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Valmont Community Presbyterian Church



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loss. Relationships have been damaged and ended. Questions about the future feel less certain and more perilous.

And our family experience is not unique. Many of you and your loved ones know similar stories and have shared similar troubles. We are well-acquainted with hopes being dashed, futures being dimmed, and loves being lost. The brokenness of the world is not an abstract concept, but a present reality.

And it is in feeling this reality that I find my need for Advent. I don't need a secularized version of Christmas-time, annually extending its reach to a progressively earlier date, and seemingly disappearing as soon as the last sale items are taken off the shelf. I need Advent — a season in which God's long-plan for healing the world takes a dramatic turn. Advent is a time when we voice our need for God's presence, and our prayers are answered. Advent is God's self-identification as *Emanuel* — God with us — in the midst of our brokenness. So Advent is the promise that those who sow with tears will indeed reap with songs of joy.

This isn't to trivialize the broken aspects of our life. The mere celebration of Advent will not and can-

not make us whole; however, it does offer an opportunity to lay hold of the truth imbuing the season with purpose: God is coming to be present with us. I pray that truth takes hold of your life this Advent season and always. May you, even while in sowing with tears, know the joy of our Lord abiding with you.

In Christ, Eric



Pastor Eric

"Those who sow with tears will reap with songs of joy." Psalm 126:5

This has been a difficult season for my family. Parents have been in and out of the hospital; facing illness, injury, complications, and disappointments. Hope for new life has led to the bitterness of

MERRY
CHRISTMAS

Ask a friend to join you.

You Have A Friend At Valmont!

Worship at 10:30
Sunday School 9:00

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Bulletin Board

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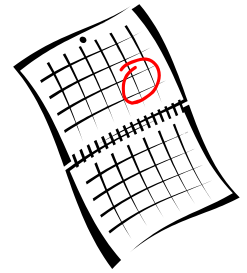
Treasurer: *Ruth Lewis*

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Dr. Andrew Brown

Accompanist: *Stella Pradeau*

Calendar



11/2 - Worship Team at 10:00am

11/7 - Worship at 10:30am,
 Education Hour at 9:00am,
 End of Daylight Saving Time

11/8 - Deacons at 10:30am

11/14 - Worship at 10:30am,
 Education Hour at 9:00am,
 Annual Congregational Meeting

11/15-11/22 - Shoebox Collection for
 Operation Christmas Child

11/16 - Session at 5:30pm

11/17 - Women's Association at 10:00am

11/21 - Worship at 10:30am,
 Education Hour at 9:00am,
 Communion Sunday, Christ the King Sunday

11/25 - Thanksgiving Day

11/28 - Worship at 10:30am,
 Education Hour at 9:00am,
 1st Sunday in Advent, Hanging of the Greens



12/5 - Worship at 10:30am,
 Education Hour at 9:00am

12/7 - Worship Team at 10:00am

12/12 - Worship at 10:30am,
 Education Hour at 9:00am

12/13 - Deacons at 10:30am

12/14 - Session at 5:30pm

12/15 - Women's Association at 10:00am

12/19 - Worship at 10:30am,
 Education Hour at 9:00am, Communion Sunday

12/21 - Blue Christmas Service at 7:00pm
 12/24 - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
 at 7:00pm



12/25 - Christmas Day

12/26 - Worship at 10:30am



Pastor's Schedule:

Sunday: Worship

Monday - Thursday: In the office and responding to
 email

Weekly Activities

Sunday: Iglesia meets 3:00-5:00 pm

Wednesday: Women's Association meets
 Third Wednesday (Sep-May) at 10 am

Session, third Tuesday at 5:30 pm

Iglesia meets 7-9 pm

Wednesday: Choir, Soon

Every Thursday: Iglesia meets 7-9 pm

Every Friday – Valmont Victors 8-10 pm

Mike's Savory Flourless Muffins—from Mike L's kitchen

Ingredients:

Basic Muffin (Vegetarian/Gluten Free)

- ♦ 2 cups finely chopped Broccoli
- ♦ 1 cup shredded cheese (typically sharp cheddar)
- ♦ ¼ tsp dried oregano
- ♦ ½ tsp sea salt
- ♦ Chopped chives
- * ¼ cup sun dried tomatoes in oil
- * 1 tsp dried basil
- * ½ tsp onion powder
- * 8 (or so) large eggs
- 1 cup (2 sticks) salted butter, softened



Variations: Add 8 or so strips of precooked/crumbled bacon
Add 1 package pre-cooked turkey sausage (Johnsonville or Jimmy Dean)
Add 1 can diced green chiles (mild, medium, or hot according to taste)

Preparation:

Preheat oven to 350.

Add all ingredients except eggs and chives into a large bowl and mix. Fill individual muffin cups with mixture. Add the whisked eggs to individual cups until egg is visible (I start with 8 eggs but will add more if needed). Sprinkle with chopped chives. Bake for about 30 minutes until toothpick in center comes clean.

Refrigerate or freeze left over muffins for another day.

Enjoy



Flat Bread from Linda's aunt Bertha



Ingredients:

- ♦ 2 cups Quick Oatmeal
- ♦ 2 sticks margarine
- ♦ 1/2 tsp salt
- * 2 cups flour
- * 1 tsp baking soda
- * 3/4 very warm water (not boiling)
- * 2 cups Total cereal (uncrushed)
- * 1/2 cup sugar (brown or white)

Preparation:

Mix all ingredients, add water and wait 1 hour. Roll out very thin (1/8 inch). The thinner the crisper, your choice. Cut into shapes as desired. Optional: Sprinkle salt on top of crackers. Bake 350 for 10 minutes then cool until crispy..

Nuttier than Fruitcake from Cindy's kitchen

Ingredients:

- ♦ 1 1/4 cups whole Brazil nuts
- ♦ 3/4 cup sugar
- ♦ 7 1/2 oz. pitted dates
- ♦ 1 tsp. vanilla
- * 3/4 cup flour
- * 1 1/2 cup whole walnut halves
- * 3 eggs
- * 1/2 cup each red & green candied cherries
- * 1/2 cup raisins
- * 1/2 tsp. baking powder
- * 1/2 tsp. salt



Preparation:

Preheat oven to 300°. Grease bottom & sides of loaf pan & then line w/greased wax paper. Place nuts & fruits in large bowl. Mix dry ingredients together in smaller bowl & sift over top of fruits & nuts. Beat the eggs until light & fluffy & mix in vanilla. Pour over top of fruit, nuts, etc. Batter will be state. Spoon into prepared pan & spread evenly. Cover loosely w/aluminum foil and bake in preheated oven for 1 1/2 hours. Let cool in pan 10 minutes before turning out onto cooling rack. Let cool completely before slicing.



Friends enjoying a fall day in Estes Park.



1 John 5:11

And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.



HIGHLANDS HIGHLIGHTS

**Highlands – A Sanctuary for the Spirit, a School for the Mind,
a Joy for the Heart and a Shelter in the Storm.**

The Highlands camp committee is working through the recent transition at the camp. The interim executive director is working to learn about everything at the camp. There are several large groups scheduled over the next few months which is great after the restrictions over the last year. The program sub-committee is working on plans for next years summer camp with anticipation of having residential camps for school age youth. This last summer seemed so unusually strange with no youth or groups on the grounds.

Several members of the Highlands committee, including members from Denver Presbytery will be meeting with some a few members of council of Plains and Peaks Presbytery on September 3rd. A discussion regarding forming a search committee for a new executive director for the camp and future for Highlands. Please keep the Highlands committee in your prayers as we work through these issues!

The state is planning on closing Highway 7 for approximately one year. They are going to reconstruct the highway from Lyons to Highway 72. This will increase commute times for staff and guests. The closing is scheduled to begin after Labor Day. It will create challenges for staff and guests.

Please keep the ministry of Highlands in your prayers!!

Blessings!! Ruth Lewis , Highlands Camp Committee





We were excited to share some of the bounty of our harvest with you all!



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Advent is coming

Advent starts on Sunday November 28, 2021 and ends on December 24, 2021

LOVE

Joy

Advent means "**coming**," and during the season, we Christians prepare for Jesus' coming. The four Sundays preceding Christmas, which is when we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, are recognized for four virtues. The candles on the Advent wreath symbolize hope, love, joy and peace. The fifth candle, called the Christ candle, that is lit on Christmas to remind us of the light Jesus brings to the world.

PEACE

Deacons' Basket

Deacons' Basket will collect money through November 21 to help defray shipping costs of the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes.

November 28-December 19 will be the Giving Tree for TGTHR (formerly Attention Homes). We will receive a list of 20 kids for us to bless with a present. For the first time, they are requesting the gifts be unwrapped. Gift wrap and/or volunteers to help wrap gifts will be welcomed as well.

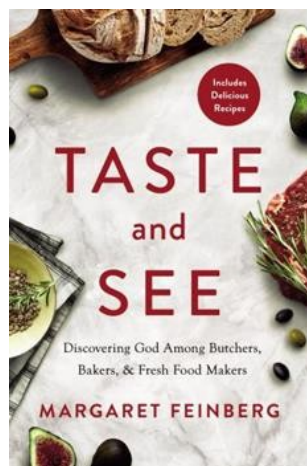


As most of you know Attention Homes, now TGTHR, was started in the 1960's to give teen-agers, who had either run away, or were kicked out of their homes, a safe place to live. For several years VCPC Women's Association had provided home-baked cookies for these kids so they would have a bit of "tastes of home" and also know someone cared. Because of the Covid pandemic, we had not delivered cookies to them for about year, but the Deacons have taken on this much-appreciated ministry. At noon following our meetings, the 2nd Monday of the month, Marilyn Howard has been taking cookies to them. If you would like to participate in this ministry, please bring your cookies to church on the Sunday, prior to 2nd Monday (usually 2nd Sunday), or bring them at noon on 2nd Monday. Thanks so much. Both the kids and the staff appreciate them LOTS!

Women's Association

Since our study this year, is "TASTE and SEE Discovering God Among Butchers, Bakers, & Fast Food Makers, by Margaret Feinberg, we decided to support the Round Pantry food bank by bringing non-perishable foods to our monthly meetings. At our November we will also repackage flour and sugar for them. The December meeting will be about Christmas, w/o regular study.

Blessings,
Cindy



Christmas Scriptures

John 1:14

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.



Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Galatians 4:4-5

But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship.

Timothy 1:15-17

Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst. But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life. Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever.

Isaiah 7:14

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.

Isaiah 9:6

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Titus 3:3-7

At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another. But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he

poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

Luke 2:17-20

When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

Zechariah 9:9

Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

John 3:16

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Matthew 2:1-2

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."

Matthew 2:10

When they saw the star, they were overjoyed.



Luke 1:35

The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God."

Luke 2:10

But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people."

Acts 5:31

God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Savior that he might bring Israel to repentance and forgive their sins.

Philippians 2:8-10

And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth.

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 12:10

Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves.

John 1:9-10

The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him.

2 Corinthians 9:15

Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

Revelation 12:5

"And she gave birth to a son, a male child, who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron; and her child was caught up to God and to His throne."

Act 20:35

"In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

Proverbs 17:22

"A merry heart does good like medicine."

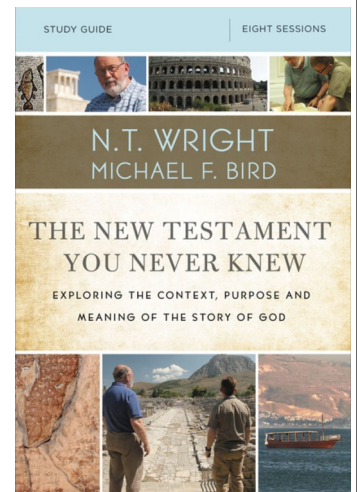


Eric's Preaching Schedule

Date	Scripture	Sermon	Series	Church Calendar
November 7	Micah 6:6-8; Luke 18:18-22	A Good Man Is Hard to Find	Telling Stories	End Daylight Saving
November 14	Isaiah 6:1-8; Matthew 26:36-46	There and Back Again	Telling Stories	Communion
November 21	Isaiah 42:1-4; Matthew 3:13-17	The Bruised Reed	Advent Suffering	Christ the King Sunday
November 28		[Hanging of the Greens Lessons]	[Fifth Sunday]	Advent Begins
December 5	Isaiah 49:1-6; Matthew 4:1-11	The Concealed Arrow	Advent Suffering	
December 12	Isaiah 50:4-7; Matthew 21:33-46	The Spat Upon Face	Advent Suffering	
December 19	Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Matthew	The Man of Sorrows	Advent Suffering	Communion
December 26			[Guest Preacher]	

Adult Education

Throughout the rest of the year we will join with noted Biblical scholars N.T. Wright and Michael F. Bird as they lead us through *The New Testament You Never Knew: Exploring the Context, Purpose, and Meaning of the Story of God*. This video series and discussion does not require any outside reading or preparation for our weekly meetings. Please feel to join us on-site or online.



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