



## CHRISTMAS EVE

December 24, 2015 • 7 and 9 p.m.

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Welcome

Rev. Zach Walker (7 p.m.)

Rev. Len Carrell (9 p.m.)

Choral Introit

*O Radiant Dawn*

music: James MacMillan; The Village Choir

*O Radiant Dawn, Splendour of eternal Light, Sun of Justice:  
Come, shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.*

Procession of the Christ Candle

\*Hymn No. 119

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*  
MENDELSSOHN

**Hark! The herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn king.  
Peace on earth and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful all ye nations, rise;  
join the triumph of the skies;  
with the angelic host proclaim,  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! The herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn king!"**

**Christ, by highest heaven adored,  
Christ the everlasting Lord,  
late in time behold him come,  
offspring of the virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;  
hail the incarnate deity,  
pleased in flesh with us to dwell,  
Jesus, our Emmanuel.  
Hark! The herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn king!"**

**Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the sun of righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings,  
risen with healing in his wings.  
Mild he lays his glory by,  
born that we no more may die,  
born to raise us from the earth,  
born to give us second birth.  
Hark! The herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn king!"**

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## Lighting of the Advent Candles

### Responsive Prayer

Mighty God,  
Prince of Peace,  
Everlasting Father,  
Swaddled, crying, hungry baby:

**You came when our need was greatest.**

**You came not in majesty but in a manger.**

**You came when it was dark,  
not the friendly darkness  
as when sleep rescues the weary;  
but the frightening darkness,  
as when people lose their hope,  
and hearts break into pieces,  
and hatred starts to seem reasonable.**

You came when the world was dark,  
looking so much like one of us,  
and yet calling us to be like you.

**You came as light,  
a kind of light we had never seen before,  
the kind of light that made us realize,  
perhaps for the first time,  
just how dark the darkness had become.**

Our eyes had become too adjusted,  
and heavy hearts slowed our steps.  
But on this holy night,  
even we who have walked in darkness  
have seen a great light.

**Mighty God,  
Prince of Peace,  
Everlasting Father,  
Swaddled, crying, hungry baby,  
born to rescue people who walk in the dark.**

**We worship and adore you,  
our light,  
our life,  
God's living word become flesh. Amen.**

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Anthem

*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming – The Rose*  
setting: Craig Hella Johnson; The Village Choir; Jessie Light, soloist

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

John 1:1-14

Meditation

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

*This Little Light of Thine*

\*Hymn No. 112

*On Christmas Night All Christians Sing*  
SUSSEX CAROL

**On Christmas night all Christians sing,  
to hear the news the angels bring;  
on Christmas night all Christians sing,  
to hear the news the angels bring,  
news of great joy, news of great mirth,  
news of our merciful King's birth.**

**When sin departs before his grace,  
then life and health come in its place;  
when sin departs before his grace,  
then life and health comes in its place;  
heaven and earth with joy may sing,  
all for to see the newborn King.**

**All out of darkness we have light,  
which made the angels sing this night;  
all out of darkness we have light,  
which made the angels sing this night:  
"Glory to God in highest heaven;  
peace on earth and goodwill. Amen!"**

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

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Offertory

*Gloria In Excelsis Deo* (from 'Christmas Cantata')  
music: Daniel Pinkham; The Village Choir; Jee-Yeun Kim, Tami Morrow,  
Carolyn Baruch, Doug Jones, MJ Stockton, soloists

*Refrain:* Gloria in excelsis Deo  
et in terra pax  
hominibus bonae voluntatis.

Glory to God in the highest  
and on earth peace  
to all people of goodwill.

Jubilate Deo omnis terra,  
servite Dominum in laetitia.

Rejoice in the Lord, all ye lands.  
Serve the Lord with joy.

*Refrain*

Introite in conspectu ejus, in exultatione.

Come into God's presence  
with exultation.

*Refrain*

Scitote quoniam Dominus ipse est Deus:  
Ipse fecit nos, et non ipsi nos.

Know that the Lord is God. It is he who  
has made us and not we ourselves.

*Refrain*

Alleluia.

Alleluia

\*Hymn of Response, No. 143 (st. 4)

*Angels, from the Realms of Glory*  
REGENT SQUARE

**All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son,  
evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One:  
come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king!**

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*The Light of Christ

**Candlelighting Procedures**

When passing the flame, always keep your lit candle upright while the next person tilts his or her unlit candle to yours. Candles can be extinguished following the Benediction and returned to the Narthex.

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**Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright,  
Round yon virgin mother and child!  
Holy infant, so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.**

**Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight,  
Glories stream from heaven afar,  
Heavenly hosts sing "Alleluia;  
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born."**

**Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,  
With the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.**

**Silent night, holy night!  
Wondrous star, lend thy light;  
With the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King;  
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.**

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

\* *All who are able may stand*

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**VILLAGE U COMMUNITY CLASSES** - Over 125 new opportunities for adults are coming in spring 2016. Village U highlights include Day Trips to Kansas City's newly renovated Toy and Miniature Museum, the Kansas Museum of History in Topeka and the beautiful Powell Gardens. For parents of teenagers: the Ali Kemp Foundation will lead a Self-Defense for Girls and Women class on Jan. 30, and Rev. Zach Walker will address the often difficult but extremely important topic of Sex and Sexuality in Adolescence. Learn more at [villagepres.org](http://villagepres.org).

**Village Church Preschool ENROLLMENT begins in January** - Village Church Preschool begins accepting applications for the coming school year (2016-2017) in January.

Enrollment Schedule for Fall 2016-2017:

Enrollment opens Jan. 19 for: Current Preschool Families and Village Church Members

Enrollment opens Jan. 21 for: Current Village Church Kids Day Out Families

Enrollment opens Jan. 25 for: Community Families

Check the preschool page at [villagepres.org](http://villagepres.org) or contact Terri Gaeddert at 913-671-2338 for info.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS** - This wonderful, weekly fellowship opportunity at Village Church includes an "all-you-can-eat" full course meal with salad bar for only \$7 for an adult and \$3 for kids age 10 and under, or only salad bar & dessert for \$5. Vegetarian and gluten free options are always included on the menu. Meals are served from 5:30-6:30 p.m. each Wednesday in Friendship Hall. Dinners resume at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 6. Contact Cindy Wilcox at [cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org](mailto:cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org) or call 913-671-2334 to make a dinner reservation.

**SECOND THURSDAY RECITALS** - Please join us for half-hour lunchtime recitals at Village Church from 12:15-12:45 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month. Admission is free. Musicians from all over the city will delight your ears and warm your hearts with their artistry. Our next recital on Jan. 14, 2016, features violinist Elizabeth Suh Lane, guitarist Douglas Niedt, and harpsichordist Elisa Bickers performing selections from Vivaldi's Four Seasons. The concert will take place in the chancel of our freshly renovated Sanctuary.

**BREAKFAST AND BIBLE WITH YOUR BUDDIES** - Join Rev. Tom Are for a morning Bible study from 7:30-8:30 a.m. on Tuesdays, Jan. 19-March 8 in Room 228. Chef Emily will prepare a hot breakfast, and Rev. Are will offer a reflection on passages from Scripture. There will be time for discussion as well. So, invite a friend and join the fellowship Tuesday mornings. To make a reservation for breakfast, please contact [marianne.weber@villagepres.org](mailto:marianne.weber@villagepres.org). Cost: \$6. Child care is not available.

**STEPHEN MINISTRY CAN HELP** - If Christmas and the holidays are especially difficult this year, please consider receiving support from a Stephen Minister. Stephen Ministers provide one-on-one, confidential care to individuals who need help navigating some of life's harder moments. Contact Rev. Jenny McDevitt at 913-671-2367 or [jenny.mcdevitt@villagepres.org](mailto:jenny.mcdevitt@villagepres.org).

**VISITING SCHOLAR: AMY-JILL LEVINE** - Order your tickets online for 2016 Visiting Scholar Amy-Jill Levine. Dr. Levine will be at Village Church March 4 and 5, 2016. The New Testament professor, scholar and author will speak on "Jesus the Jewish Storyteller: Hearing the Parables Anew." Visit [villagepres.org](http://villagepres.org) and click on the Quick Link labeled "Visiting Scholar" for more info.

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**BARNABY BRIGHT CONCERT AT VILLAGE** - Join us for the award-winning, indie folk rock duo, Barnaby Bright, performing a free concert at 7 p.m. Friday, April 29, in the Village Sanctuary. The concert featuring married singer-songwriters Nathan and Becky Bliss will be followed by a reception in the new Welcome Center. Concert seating will be on a first come first serve basis. No tickets are required.

## **UPCOMING SERMON SERIES Beginning Jan. 3, 2016**

### **The House of God and Our Home**

God is not tied to any particular place. It is true that God can be worshipped anywhere. But we have learned that it is important to have a place, a holy place where we worship. We, at Village, have a room that on one hand is like any room; and on another hand is like no other room. Join us in January as we consider what makes this room holy.

Jan. 3	Holy Places: Sanctuary
Jan. 10	Beneath the Cross of Jesus
Jan. 17	Ordinary Water and Holy Promise: The Font
Jan. 24	A Reservation at the Table: The Lord's Table
Jan. 31	Standing on the Promises: A Pulpit In this Room
Feb. 7	The Soundtrack of Worship

### **Dec. 27, 2015 Worship Schedule**

Traditional Worship at 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

(The Gathering will not meet.)

Regular Worship Service Times Resume on Jan. 3, 2016

Sanctuary Worship at 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

The Gathering at 10:45 a.m. in Friendship Hall

**ABOUT VILLAGE CHURCH** - Village Presbyterian Church was founded in 1949. Rev. Tom Are, Jr. has served as senior pastor since February of 2004. Worship services are Sundays at 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary, with an innovative approach to worship called "The Gathering" at 10:45 a.m. Sunday in Friendship Hall.

Village Church also manages the Meneilly Center for Mission at 99th and Mission Road in Overland Park, which includes a Child and Family Development Center for children age six weeks old to not yet in kindergarten, and a Food Pantry and Clothes Closet that serves the surrounding community.

Learn more about Village at [villagepres.org](http://villagepres.org) or like us on Facebook at [facebook.com/villagepres](https://facebook.com/villagepres).

