses His People in His Service**

We now enter into a time of intercessory prayer, both for Christ's church and the world. The Kingdom of God is built through the prayers of the church, so we pray because we are given this privilege as His servant-people. In grateful response to all of God's gifts to us, we offer a token of appreciation to Him. Our financial gifts to God are the confession of our stewardship.

### **God Speaks to Us Through His Word**

The preaching of the Word is the primary way God addresses sinners to receive salvation and to grow in it. Thus, in preaching, God continues to speak to us with the love of Jesus.

### **God Renews His Covenant with Us**

The reading and the preaching of the Word is when God audibly speaks His gospel to us, then the administration of the sacraments is when God visibly shows His gospel to us. The Lord's Supper is God visibly communing with us at His table.

### **God Sends His People Out with His Blessing**

Just as God initiated worship, so now God concludes worship with His benediction, His "good word." In the benediction, God, through the Pastor, blesses His beloved people. We can all objectively say after

worship that we were blessed. As it is not a prayer, but a pronouncement, we lift up our faces to the Lord as He blesses us, for His face shines upon us and His grace and peace are ours forevermore.

### ***Why is there so much Scripture reading in your worship service?***

The Bible is central in our worship service because we believe the Bible is God's word, and we need to hear from God when we gather together. One of Jesus' apostles, Paul, wrote, "Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, and to teaching." (1 Tim. 4:13) It is through God's word that faith is created in our hearts (Rom. 10:17), and we are made holy (John 17:17).

### ***Why do you take communion most Sundays?***

Communion is a Holy Sacrament of the Church (along with Baptism). The word Sacrament is a translation of a Greek word which means "mystery." Baptism and Communion are the "mysteries" of the church, because through them God works powerfully through his Word and Spirit nourishing our faith with Christ and all his benefits. Holy Communion is not an empty ritual, or a mere "remembrance" of Jesus' death, it is fellowship with the risen Christ. In Holy Communion, Jesus and all of his gifts are offered to the faithful.

### ***Communion Information***

We are serving both juice and wine as we partake of the Lord's Supper together. Both juice and wine serve as appropriate elements of communion as both fit the biblical requirement of being fruit of the vine. If you have never been baptized, or if you are not a

Christian, please abstain from taking Communion. If you'd like to take Communion, or to be baptized, speak to either of the Pastors, or to one of the Elders. We would be happy to assist you in taking steps toward Baptism, or your first Communion.

Communion is for baptized, repentant, and believing Christians. Let us come to Christ's table together rejoicing in our salvation!

### ***Why do you baptize babies?***

We baptize the children of believing parents because it is in line with the teaching of Scripture. We don't baptize babies because it's a nice tradition, or because it's what the universal church practiced up until the time of the Reformation. In the Bible, the children of believers are always treated as holy members of God's church by virtue of God's promises (1 Cor. 7:14). In the Old Testament, God commanded that the sign of membership in God's visible church be given to infants who didn't yet have faith (Gen.17:12). This principle still stands with the New Testament sign of Baptism (Acts 2:39; 16:15.)

### ***Why is worship led by Pastors and Elders?***

Pastors and Elders are those whom Christ has gifted and have been set apart by ordination by the Presbytery or congregation to be God's representatives and under shepherds of the Lord Jesus Christ. We don't submit to God's Word because it comes from charismatic teachers, or funny communicators; we submit to it because it comes from those who have been set apart for the office of elder to speak the truth in love that we may grow more and more into the image of Christ.



# LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

Prelude

Ben Mason

Welcome

Elder Edgar Figueroa

## GOD GATHERS HIS PEOPLE

Call to Worship +

Grant Gates

Doxology  
#733 +

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below: Alleluia, alleluia! Praise him above, ye heav'nly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

## WE COME TO GOD BY FAITH

Invocation  
& Prayer  
of Adoration +  
Salutation +

Confession of  
Faith

### **The Apostles' Creed**

Pastor: People of God, what do you believe?

**All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy \*catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*(\*catholic meaning worldwide not Roman Catholic)*

Psalm,  
Hymn #65 +

**Before Jehovah's Awesome Throne** (From Psalm 100)

Before Jehovah's awesome throne,  
All nations, bow with sacred joy;  
Know that the Lord is God alone,  
He can create and he destroy—  
He can create, and he destroy.

His sovereign pow'r without our aid,  
Made us of dust and formed us men;  
And when like wand'ring sheep we strayed,  
He brought us to his fold again—  
He brought us to his fold again.

We are his people, we his care,  
Our souls and all our mortal frame:  
What lasting honors shall we rear,  
Almighty Maker, to your name?—  
Almighty Maker, to your name?

We'll crowd your gates with thankful songs,  
High as the heav'ns our voices raise;  
And earth, with her ten thousand tongues,  
Shall fill your courts with sounding praise—  
Shall fill your courts with sounding praise.

Wide as the world is your command,  
Vast as eternity your love;  
Firm as a rock your truth must stand,  
When rolling years shall cease to move—  
When rolling years shall cease to move.

# GOD RESHAPES THE HEARTS AND LIVES OF HIS PEOPLE

Call to  
Confession

Elder Edgar Figueroa

Through  
Confessing Our  
Sins Publicly &  
Privately

**Almighty God, who sees that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves; keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Assurance of  
Pardon

Hymn #53 +

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!

All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near,

Join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,

Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!

Has thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been

Granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!

Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;

Ponder anew what the Almighty will do,

If with his love he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee,

Decked thee with health, and with loving hand guided and stayed thee.

How oft in grief hath not he brought thee relief,

Spreading his wings to o'er shade thee!

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
Let the amen sound from his people again;  
Gladly fore'er we adore him.

## GOD USES HIS PEOPLE IN HIS SERVICE

Prayer of the  
Church

The Lord's  
Prayer

**Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil; For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

As We Give to  
God's Work

## GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

Old and New  
Testament  
Readings

Old Testament Reading: Amos 9:11-15

New Testament Reading: John 2:1-25

Gloria Patri  
#734 +

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.**

Scripture  
Reading

2 Kings 4:1-7

Message

“God Provides for His Powerless People”

Grant Gates

# GOD RENEWS HIS COVENANT WITH US

Communion

Pastor Ty Gregory

Passing of the  
Peace +

## GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT WITH HIS BLESSING

Song +

### **How Deep the Father's Love for Us**

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure,  
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss – the Father turns His face away,  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders;  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished;  
His dying breath has brought me life – I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no power, no wisdom;  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer;  
But this I know with all my heart – His wounds have paid my ransom.

God's  
Benediction

Postlude



## Community Groups

We grow together in our faith, not just on Sunday mornings but by gathering to share meals, talk about the Bible, and pray with each other. Check out one of our community groups nearest to you! (VPC Community Groups meet 1st & 3rd Sundays Sept—May)

### **Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena**

*6:00pm*

Leader: Pastor Ron Svendsen

Contact: 818-894-9200

Topic: Proverbs

### **North Hills**

*2nd Sunday at 3:30pm*

Leader: Elder Jaime Garcia

Contact: 818-631-0408

Topic: Westminster Confession of Faith

### **Northridge**

*Sunday at 7:00pm/monthly*

Leaders: Elders Bruce Mateko & Larry Shaw

Contact: 818-886-1233

Topic: *Pray Big* by Alistair Begg

### **Santa Clarita**

*2nd & 4th Sundays at 5:00pm*

Leader: Pastor Ron Svendsen

Contact: 818-894-9200

Topic: Proverbs

### **Valencia/Santa Clarita**

*Sunday at 2:00pm*

Leaders: Elders Jesse Cook & Edgar Figueroa

Contact: 818-894-9200

Topic: Westminster Catechism

### **West Hills**

*Sunday at 6:30/monthly*

Leaders: Nathan Maack (assisting Elder John Martinez)

Contact: (917) 916-7550

Topic: Acts

## Sunday Morning Sunday School & Worship

### Adult & Children's Sunday School

Prayer at 9:40am.

Sunday School at 10:00-10:45am. Classes are held for both our children (ages 3 and above) and adults each week. For more information see below:

#### **Adult:**

**Study on Reformed Theology | Downstairs Fellowship Room**

#### **Children's Sunday School | Brewer Hall**

**Pre-K-1<sup>st</sup> Grade, Alexander Scott**

Show Me Jesus

**2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> Grade, Elder Edgar Figueroa**

First Catechism Class

**5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade, Grant Gates**

G2R: 1 Samuel to Esther

**7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade, Alen Ovasapyan**

Westminster Shorter Catechism

**9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade, Elder John Martinez**

Virtue Ethics

### Post-Worship Fellowship & Snack

Refreshments and fellowship on the North Patio.

### Children are Welcome in Worship | Nursery Available

As part of the covenant family of God, we encourage you to keep your children with you in worship regardless of their age, so that they may follow your example in worshipping God. Don't worry if your children are a bit restless or noisy. However, if your child needs an alternate location, please use the Fellowship Room right off the Narthex.

The nursery is open, and wonderful volunteers are ready to watch your little ones during the church service. Please visit the nursery for more information!

## Prayer & Praise

Please continue to pray for Pastor Ron as he completes his second round of chemotherapy.

## Mid-Week Gathering | TBD

Join us on select Wednesdays at 7pm in the VPC Fellowship Room as we discuss *Dust to Glory* by R.C. Sproul.

## Serving at VPC

### **Weekly Communion**

#### **Set-Up**

We need more volunteers to help prepare and cleanup the weekly Communion elements. If interested, please see Nathan Maack for more information.

### **Music Ministry & Audio & Visual Team**

We are looking for singers and instrumentalists who are interested in serving on the music team. Additional volunteers to run sound for the service and capture video for the livestream are needed. Training is provided. If willing to serve, please email Ben Mason at [info@benmasonmusic.com](mailto:info@benmasonmusic.com).

### **Ushers & Parking Lot Security Volunteers**

Please contact Ed Arreaga at [earreaga@verizon.net](mailto:earreaga@verizon.net) for more information.

### **Meal Ministry**

If you, or anyone you know at VPC is in a difficult season where meals would be helpful, please reach out to the Deacons or directly to Theresa Martinez ([jtmarz06@gmail.com](mailto:jtmarz06@gmail.com)), to set up a meal train so we may serve you.

### **Nursery Volunteers**

Please consider serving in the nursery! We need more adult volunteers and helpers to add to our rotating nursery schedule. Please reach out to Jess Herr if you have any questions

## Announcements and Upcoming Events

### **Connecting at VPC**

If you are a new or recent visitor to Valley Presbyterian Church, please email the church at [valleypresbyterian@gmail.com](mailto:valleypresbyterian@gmail.com) so that we may add you to the VPC email list to keep you in the loop with the latest church news.

### **Women in the Word | On Summer Break**

We meet in the VPC Fellowship room on Tuesday mornings. Please join us for a time in God's word and prayer as we enjoy coffee, refreshment, friendship, and wonderful conversations. No childcare is provided. We are continuing in Tim Keller's book *Romans 8-16*.

### **Women's Tuesday Evening Book Study | TBD**

Please join us at the Martinez home for a time of discussion and encouragement around God's Word as we read the book *Echoes of Exodus: Tracing Themes of Redemption through Scripture* by Alistair J. Roberts and Andrew Wilson. Contact Theresa Martinez at [jtmarz06@gmail.com](mailto:jtmarz06@gmail.com) for more information and the address.

### **The Southwest Reformed Youth Camp | Registration Closes July 15**

The 2026 Southwest Reformed Youth Camp is happening this year from August 3-7 at Palomar Christian Conference Center in Palomar Mountain, CA. This Reformed Christian Youth Camp is for junior high and senior high students and is the only youth camp of its kind in the southwestern US. This will be our fourth year in attendance. We look forward to the youth getting outdoors, competing in team activities, building friendships, and, most importantly, worshiping our gracious God and meditating upon his Word! The theme this year is "Faith, Hope, and Love: 1 Corinthians 13:13." Announcements and information will be given closer to the date. In the meantime, please contact Elder John Martinez if you have questions.

**-If you need assistance, please ask an usher-**



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