



VALLEY
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Liturgy for
September 13, 2026

THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

Valley Presbyterian Church exists to make disciples of Jesus by going into the world as God's sent church to establish His presence, by gathering for public worship through Word and Sacrament, and by growing in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ through doctrine and catechism.

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

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 Jaime Garcia

GOD GATHERS HIS PEOPLE

Call to Worship +

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 Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made. Who, for us and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the

Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets.

And we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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'ershade 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 RESHAPES THE HEARTS AND LIVES OF HIS PEOPLE

Call to Confession

Through Confessing
Our Sins Publicly &
Privately

Almighty Father, who has given Your only Son to die for our sins, and to rise again for our justification; grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness, that we may always serve You in pureness of living and truth, through the merits of the same, Your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of
Pardon

Psalm +

Psalm 98

Music on page 9

Sing a new song to Jehovah for the wonders he has wrought;
His right hand and arm most holy triumph to his cause have brought.
In his love and tender mercy he has made salvation known,
In the sight of ev'ry nation he his righteousness has shown.

Truth and mercy toward his people he has ever kept in mind,
And his full and free salvation he has shown to all mankind.
Sing, O earth, sing, to Jehovah, praises to Jehovah sing;
With the swelling notes of music shout before the Lord, the King.

Seas with all your fullness thunder, all earth's peoples now rejoice;
Floods and hills in praise uniting, to the Lord lift up your voice.
For, behold, the Lord is coming, robed in justice and in might;
He alone will judge the nations, and his judgment shall be right.

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: Isaiah 6:9-13

New Testament Reading: John 9:24-41

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

Isaiah 65: 17-25

Message

"A New Order"

Grant Gates

GOD RENEWS HIS COVENANT WITH US

Communion

Robert Covolo

Passing of the
Peace +

GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT WITH HIS BLESSING

Hymn #347 +

The Church's One Foundation

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is his new creation by water and the Word:
From heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.

'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore;
Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

God's Benediction

Postlude

Psalm 98C



1. ¹Sing a new song to Je - ho - vah for the won - ders he has wrought;
 2. ³Truth and mer - cy toward his peo - ple he has ev - er kept in mind,
 3. ⁷Seas with all your full - ness thun - der, all earth's peo - ples now re - joice;

his right hand and arm most ho - ly tri - umph to his cause have brought.
 and his full and free sal - va - tion he has shown to all man - kind.
⁸floods and hills in praise u - nit - ing, to the Lord lift up your voice.

²In his love and ten - der mer - cy he has made sal - va - tion known,
⁴Sing, O earth, sing, to Je - ho - vah, prais - es to Je - ho - vah sing;
⁹For, be - hold, the Lord is com - ing, robed in jus - tice and in might;

in the sight of ev - 'ry na - tion he his righ - teous - ness has shown.
^{5/6}with the swell - ing notes of mu - sic shout be - fore the Lord, the King.
 he a - lone will judge the na - tions, and his judg - ment shall be right.

The Psalter, 1912

AUSTRIAN HYMN 8.7.8.7.D.
 Franz Joseph Haydn, 1797

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!

Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena

Monthly, at VPC after Sunday service

Leader: Elder Bruce Mateko and Robert Taylor

Contact: 818-894-9200

Topic: Hosea

North Hills

Monthly, 1st Sunday at 1:30pm

Leader: Elder Jaime Garcia

Contact: 818-631-0408

Topic: Westminster Confession of Faith

Northridge

Monthly, at Mateko home Sunday at 7:00pm

Leaders: Elders Bruce Mateko & Larry Shaw

Contact: 818-886-1233

Topic: Hosea

Santa Clarita

2nd & 4th Sundays at 5:00pm

Leader: TBD

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

Monthly, Sunday at 6:30

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:

Christ's Church: Members, Officers, and the Life of the Covenant Community | Downstairs Fellowship Room

Children's Sunday School for Summer | Brewer Hall & Galpin

Pre-K-2nd Grade, Sue Colunga

GCP – Kids Quest Catechism Club

3rd-6th Grade, Theresa Martinez

G2R: Job to Malachi

7th-8th Grade, Alen Ovasapyan

Westminster Shorter Catechism

9th-12th 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 Svendsen as his cancer treatment progresses. He finished radiation treatment on 9/4/26 and is now on two non-chemo cancer pills. He must wait until the end of September to get the results of these treatments. Also pray for his voice to fully return as it has been affected by all the prior chemotherapy.

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.

Ushers & Parking Lot Security Volunteers

Please contact Ed Arreaga at 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), to set up a meal train so we may serve you.

Nursery Volunteers Needed

Please consider serving in the nursery! We need more adult volunteers and helpers to add to our rotating nursery schedule. Please reach out to the Gathering Team (Jaime Garcia, Jesse Cook, and John Martinez) if you are able to serve.

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 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

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 | TBA

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 for more information and the address.

Budget Update YTD as of 8/31/26

Tithes and Offerings: \$362,840.00

Miscellaneous Income: \$45.91

Rent Revenue: \$3,600.00

Total Income: \$366,485.91

Expenses: \$439,309.22

Profit/Loss: -\$72,823.31

(Miscellaneous Income Balance: \$401,290.19)

(Usage of ERC monies for August: \$0.00)

-If you need assistance, please ask an usher-



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