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## SERVICE OF WORSHIP

January 17, 2016 • 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

### ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

Every sanctuary has a baptismal font. There is no magic in baptism, but there is great meaning. The water isn't holy but the moment of baptism is. Baptism doesn't change us but rather names us; and it may be a new enough name that we are actually changed. Most of all, baptism is about belonging. It celebrates what is always and already true: we belong to God.

# GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

*Prelude: Fantasia on Engleberg*  
by Daphnia Portier

Call to Worship

Rev. Hallie Hottle

We gather wondering  
if grace is real and if hope can be trusted.

**Here we encounter old stories of our tradition  
and new stories of transformation.**

We gather asking  
if healing is possible or if faith is in vain.

**Here we discover a community that holds us up  
and a Spirit that is always at work.**

We gather wanting to know  
where we belong and who will claim us.

**Here we find a font full of ordinary water  
and a God who speaks an extraordinary word:  
"You are my beloved. With you, I am well pleased."**

\*Hymn, No. 475

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*  
NETTLETON

\*Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God,  
Forgive our bleak imagination  
and our dreams that refuse inspiration.**

**We imagine that things are as they must be,  
so we dream of little more than refining what is.**

**Forgive our poor memory  
and our fragile trust.**

**We remember no help in ages past,  
so we summon no hope for years to come.**

**Forgive our cynical hearts  
and our tired fear.**

**We have grown accustomed to the brokenness around us,  
so we are suspicious of joy when it appears.**

**Come to us, O God,  
and revive our spirit with your Good News.** (Silent prayer)

\*Assurance of God's Grace

\*Response

Glory to God  
GLORIA



*Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!*



*Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!*

\*Passing of the Peace

Words of Welcome

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination      Laura Hewitt (8 a.m.); Patti Howell (9:30 a.m.); Charles Schultz (11 a.m.)

Scripture Reading      Acts 8:26-40

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on 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.**

The Sacrament of Baptism (9:30, 11 a.m.)

Hymn, No. 482

*Baptized in Water*

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, Marked with the sign of Christ, our King;  
Born of the Spirit, we are God's children, Joyfully now God's praises we sing.**

Anthem

*See What Love* (from the oratorio *Saint Paul*)  
words: I John 3:1; music: Felix Mendelssohn; The Village Choir

*See what love hath the Father bestowed on us in his goodness,  
that we should be called God's own children.*

Scripture Reading

Mark 1:9-11

Sermon

*Ordinary Water and Holy Promise: The Font*

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

\*Hymn 485

*We Know That Christ Is Raised*  
ENGELBERG

Offertory

*Down in the River to Pray*  
19th century gospel song, arr. by David Mennicke; The Village Choir

\*Response

*Doxology with Alleluias*  
LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ, all people here below; Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn, No. 375

*Shall We Gather at the River*  
HANSON PLACE

\*Benediction

\*Response

*Go With Us Lord*  
TALLIS CANON

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and

The first system of musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The treble staff contains a melody with two asterisks above the notes 'Lord,' and 'and'. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

ev - ery com - ing day, that in your Spir - it

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff has an asterisk above the note 'ev'. The lyrics are split across the two staves.

strong and true our lives may be our gift to you.

The third system of musical notation concludes the hymn. The treble staff ends with a double bar line. The lyrics are split across the two staves.

\*Postlude

*Allegro Molto*  
by W. A. Mozart

*\*All who are able may stand*

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## THE CHURCH'S BOOK (Week of January 18, 2016)

The following are daily Bible readings offered for your own personal devotion. You are invited to read the text, think about the reflection and questions and allow these to lead you in a time of prayer. Pray for your own journey of faith. Pray for Village Church and our mission. Pray for God's world.

### **Monday, Jan. 18**

**Galatians 6:2**

This passage is one of the core foundations of our Stephen Ministry program. There are two different ways of interpreting the Greek word for "burden." One could refer to an overloaded ship, a weight that presses heavily down. The other interpretation is a normal load, one appropriate enough to carry. But the truth is the lighter we travel the farther we'll go. It is nice to know there are others who will help us bear the load of grief and pain this life sometimes offers.

### **Tuesday, Jan. 19**

**John 2:1-11**

God has a way of revealing joy in his own time. When we feel that all the good times have come to an end, God lets us know that there is still much left to rejoice in. We sometimes decide when the good stuff has run out, but the grace of God reminds us there is good stuff still yet to come.

### **Wednesday, Jan. 20**

**1 Corinthian 12:4-11**

This is another passage that tells about the gifts of ministry that rest upon the community of faith. It lets us know that our individual bodies alone make up "the holy body" of Christ. The promise is that there are a variety of gifts but the same spirit that activates such gifts in each of us. We are all the members of Christ's body, and the gifts of Holy Spirit move through all of us equally, in order to make the ministry of Christ a bodily act.

### **Thursday, Jan. 21**

**Isaiah 62:1-5**

This is a classic image of God as the bridegroom and the church as God's long-awaited bride. God is waiting for us to show up and be who God has proposed us to be. To propose something is to put something forward, to nominate or to elect something into membership, to place something into discussion or dialogue.

### **Friday, Jan. 22**

**Psalms 36:5-9**

God's love is something we describe as steadfast. This passage teaches us what the word steadfast means. For God remains faithful to something as lofty as clouds, suspending them in air. God's judgment reaches as deep as the greatest of depths, even the depths of despair. God's salvation knows no boundaries, reaching to both human and creature. God leads us to a fountain of water from which springs new life. And God's light becomes our light.

### **Saturday, Jan. 23**

**Romans 10:15**

This message rings true. If we are sent out to do the good and compassionate work of Christ, then in the action of our feet we bring the proclamation of "good news." We do not just proclaim the life of Christ with our words, but rather the living Word of Christ is seen through our actions.

**T.A.K.E. Defense for Girls and Women Saturday, Jan. 30  
10 a.m.-noon in Friendship Hall**

We have all been there; in a situation that makes you feel just a bit uneasy. Sometimes it's walking to your front door at night — darkness can play some scary tricks on you. Other times it's in bright daylight, when that stranger walking toward you gives you an unwarranted stare that throws your sense of comfort a little out of whack.

T.A.K.E. Defense Training provides girls and women of all ages with unique reality-based, hands-on self-defense training. Such training provides safety awareness that everyone needs and deserves.

Your T.A.K.E. training, an integral element in the comprehensive safety awareness program, will take place in a two-hour session from 10 a.m.-noon on Saturday, Jan. 30, in Friendship Hall at Village Church. You'll receive priceless awareness education and practical application of the skills demonstrated and learned in the session. We will also cover internet safety, community safety, home safety, safe travel and much more. It's our goal to give you the advantage if you're ever in a situation that makes you question your safety.

So whether you're in search of that advantage to feel in control of everyday situations, or you want to make sure a bad experience is never repeated, take part in T.A.K.E. Defense Training.

A \$12 donation is requested but not required. This is a special event being offered through Village U.

Email [marianne.weber@villagepres.org](mailto:marianne.weber@villagepres.org) or call 913-671-2333 to register.



## TODAY AT VILLAGE

**WELCOME TO VILLAGE CHURCH!** Please join us every week. Refreshments are available in Friendship Hall following the worship service.

**THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL TODAY** are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Dottie Harberts by her family.

**CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM TODAY** - Welcome these newest members into our faith community as we celebrate the baptisms of the following children: 9:30 a.m.: Reagan Jane Brune (Erica and Michael Brune, parents); John Richardson Fisher (Taryn and Craig Fisher, parents); Grayson Michael King (Hannah and Brad King, parents); Anna Grace Kingsley (Rebekah and Brad Kingsley, parents); Kason Brian Oliver (Jessica and Brian Oliver, parents) and at 11 a.m.: Blaire Camille Stingley (Gina and Jeff Stingley, parents); Evelyn Ann Van Bockern (Kate and Jeff Van Bockern, parents).

**WORSHIP BAGS** are available for children to use as tools in worship. At the end of the worship service, please return the bags to the baskets located in the narthex.

## CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

**PRESCHOOL CHURCH SCHOOL** - Parents may check in their preschool-age child on the first floor in the Preschool wing. Church school classes are available 9:30 a.m and 11 a.m.

**KIDS' KINGDOM CHURCH SCHOOL** - Parents may check in their elementary (K-5) aged students on the 3rd floor. 9:30-10:30 a.m.

**CLUB V6 (6TH GRADE)** - Fun and relevant discussions for today's 'tweens. 9:30-10:30 a.m. in Room 302.

**SOUPER BOWL OF CARING** - Children are encouraged to bring cans of soup every Sunday now through Feb. 7. The Village Food Pantry will receive all donations.

**VILLAGE KID'S DAY OUT PROGRAM** - The Child Care Department is pleased to offer our Kid's Day Out program for the 2016/2017 school year. This program is for children ages 2-4 yrs from 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. on Thursdays and is in session from Sept-May. Our goal is to provide a safe, nurturing environment where your child can grow and learn. We provide your child with many opportunities to explore and be creative. We have a loving, energetic staff that will make your child's experience a positive one. Fall enrollment begins from 8 a.m.-noon on Monday, Feb. 1, for Village members, KDO Alumni siblings, and Village Preschool families. Enrollment for community members is from 8 a.m.-noon on Monday, Feb. 8. Contact Marjean in the Child Care Department at 913-671-2322 for more information.

## ADULT EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY

**REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR SPRING 2016 VILLAGE U CLASSES** - You may enroll for all courses online at [villagepres.org](http://villagepres.org), by email ([marianne.weber@villagepres.org](mailto:marianne.weber@villagepres.org)), by calling 913-671-2333 or in person in Room 119 at Village Church. There is a one-time only child care fee of \$40.

### UPCOMING VILLAGE U CLASSES:

**Breakfast and Bible with Your Buddies** - Join Rev. Tom Are for a morning men's Bible study and Chef Emily's hot breakfast. To make a reservation for breakfast, call 913-671-2333. Cost: \$6. Child care is not available. 7:30-8:30 a.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 19-March 8, in Room 228.

**Funding College Expenses and the Benefits of 529 College Savings Plans** - We will discuss estimating the costs of college expenses and how to allocate resources to help cover the costs, as well as the features and benefits of 529 College Savings Plans. Taught by Peter Vrooman, first vice president, investment officer, Wells Fargo Advisors, LLC. 6-7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 19, in Room 230.

**Transforming Your Basic Store-Bought Flowers into an Extraordinary Display** - Bring a vase and store-bought arrangement, and we will use provided materials to create something beautiful. Additional cost: \$5 for materials. Taught by Katherine Taylor. 9:30-11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 20, in Room 233.



**Short Stories by Jesus** - The renowned biblical scholar Amy-Jill Levine interweaves history and spiritual analysis to explore Jesus' most popular teaching parables. In *Short Stories by Jesus*, she analyzes these "problems with parables," taking readers back in time to understand how their original Jewish audience understood them. Taught by Gus Breyspraak. 5-6 p.m. Wednesdays, Jan.20-Feb. 3, in Room 232.

**Wright's Native Son and Albert Camus' The Stranger** - *Native Son* tells the story of 20-year old Bigger Thomas, a black American youth living in utter poverty on Chicago's South Side in the 1930s. In *The Stranger*, Meursault, a French Algerian, kills an Arab man. We will be using the following editions: *Native Son*, Richard Wright, ISBN10:006083756X. *The Stranger*, Albert Camus, ISBN10:0679720200. For the first class, read book one of *Native Son*. 6:30-8 p.m. Thursdays, Jan. 21-Feb. 25, in Room 232.

**Organizing 101** - Want to get organized in the new year? Join professional organizer Gracie Luce for easy and simple ideas from 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11, in Room 133. Register with Marianne Weber. Child care may be available by registering with Marjean Lindquist.

## CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER JAN. 20** - Hamburgers, hot dogs, french fries, onion rings, salad bar, dessert. Price is \$7 for full buffet, \$6 for salad bar, dessert & drink, \$3 – children ages 3-10, ages 2 & under are free. Reservations no later than this evening. Call 913-671-2331 or email [cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org](mailto:cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org), or go to [villagepres.org](http://villagepres.org) under Connectional Ministries to make a reservation.

**COMPUTER CLASSES** are free of charge. **Beginner Excel Computer Class:** 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 17. **Basic Computer Class:** 1-2:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Feb. 23- March 15 or 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Feb. 24-March 16. Call Cindy at 913-671-2331 or email [cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org](mailto:cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org) to sign up for classes.

## MISSION

**FOOD PANTRY** - Heads Up - SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY is Feb. 7! Please check the grocery stores for sales of hearty soups. In the meantime, the Food Pantry is collecting personal care items-bars of soap, toothpaste, small bottles of dish soap, shampoo or hand lotion and facial tissues. The Clothes Closet continues to need winter coats. If you're not wearing it, one of the Closet's clients would love to. Thank you for your generous support.

**BLOOD DRIVE** - Village will host a blood drive from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 19, in Rooms 132 and 133. To make an appointment online, visit [esavealifenow.org](http://esavealifenow.org) and use the sponsor code of "villagepres" or stop by our registration table in Friendship Hall from 9 a.m. -noon today. Contact Ann Colston at 913-722-0165 or [acolston1113@gmail.com](mailto:acolston1113@gmail.com) for more information.

**JANUARY LUGGAGE DRIVE FOR DRMP** - Village's Dominican Republic Medical Partnership (DRMP) is looking for large used suitcases in which to pack medical supplies and equipment to take to the Dominican Republic. If you have any large (25" or larger) suitcases that you no longer need, we would love to take them off your hands! You can drop them off at Reception or at the International Mission Office, Room 212c. For more information, contact Andrea Huffman, director of international mission, at [andrea.huffman@villagepres.org](mailto:andrea.huffman@villagepres.org). We will be collecting luggage through Jan. 31.

**DO YOU KNOW OF A NONPROFIT THAT WOULD BENEFIT FROM A VILLAGE MISSION GRANT?** Between now and March 31, the Village Church Mission Committee is accepting applications for local community grants. The grants generally range from \$2,000-\$5,000. The application form and criteria for 2016 are available on the Village Church website under "Mission." We are also looking for ideas for a Signature Mission for the coming year. If you have any questions about the grant process or Signature Mission, contact Deborah White in the Mission Office at 913-671-2369 or [deborah.white@villagepres.org](mailto:deborah.white@villagepres.org).

## MUSIC MINISTRY

**KC WIND SYMPHONY CONCERT JAN. 31** - The Kansas City Wind Symphony will present a free concert in the Village Church Sanctuary at 7 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 31. This concert is entitled "Of Wonder and Imagination," and the program will include a variety of music that features brass and percussion. The musical selections include the *Fanfare* from the ballet *Le Peri* by Dukas, *Celebration Overture* by Creston, *Symphony No. 4* by Hovhaness, and a new piece, *Serenity*, by Gjeilo that was transcribed for wind band. The concert will conclude with *Gazebo Dances* by Corigliano that has fanciful mixed meters and an exciting *Tarantella Dance*. Featuring Guest Conductor Langston Hemenway of William Jewell College. The Kansas City Wind Symphony is a member of the Village Church's Village Arts Alliance.

## PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

**JOB SEARCH CLASS BEGINS JAN. 25** – If you are looking for a new job, come to the next Career Center class. You'll learn how to plan a step-by-step search. 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 25, in Room 232. If you are interested in attending, contact Linda Alley at [linda.alley@villagepres.org](mailto:linda.alley@villagepres.org) or 913-671-2327.

**DIVORCE SUPPORT GROUP STARTS FEB. 2** - A new Divorce Support Group will meet for six weeks from 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 2-March 8, in Room 132. Dr. Dave Ehman, a licensed psychologist, will facilitate the group. Child care is available by advance request. Contact Pam Southerland by Tuesday, Jan. 26, for child care at 913-671-2352 or [pam.southerland@villagepres.org](mailto:pam.southerland@villagepres.org). To register contact Linda Alley, 913-671-2327 or [linda.alley@villagepres.org](mailto:linda.alley@villagepres.org).

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

**WOW (Women of Wisdom)** opens the New Year with lunch at Café Provence, 3936 W. 69th Terr. in Prairie Village, at noon on Thursday, Jan. 21. All women are invited. RSVP by Tuesday, Jan. 19, to Diane Lee, 913-432-4321 or [dianelee@att.net](mailto:dianelee@att.net), or to Marvie Sneegas, 913-209-9608 or [sneegi@kc.rr.com](mailto:sneegi@kc.rr.com).

**AMAZING GRACES WINTER EVENT AT THE NELSON** - Join us at the Nelson Atkins Museum of Art for our winter event from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 4. We'll meet in the lobby of the Bloch building for refreshments followed by a docent guided tour featuring religion in art. Your \$10 check by Jan. 18 is your reservation. Send to Kathy Collins, 4716 W. 86th St., Prairie Village, KS 66207. Drinks are an additional charge and museum parking is \$8.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

**WINTER RETREAT** – We left this past Friday for our annual Ski/Board Trip to Winter Park, Colorado. We are excited for another wonderful year, enjoying these beautiful mountains! We will return bright and early Tuesday morning at approx. 6 a.m. Prayers for safe travels and staying healthy on the slopes would be greatly appreciated.

**HIGH SCHOOL & MIDDLE SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL** - Meet in the Youth Loft at 9:30 a.m. Room 333.

**CHEER H.S. YOUTH GROUP** - Will NOT meet this evening, since we will be in beautiful Colorado on our annual Winter Retreat.

**ODD MONDAYS BIBLE STUDY** – This is a new high school girls' bible study that meets on odd dated Mondays (e.g., Jan. 25, Feb. 1) from 3-4 p.m. in the Upper Room. Join us for this great time together!

**TWOSDAYS** - Will NOT meet this Tuesday, due to Winter Retreat recovery.

**GPS M.S. YOUTH GROUP** – Will NOT meet this Wednesday, due to Winter Retreat recovery.

## Remember Village Church in your Estate Plan

Planned giving perpetuates the goodness of our individual existence once we are no longer here. Consider including Village Church in your estate plan and help ensure the long-term operation and mission of Village Church.

Contact Molly Sirridge at [molly.sirridge@villagepres.org](mailto:molly.sirridge@villagepres.org) or 913-671-2325 if you would like more information on making a planned gift to The Meneilly Society or if you have already remembered Village in your estate plan.

## ADVISORY

Village Church will be closed Monday, Jan. 18, in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.



**WINTER WEATHER ADVISORY** - If weather is predicted to have 4 inches or more snowfall during Saturday night, the 8 a.m. service will be cancelled.

## Preschool Fall Enrollment Opens Tuesday, Jan. 19

Village Preschool will begin enrolling for the 2016-2017 school year on Jan. 19-25. Village members have priority during this first week. For more information, contact [terri.gaeddert@villagepres.org](mailto:terri.gaeddert@villagepres.org).

THE VILLAGE CHURCH



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**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING/DINNER** – Instead of gathering after a Sunday worship service, this year's Annual Meeting follows dinner in Friendship Hall on Tuesday, Feb. 16. Rev. Tom Are will provide a review of 2015 and plans for 2016. The Session will present the budget for 2016. Dinner begins at 6 p.m. Seating is limited. If you plan to attend, advise Marsha Hansen no later than Friday, Feb. 5, at 913-671-2341 or [marsha.hansen@villagepres.org](mailto:marsha.hansen@villagepres.org).

## THOUGHTS FROM VILLAGE COMMITMENT

Christian stewards seek the heart of God in faithfully, joyfully and gratefully managing all the gifts God has given.

— Anonymous

## SERMON SERIES

### **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
<b>Jan. 17</b>	<b>Ordinary Water and Holy Promise: The Font</b>
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

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## MINISTERS

All members of the congregation

## MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Thomas L. Are, Jr., senior pastor ❖ Mark Ball, director of music

Dr. Elisa Bickers, principal organist ❖ Rev. Len Carrell, pastor of pastoral care

Cheryl Couch-Thomas, director of children and family ministry ❖ Rev. Hallie Hottle, pastor of young adult ministry

Marjean Lindquist, director of child care ❖ Kathy Lueckert, director of finance and administration

Rev. Jenny McDevitt, pastor of pastoral care ❖ Matthew C. Shepard, associate director of music

Rev. Diane Quaintance, interim director of adult educational ministry

Molly Sirridge, director of stewardship & endowments ❖ Rev. Zach Walker, pastor of youth ministries

Deborah White, director of mission ❖ Cindy A. Wilcox, director of connectional ministries

Rev. Dr. Robert H. Meneilly, pastor emeritus

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*The 8 a.m. service is broadcast live on 1660 AM KMBZ, The Business Channel.*

*Streaming video of all the Sunday morning Sanctuary services is available at [villagepres.org](http://villagepres.org). Click the Quick Link "Live Service Broadcasts."*

*We kindly request that cell phones be turned off during worship.*

*Large-print Bibles and hymnals are available for worship. Ask an usher if you need these items.*

*Please note that additional parking is available across Mission Road in the Prairie School parking lots.*

*If you are not taking your bulletin with you, please hand it to an usher so it may be recycled.*