



# CHRISTMAS EVE

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Prelude

Crown Brass Quintet

Welcome

Rev. Jenny McDevitt

Procession of the Christ Candle

\*Hymn No. 133

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*  
ADESTE FIDELES

**O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant;  
O come ye; O come ye to Bethlehem!  
Come, and behold him, born the King of angels!  
O come, let us adore him;  
O come, let us adore him;  
O come, let us adore him,  
Christ, the Lord!**

**Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation;  
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!  
O come, let us adore him;  
O come, let us adore him;  
O come, let us adore him,  
Christ, the Lord!**

**Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to thee be all glory given;  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!  
O come, let us adore him;  
O come, let us adore him;  
O come, let us adore him,  
Christ, the Lord!**

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Responsive Prayer

Rev. Zach Walker (7 p.m.), Dr. Rodger Nishioka (9 p.m.)

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

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**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.

**Wonderful Counselor,  
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.**

Anthem

*O Holy Night*  
music: Don Wyrzten; Village Choir; Jee-Yeun Kim, soprano

Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Len Carrell

Scripture Reading

Philippians 2:5-11 (pg. 1075)

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\*Hymn No. 113

*Angels We Have Heard on High*  
GLORIA

**Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.**

**Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

**Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

**Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heavenly song?**

**Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

**Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

**Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;  
come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.**

**Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

**Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*Wonderful Peace*  
music arr. Dan Davison; Village Choir

\*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

\*Hymn No. 129

*Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming*  
ES IST EIN' ROS'

**Lo, how a rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung,  
of Jesse's lineage coming, by faithful prophets sung.**

**It came, a floweret bright, amid the cold of winter,  
when half spent was the night.**

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**Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the rose I have in mind;  
with Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind.  
To show God's love aright she bore for us a Savior,  
when half spent was the night.**

**This flower, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air,  
dispels with glorious splendor the darkness everywhere.  
Enfleshed, yet very God, from sin and death he saves us  
and lightens every load.**

\*The Light of Christ

### **Candle Lighting 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.

\*Hymn No. 122

*Silent Night, Holy Night*  
STILLE NACHT

**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.**

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\*Benediction

\*Postlude

Crown Brass Quintet

\* *All who are able may stand*



## NEW SERMON SERIES

### **I know that's what it says, but that's not what it means!**

The Bible is a complicated book, written over hundreds of years in various context and diverse circumstances. And then, it is read 2,000 years later in a world and culture the Biblical writers could not have imagined. Given all of that, it's easy to misunderstand the Bible. When it is misunderstood the good news can often sound like bad news for some folks. When it is misunderstood it can often make the Bible more difficult to trust. In this sermon series, we will take just a few passages that have often been confusing and see if there is a life-giving word for us.

**Jan. 1      The Story of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation**

Jan. 8      "Women Keep Silent?" This Doesn't Sound Like Good News

Jan. 15     Family Matters and the Cost of Following Jesus

Jan. 22     "Divorce" – Why the Church has Read This Text to the Wrong People

Jan. 29     "You Must be Born Again!"

Feb. 5      "Jesus is the Only Way to Salvation." This is Not About You. This is About God.

Feb. 12     Be Perfect as Your Heavenly Father is Perfect." Intimidated yet?

Feb. 19     The Only Safe Place for Hatred

Feb. 26     Pray Without Ceasing

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## CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP

Please join us tomorrow at 10 a.m. for our Christmas Day worship service in the Sanctuary. Children are encouraged to worship with their families.

## ADULT EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY

**VILLAGE U COMMUNITY CLASSES** - The spring 2017 Village U course catalog will be available online on Jan. 4, 2017. Our curriculum is a wide umbrella encompassing all our adult learning opportunities in one, easy-to-find location. Child care will be available for most classes for a one-time \$40 fee for the spring term; reservations will be required in advance. Registration for church members opens Wednesday, Jan. 11. Registration for the community opens Tuesday, Jan. 17.

**2017 VISITING SCHOLAR EVENT WITH DR. BEVERLY ROBERTS GAVENTA FEB. 24-25 -**

Dr. Gaventa specializes in the Pauline epistles and in Luke-Acts with an emphasis on theological interpretation. The theme of her Visiting Scholar presentations at Village Church is "Reopening the Letters of Paul." Dr. Gaventa is a distinguished professor of New Testament at Baylor University. Tickets may be purchased online at [villagepres.org](http://villagepres.org).

## CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY

**HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR CHILD CARE AND CHURCH SCHOOL**- There will be no Sunday School classes on Christmas Sunday or Sunday, Jan. 1. This includes all Preschool Church School, Kids' Kingdom and Club V6 (6th Graders). Classes resume on Sunday, Jan. 8. There will be no nursery or child care for infants and toddlers on Christmas Sunday, but there will be for New Year's Day.

## CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES

**WEEKLY WEDNESDAY DINNERS** - Dine before or after your Wednesday Night Village U class. Dinners resume on Jan. 11. Our menu will be honey dijon chicken with apples, scalloped potatoes, green vegetable. The salad bar opens at 5:15 p.m.; hot food buffet is open 5:30-6:30 p.m. Full meal with salad bar & dessert is \$7. Salad bar & dessert is \$6. Children ages 3-10 are \$3 and children age 2 and under are no charge. Contact Liz Middleton (913-671-2359) or [liz.middleton@villagepres.org](mailto:liz.middleton@villagepres.org) for reservations by noon on the Monday preceding the dinner you would like to attend.

**GAUGING INTEREST IN SINGLE ADULT MINISTRY** - All single adults (age 40 and up), are invited to gather together for a meal at Red Snapper Pan-Asian Restaurant from 6-8 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 20. Three classic Red Snapper menu items (vegetarian, chicken, and beef) will be available for a special cost of \$9 per person (payable at the event). The priority for this gathering will be to determine the level of interest for a Single Adult Ministry. Contact [Liz.middleton@villagepres.org](mailto:Liz.middleton@villagepres.org) or call 913-671-2359 to RSVP.

**ALL-CHURCH WINTER BOWLING EVENT JAN. 29** - Connectional Ministries is sponsoring an "ALL-Church" Bowling Event for our Village Church Family from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 29, at Ward Parkway Lanes, 1523 W. 89 St. (89th & Stateline). We have lanes specifically reserved for Village Church at a special rate of \$5 per person (includes shoes!) for two hours of play. RSVP to [liz.middleton@villagepres.org](mailto:liz.middleton@villagepres.org) or call 913-671-2359.

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## MISSION

**FOOD PANTRY** - Everyone at the Food Pantry and Clothes Closet would like to thank all those who have supported our mission throughout the year. Your donations are what make it possible for us to serve families in need. The Pantry and Closet will reopen, after the holidays, on Tuesday, Jan. 3. We wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year.

## MUSIC MINISTRY

**SECOND THURSDAY RECITAL** - 12:15 p.m. in the Village Chapel. Join us for a half-hour recital on the Second Thursday of the month. Admission is free. Our next recital is Jan. 12, and features soprano Jee-Yeun Kim.

## PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

**STEPHEN MINISTRY IS HERE FOR YOU** - If the holidays are a challenging time for you, consider receiving support from a Stephen Minister. Stephen Ministers provide one-on-one, confidential care to individuals who could use some help navigating some of life's harder moments. Contact Rev. Len Carrell at 913-671-2347 or [len.carrell@villagepres.org](mailto:len.carrell@villagepres.org).

**TRY OUR TAIZÉ WORSHIP SERVICE – SUNDAY, JAN. 8** - A possible New Year's resolution is to take a quiet moment for yourself the second Sunday of each month and attend the Taizé worship services at 6:30 p.m. at the VCCFDC at 99th and Mission. Modeled after worship from the Taizé community in France, the service includes scripture, song, silence and communion.

**GROWING THROUGH GRIEF** - If you are grieving, consider coming to the next Growing Through Grief, held from 4:30-5:45 p.m. every Wednesday, Jan. 11-Feb. 8, in Room 124. Registration is required; to find out more or to register, contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or [linda.alley@villagepres.org](mailto:linda.alley@villagepres.org).

## YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

**YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY** is a new ministry of Village Presbyterian Church created by and for young adults in our city. Young Adult Ministry is the heading over two different groups: our college ministry, and our 20s and 30s ministry. We want to connect, worship, serve and go places that will bring all of us more life, push us to do new and good things, and change our city for the better. Learn more at [facebook.com/VillagePresYA](https://facebook.com/VillagePresYA).

## YOUTH MINISTRY

**WINTER PROGRAM BREAK** – All of our regular programs are on a short break due to the holidays! Weekly programs will start back with Sunday School and Cheer on Jan. 8. Check the website at [villagepresyouth.org](http://villagepresyouth.org) for more information.

## REGULAR WORSHIP TIMES AT VILLAGE CHURCH

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

The Gathering, an Alternative Approach to Worship – 5 p.m. Sundays in Friendship Hall, with music led by indie folk musicians Becky and Nathan Bliss.

**Learn more about Village Church at [villagepres.org](http://villagepres.org).**

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