



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

February 7, 2016 • 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

It may be possible to worship God without singing, but the people of God have never found that preferable. From the psalms of both thanksgiving and lament, to the doxologies sprinkled through the letters of Paul, to the hymns of praise in the Revelation of John, the faith has been sung. Rather than explain it today, we will experience it.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Enigma Variations: Nimrod
by Edward Elgar

Call to Worship

Rev. Hallie Hottle

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

**Worship the Lord with gladness;
come into God's presence with singing.**

When we are lost and forsaken,
when we are proud and strong,
**we raise our voices in praise, singing,
"Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!"**

When the storms come,
when life itself is too heavy to hold,
**we raise our voices in prayer, singing,
"Help of the helpless, O abide with me."**

When gratitude runs deep,
when joy lifts our feet clear off the ground,
**we raise our voices in thanksgiving,
"lost in wonder, love, and praise."**

When we need help to trust,
when we need to be reminded that God is faithful,
**we raise our voices in hope, singing,
"Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come,
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home."**

The Lord is good;
God's steadfast love endures forever.
**Therefore every day we make our song,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

*Hymn, No. 645

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above
MIT FREUDEN ZART

*Prayer of Confession

**God of grace and God of glory,
God to whom all things are known,
have mercy on us.**

**Our lives are filled with mistakes —
things we shouldn't have done,
and things we have left undone.**
There are all sorts of reasons, but we will not offer you excuses.
Instead, we offer you our humility and our desire to be better.
**Fix our hearts upon your own,
and help our actions keep pace with our intentions.**
Lead us back into life. (Silent prayer)

*Assurance of God's Grace

*Response (all in unison, then in canon)

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

Report from the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Anthem (11 a.m.)

The Lord is My Shepherd
music: Allen Pote; words: Psalm 23; Village Voices

Call to Prayer

Two systems of musical notation in G major and 3/4 time. The first system contains the first line of lyrics: "Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly." The second system contains the second line of lyrics: "Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Al-le-lu-ia!"

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.

Anthem

Flight Song

music: Kim André Arnesen; words: Euan Tait; The Village Choir

All we are we have found in song: you have drawn this song from us.

Songs of lives unfolding fly overhead, cry overhead: longing, rising from the song within.

Moving like the rise and fall of wings, hands that shape our calling voice on the edge of answers you've heard our cry, you've known our cry: music's fierce compassion flows from you.

The night is restless with the sounds we hear, is broken, shaken by the cries of pain:

for this is music's inner voice saying, yes, we hear you,

all you who cry aloud, and we will fly, answering you:

so our lives sing, sing, wild we will fly, wild in spirit we will fly.

Like a feather falling from the wing, fragile as a human voice,

afraid, uncertain, alive to love, we sing as love,

afraid, uncertain, yet our flight begins as song.

Prayer for Illumination

Jim Borthwick (8 a.m.); Sandy Wells (9:30 a.m.); Ruth Johnson (11 a.m.)

Scripture Reading

Revelation 7:9-17 (pg. 1131)

Sermon

The Soundtrack of Worship

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn, No. 821

My Life Flows On
HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

Offertory

Consecration (8 a.m.)
words: Frances Ridley Havergal; music: John Ness Beck; Judy Bliss, soloist
Hymn for St. Elizabeth (9:30, 11 a.m.)
arr. by Dennis C. Klophaus; Village Brass

*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. 265

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun
DUKE STREET

*Benediction

*Choral Amen

*Postlude

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow (8 a.m.)
arr. by Mark Hayes

Come, Thou Fount of Ev'ry Blessing (9:30, 11 a.m.)
arr. by Dennis C. Klophaus; Village Brass

**All who are able may stand*

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THE CHURCH'S BOOK (Week of February 8, 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, Feb. 8

Galatians 6:11-18

In Paul's closing benediction to the Galatians, he speaks fervently about the new creation being "everything!" What is a new creation? It is a life touched by God's grace, peace and mercy. Paul says, "I carry the marks of Jesus branded on my body." Surely, he is referring to the percussion of his time, but how are those marks a metaphor for our discipleship today? The marks of new creation? The marks of loss and love, of forgiveness and acceptance, and of life and death.

Tuesday, Feb. 9

Isaiah 57:14-21

God is a God of the humble of spirit and the contrite of heart. God dwells in a high and holy eternal place, but God promises to help us by meeting us there. This passage gives us hope that God is the healing one. And God heals us by leading us to comfort through our pains, labors and mourning. "Peace, peace, to the far and the near," there is no place that we can go that God's healing hand cannot lead us to comfort.

Wednesday, Feb. 10

Genesis 25:19-28

The birth narrative of Esau and Jacob is really a foreshadowing of the entire story. Even in their mother's womb these two struggle with each other, probably quarreling over who would be first. The image of Jacob's hand gripping onto Esau's heel at birth portrays his persistence to out scheme his twin. This first family of faith is given much promise from God, but will also be divided by conflict. There will be reconciliation for them, but they will still choose to go separate ways in the end. But God's promise remains continuous.

Thursday, Feb. 11

Psalms 5:1-3

The first three verses in this Psalm tell us something about prayer. We pray not only with our words and our voices, but also in prayer we watch. We watch for God's presence and providence, because the earth is the Lord's and all that is in it. And the psalter also tells us that a good time to pray is in the morning. Also we are given permission to pray for ourselves. But the tenderest moment is to hear that we also pray when we are sighing and crying.

Friday, Feb. 12

John 7:37-39

Even believers will thirst for God's Holy Spirit. Just believing is not the answer. But to thirst for "living water" is to long for something that flows from the heart of the Spirit. John is constant in telling us that Jesus Christ is how we obtain the Spirit, and God's Holy Spirit is a current that flows to us, and through us. If we follow Christ, then we will drink from a river of such Spirit.

Saturday, Feb. 13

Hebrews 13:1-6

Paul gives us a few examples of what true hospitality and mutual love look like. He also informs us of the pitfalls that we place in our way of practicing such grace to others. To be a gracious host of mutual love is to get in the muckity-muck with someone we love. It means to experience their crisis as if it is our own. If we do so, we may just entertain angels without knowing.

Celebration of
**Faithful
Women
Brunch**



With Guest Speaker Carol Are "Walking Willing"

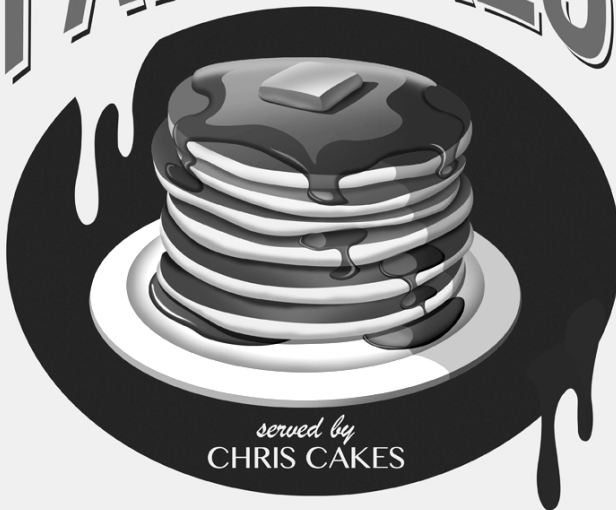
10 a.m. Saturday, Feb 20

Tickets are available. Cost: \$16 a person



COME JOIN US FOR

PANCAKES



served by
CHRIS CAKES

All are invited!
8 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Sunday, Feb. 14
Friendship Hall
\$5 a person

Sponsored by
Children & Family Ministry

TODAY AT VILLAGE

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

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.

TODAY IN WORSHIP we welcome acoustician Dana Kirkegaard and organ builder Bruce Fowkes (of Richards, Fowkes & Co.). These two, as well as Ralph Richards, worked diligently with our architects and contractors to design the room we worship in today, and to create a space of both visual beauty and improved auditory performance. They are here this morning to take measurements of the musical acoustical performance of our renovated Sanctuary, observing congregational singing, choral and instrumental sound, and everything in between. Such observations will help the organ builder to pre-voice our organ's nearly 4,000 pipes to best serve our congregation. We are grateful for their expertise and artistry!

FOOD PANTRY - Today is "Souper Bowl" Sunday! Thank you for bringing your cans of hearty soup to warm our Food Pantry clients. If you prefer, you may send a donation made payable to the Village Food Pantry to the church business office or to the Food Pantry director. Looking forward into February, we will be collecting all types of rice, beans and pasta.

WOMEN WITH SPIRIT "WAYS TO LENT" - Join Women with Spirit (WWS) from 3:30-5 p.m. today in Rooms 126 & 127 for "Ways to Lent" led by Rev. Jenny McDevitt. A fun and thoughtful conversation on this often overlooked tradition in our modern day lives. RSVP to Niki Krenzel at susannkrenzel@aol.com or 315-767-6629.

GLOBAL MISSION OFFERING TODAY - The proceeds from this offering help support the Dominican Republic Medical Partnership providing health care services to Haitian cane cutters and their families via partnership with the Good Samaritan Hospital in La Romana, Dominican Republic; and the youth spring break international mission project. Please find the yellow envelopes in the hymnal slot for each pew.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC MEDICAL PARTNERSHIP GIFT CARDS, CHOCOLATE & COFFEE - Today the Dominican Republic Medical Partnership of Village Church is offering honor gift cards, Santo Domingo Coffee and Equal Exchange dark chocolate bars in Friendship Hall. Proceeds benefit DRMP Child Health Promotion, an empowering program to help children who live in the poor sugar cane communities of the DR live healthier lives. For a \$10 donation, you may receive two dark chocolate bars in flavors of your choice, a 1 lb. bag of Dominican coffee or an "honor gift" card which you may share with someone in whose honor you make the donation. It's the gift that gives twice!

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.

ADULT EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR SPRING 2016 VILLAGE U CLASSES - You may enroll for all courses at villagepres.org, by email (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:

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.

Lenten Class on Prayer - Join us to explore ancient and contemporary forms of prayer, and even ways to turn some of your typical routine into prayerful exercises. We will walk a labyrinth, use our bodies and voices for prayer, and even learn how to turn social media into a prayerful time. Taught by Rev. Sally Wright. 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Feb. 17-March 23, in Room 126.

Parting of the Ways - Early Christian communities developed a wide variety of disparate beliefs. The Jerusalem Church, led by Jesus' brother, James, understood itself to be a natural extension of Jewish faith and practice. Pauline Christians and various Gnostic sects held different views. The class will examine how these competing ideologies led to separate and distinctive Jewish and Christian traditions. Taught by Rev. Dwight Tawney. 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Feb. 17-March 9, in Room 127.

Piecing Your Family Puzzle Together - Let a professional genealogist guide you into your family's past. Learn how to gather and organize information, how to use various websites, how to locate your family history, how to make a research trip and how to use courthouse and military records. Taught by Char Mitts. 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Feb. 17-March 16, in Room 132.

Sex and Sexuality in Adolescence - Hear what recent research is showing us about adolescent behaviors when it comes to sex, health and the development of sexuality. We will discuss what it means as we talk to our students about sex and what our response should be as caring adults. This class is for parents of students at any age (younger kids will be teenagers one day, too!). Taught by Rev. Zach Walker. 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Feb. 17-24, in Rooms 232 & 233.

CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER FEB. 10 - Ash Wednesday—Chicken enchiladas, vegetarian enchiladas, 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, or go to villagepres.org under Connectional Ministries to make a reservation.

COMPUTER MINISTRY

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 to sign up for classes.

MISSION

PRISON MINISTRY POETRY READING - Village member Arlin Buyert, who coordinates a prison ministry program in conjunction with Lansing Correctional Facility, invites you to a poetry reading by inmates incarcerated at Lansing at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 16, at the Johnson Co. Library on 87th St. in Overland Park. The Arts in Prison program, in collaboration with the Writers Place and the library, are hosting the reading. If you have questions about the event or would like to volunteer for the arts program, call Arlin Buyert, Village Prison Ministry volunteer coordinator, at 913-909-2915.

VOLUNTEER - On Saturday morning, Feb. 27, the Village Deacons will host a Mission Service Day working with several non-profits in the metro area. Volunteer slots are still available with Heartland Habitat for Humanity, Hope Faith Ministries and Avenue of Life. If you would like to work with a team and then enjoy a pizza lunch, contact Deborah White in the Mission office at 913-671-2369 or deborah.white@villagepres.org.

CROSS-LINES COMPUTER LAB NEEDS VOLUNTEERS - If you have basic knowledge of Microsoft Word and Outlook and know how to browse the Internet, Cross-Lines Community Outreach can use your help in the computer lab that Village Church helped establish. Clients need assistance setting up email accounts, applying for jobs and working on resumes. Lab times are from 12:30-2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Fridays. Call Lauren Oropeza at Cross-Lines at 913-281-3388.

MUSIC MINISTRY

SECOND THURSDAY RECITAL WITH HARMONIE WINDS FEB. 11 - Harmonie Winds, Kansas City's classic wind ensemble, is presenting a 30-minute concert of Tafelmusik (Music for Parties) at 12:15 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11, In the Village Sanctuary. This free performance will include music by Mozart, Rossini, Grainger, Handel, Albeniz and Krommer.

TE DEUM ANTIQUA & KANSAS CITY BAROQUE CONSORTIUM CONCERT, FEB. 21 - Te Deum Antiqua and Kansas City Baroque Consortium will perform Buxtehude's *Membra Jesu Nostri: Meditations on the Suffering of Christ* at 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church at 40th and Main in Kansas City, Mo. Deitrich Buxtehude's 17th century oratorio reflects upon "the most holy limbs of our suffering Christ" in seven cantatas. Te Deum Antiqua's presentation of this profoundly moving work on the second Sunday of Lent also will feature members of the Kansas City Baroque Consortium on period instruments. Te Deum and Kansas City Baroque Consortium are members of the Village Arts Alliance. A \$10 donation is requested, free for students with ID.

NOWLIN MIDDLE SCHOOL CONCERT AT VILLAGE CHURCH FEB. 23 - Nowlin Middle School has been chosen by Village Arts Alliance to be the focus of some of our outreach efforts-to help them in their efforts to enrich and change young lives through music. The choir, which will perform at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 23, in the Village Sanctuary, was chosen to perform at Helzberg Hall as part of the American Choral Directors Convention (Southwest Division) this March. The free concert at Village on Feb. 23 will give them a chance to do a "dress rehearsal" before a live audience in advance of their ACDA Convention performance.

PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

HIGH, LOW OR JUST RIGHT – BE IN THE KNOW! Stop by the Bride's Room anytime between services where the Village nurses are happy to check your blood pressure.

TAIZÉ WORSHIP SERVICE – The second Taizé worship service of the year will be held at 5 p.m. next Sunday, Feb. 14, in the Chapel. This service includes song, silence, scripture and communion. Taizé worship takes place on the second Sunday of every month at 5 p.m. in the Chapel.



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.

THOUGHTS FROM VILLAGE COMMITMENT

My faith demands that I do whatever I can, wherever I am, whenever I can, for as long as I can with whatever I have to try to make a difference.

— Jimmy Carter

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

WOW LUNCH AT TATSU'S - Join WOW (Women of Wisdom) for lunch at Tatsu's French Restaurant at noon Wednesday, Feb. 17. Tatsu's is located near 90th and Roe. RSVP by noon Feb. 16 to Marvie Sneegas, sneegi@kc.rr.com, 913-209-9608, or to Diane Lee, dianelee@att.net, 913-432-4321.

AMERICAN PUBLIC SQUARE FAITH FELLOWSHIP EVENT AT VILLAGE CHURCH FEB. 18 - Join American Public Square as it comes to Village Church for the third event in its Faith Fellowship series. We will look at "varieties of spiritual experience" from different perspectives drawn from both Western and Eastern traditions. Rev. Brian Ellison will moderate a panel discussing the issue and answering questions from the audience. Thursday, Feb. 18, In Friendship Hall : Breakfast, 7:30 a.m.; Program, 8- 9 a.m. For more information on the event and to register, go to americanpublicsquare.org or call 816-235-5067.

CELEBRATION OF FAITHFUL WOMEN BRUNCH FEB. 20 - "Walking, Willing" is the theme for the Celebration of Faithful Women brunch at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, in Friendship Hall. Enjoy a meditation by Carol Are (wife of Senior Pastor Tom Are). Reservations for the brunch (\$16) can be made online at villagepres.org or at church between worship services today and next Sunday.

MONTREAT WOMEN'S CONNECTION - The 2016 Montreat Women's Connection is Aug. 12-14 and will be presenting "Momastery at Montreat: An Evening with Glennon Doyle Melton." Glennon will be with us on Saturday night, Aug. 13, and will offer a discussion and Q & A session, followed by a book signing/ meet and greet/photo op. For conference details, visit montreat.org/women. If you are interested in attending, email Katherine Caputo at katherinebestcaputo@hotmail.com before Feb. 15.

YOUTH MINISTRY

CHILI COOK-OFF TICKETS ON SALE IN FRIENDSHIP HALL! - This year's Chili Cook-off is Feb. 21, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Tickets are available in Friendship Hall for \$10/person and \$30/family. All proceeds benefit youth mission trips – come on out and support our students!

HIGH SCHOOL & MIDDLE SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES – We are attending worship together today for the first Sunday of the month. Join us in the balcony during the 9:30 a.m service.

NO CHEER H.S. YOUTH GROUP due to the Super Bowl. But join us for our Super Bowl party 5-9 p.m.!

SUPER BOWL PARTY TODAY 5-9 p.m. – for all middle school and high school students in the Youth Loft, Room 333.

ODD MONDAYS BIBLE STUDY – This is a new high school girls' bible study that meets on odd dated Mondays (e.g., Feb. 15, Feb. 29, March 1) from 3-4 p.m. in the Upper Room. Join us for this great time together!

TWOSDAYS - Middle schoolers join us Tuesdays after school from 4-5:30 p.m. in the Youth Loft, Room 333.

GPS M.S. YOUTH GROUP – Meets this Wednesday evening from 6:30-8 p.m. In the Youth Loft.

Ash Wednesday Service 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 10

Please join us for our Ash Wednesday Service in the Sanctuary at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 10, when Rev. Hallie Hottle makes her preaching debut at Village Church. Ash Wednesday marks the first day of Lent, the season of preparation for the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The service includes communion.

UPCOMING SERMON SERIES

Treasure in Clay Jars

The Apostle Paul wrote to the Christians in Corinth that the Gospel Ministry is a “treasure we hold in clay jars.” This is a metaphor that resonates because we all know how fragile faith can be. We know how fragile Christians can be. One of the wonders of grace is that God continues to be found among the weak and fragile of faith. God’s treasure is carried in clay jars, meaning God’s beauty can show up in our brokenness. It’s good news. I hope you will join us to hear it.

Feb. 14	All Are Ministers
Feb. 21	When the Church Gets it Wrong
Feb. 28	Some Things Never Change...Until They Do
March 7	I Believe, Help My Unbelief
March 14	The Brokenness of Jesus
March 21	When the Nation is Broken
March 28	Easter Isn’t Over

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

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. 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.