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## SERVICE OF WORSHIP

February 21, 2016 • 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

### ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

One of the ways the constitution of the PC(USA) describes the church is to say we are called to be "an exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world." That is a glorious calling. But there is a dark side to the church as well. Often...far too often the church has been on the wrong side of what God was doing in the world. Today we will reflect on "when the church gets it wrong." We will take a good look at ourselves and an important look at God.

# GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

*Claire de Lune*  
by Claude Debussy

Call to Worship

Rev. Jenny McDevitt

Lord God, when we are weak,  
**be our strength.**  
When we are weary,  
**renew our spirits.**  
When we are broken,  
**gently mend us.**  
When we are afraid,  
**comfort us.**  
When we are sinful,  
**redeem us.**  
You alone are our God.

\*Hymn, No. 12

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*  
ST. DENIO

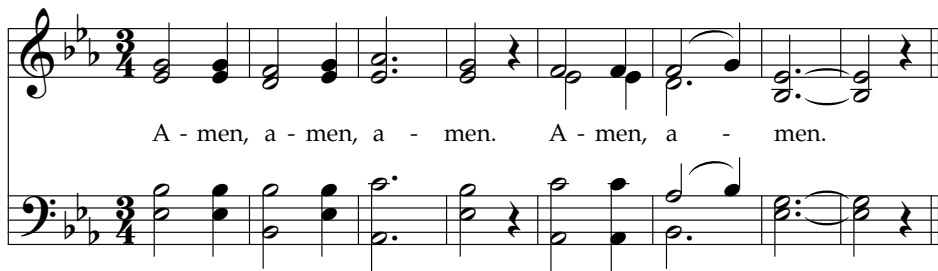
\*Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God,**  
**We confess that we have sinned against you**  
**in thought, word, and deed,**  
**by what we have done,**  
**and by what we have left undone.**  
**We have not loved you**  
**with our whole heart and mind and strength.**  
**We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**In your mercy forgive what we have been,**  
**help us amend what we are,**  
**and direct what we shall be,**  
**so that we may delight in your will**  
**and walk in your ways,**  
**to the glory of your holy name.** (Silent prayer)

\*Response

Amen



A - men, a - men, a - men. A - men, a - men.

\*Assurance of God's Grace

\*Passing of the Peace

Words of Welcome

Why Village Matters: Visiting Scholar

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Call to Prayer



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray - ing. Lord, send your  
Spir - it in this place. Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren  
pray - ing. Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

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

*Deep River*

arr. by Matthew Culloton; Village Choir

Prayer for Illumination

Sandy Linson (8 a.m.)

Hoyl Lockett (9:30 a.m.)

Janice Gill (11 a.m.)

Scripture Reading

John 18:33-38 (pg. 987)

Sermon

*When the Church Gets it Wrong*

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

\*Hymn, No. 470

*There Is a Longing In Our Hearts*  
LONGING

Offertory

*The Lord is My Shepherd*  
by Howard Goodall; Village Choir

\*Response

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*  
OLD HUNDRETH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**praise Christ, all people here below;**

**praise Holy Spirit evermore;**

**praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn, No. 320

*The Church of Christ in Every Age*  
WAREHAM

\*Benediction

\*Choral Amen

\*Postlude

*Prélude*  
by Claude Debussy

*\*All who are able may stand*

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## THE CHURCH'S BOOK (Week of February 22, 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. 22**

**John 2:1-12**

What a strange story this is. John calls Jesus' miracles "signs" because they reveal the presence of God in Jesus. What is the significance of this "sign?" It's complex, and there are many ways to answer this question; but read the text again knowing this: wine is a biblical symbol for joy or abundant life. It stands to reason that Jesus would have little need to be a supplier for a wedding reception gone bad; but to be the source of joy and life...He does that.

### **Tuesday, Feb. 23**

**Mark 1:1-13**

John is in the wilderness. It echoes the many wilderness stories of the Old Testament. Elijah waited on God in the wilderness. After the Exodus the people wandered in the wilderness for 40 years. The wilderness is the place where evil is present and comfortable. It is also the place where God's people learn to trust God's faithfulness. The wilderness is the place of ministry for John, for Jesus and for us.

### **Wednesday, Feb. 24**

**Mark 14:14-20**

"After John was arrested..." This phrase rings the alarm bell in Mark's gospel. John was the forerunner to Jesus, not just in time, but in ministry. This new work of God will mean that John will be arrested and eventually killed. It will be the same for Jesus. And it will be the same for those to whom he says, "Follow me." It is wise to consider our response to his constant invitation: "Follow me."

### **Thursday, Feb. 25**

**Mark 2:1-12**

One of the most basic truths of the Christian faith is that it is a faith we hold together, as a community of believers. We see why in this text life leaves all of us paralyzed at some point or another. What we all need is a church family who can carry us in hope in our time of need.

### **Friday, Feb. 26**

**Galatians 6:1-5**

Paul echoes the passage we read yesterday. "Carry your own load," he says. We can relate to that. We have to be responsible for ourselves in this world. At the same time, Paul says, "Bear one another's burdens." That means sometimes we have to share our neighbor's burden. The most difficult part is that sometimes we have to be willing to be carried. It is Christian to do both. Give thanks to God today for the times you have had the strength to carry a neighbor; and give thanks to God for the times you have had the faith to be carried.

### **Saturday, Feb. 27**

**Mark 2:18-22**

New wine in new wineskins. Jesus makes it clear that God can do things among us that we have not seen before. Be hopeful. Be grateful that yesterday does not define every day. And pray that your eyes can be opened to the new possibilities of life. It is our work to pay attention to the wineskins: God will provide the new wine of life.



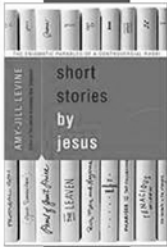
# Visiting Scholar Amy-Jill Levine PhD.

New Testament Professor &  
Influential Author Presents

## “Jesus the Jewish Storyteller: Hearing the Parables Anew”

March 4 & 5  
At Village Church

Tickets available at [villagepres.org](http://villagepres.org)



Amy-Jill Levine is a self-described “Yankee Jewish feminist who teaches in a predominantly Protestant divinity school in the buckle of the Bible Belt” and an author of many articles, books and essays including *The Misunderstood Jew: The Church and the Scandal of the Jewish Jesus* and *Short Stories by Jesus: The Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi*.

### **7-9 p.m. Friday, March 4**

**Session 1:** Parables, Pearls and Prodigals

Reception and book signing follow the program. Books available for purchase courtesy of Rainy Day Books.

### **9-11:30 a.m. Saturday, March 5**

**Session 2:** Tax Collectors, Priests, Levites and Samaritans

**Session 3:** Vineyard Owners and Day Laborers

Visiting Scholar is sponsored by Presbyterian Women of Village Presbyterian Church.

## 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 Rick Harman by his family.

**YOUTH MINISTRY CHILI COOK-OFF TODAY IN FRIENDSHIP HALL** - The Chili Cook-off is from 5:30-7:30 p.m. tonight. Tickets are available before and after services in Friendship Hall for \$10/person and \$30/family or \$12/person during the event. All proceeds benefit Youth mission trips; come on out and support our students!

**TE DEUM ANTIQUA & KANSAS CITY BAROQUE CONSORTIUM CONCERT, TONIGHT**- 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. tonight 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. A \$10 donation is requested, free for students with ID. Te Deum is part of the Village Arts Alliance.

**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.

### ADULT EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY

**PARIS JOURNEYS - "NOT YOUR ORDINARY TRAVELOGUE!"** - Village Forum Sunday morning class welcomes Elizabeth and Jay McKell who recently returned from six months in Paris where Jay served as the visiting pastor at The American Church in Paris. The focus of his ministry was on Marriage Blessing Services but they experienced much, much more: a diverse, unique and invigorating congregation, French cooking, art galleries and museums, shopping in the markets, and, of course, the terrorists attacks on Nov. 13. Week one we will talk about marriage there and here and the unique worshipping community that is now misnamed The American Church. Week two we will tour the city and talk about the November attacks as well as compare the European and American responses to the Middle Eastern refugee crisis. 9:30 a.m. March 13 and 20 in Rooms 126/127.

**COMPUTER CLASSES** are free of charge. **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 Marianne at 913-671-2333 or email [marianne@villagepres.org](mailto:marianne@villagepres.org) to sign up for classes.

### UPCOMING VILLAGE U CLASSES:

**A Practical Guide to Gardens and Gardening in the Kansas City Area** - It's that time of the year to start thinking about your yard! Our instructor, Cynthia Gillis, is a landscape architect who has 27 years of garden making under her belt (and fingernails). This course will provide ideas on how to improve – not redo – your current ornamental gardens. Learn how to deal with shade, Kansas City soil and weather, those pesky bunnies, and suggest plants based on these factors. She will also talk about maintenance, what to do and when. Childcare is available with advance reservation. 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 8, in Room 232.



**Date Nights** - Join us for a Date Night once a month with your spouse. We begin with a 30-minute discussion each evening on a topic to help you strengthen your marriage, and then couples are free to leave on their own for some time away for dinner and discussion. The topics will cover family of origin, toolbox for marriage and growth planning. The event begins at Village at 6 p.m. and will end by 9 p.m. Taught by Clint and Kim Carter. 6-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 2, in Room 232.

**Day Trip to Toy and Miniature Museum** - The National Museum of Toys and Miniatures educates, inspires and delights adults and children through the museum's collection and preservation of toys and miniatures. The museum boasts the world's largest collection of fine-scale miniatures, as well as one of the nation's largest collections of antique toys. Cost: \$20 plus lunch. Coordinated by Georgia Klein. 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Thursday, March 3.

## CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER FEB. 24** - Brown sugar baked salmon, scalloped potatoes, vegetable, 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 913-671-2359 or email [liz.middleton@villagepres.org](mailto:liz.middleton@villagepres.org) or go to [villagepres.org](http://villagepres.org) under Connectional Ministries to make a reservation.

**AGE SPECIFIC DINNER FOR 40s/50s** - Village is offering a fun dinner opportunity for people in their 40s & 50s (couples and singles)! We have reservations at Red Snapper Bistro at 8430 Ward Parkway, at 6 p.m. Friday, March 11. Red Snapper is Kansas City's best neighborhood style pan-Asian bistro, famous for their "teriyaki" and "sweet & sour" menu items. Each person responsible for their own tab. The reservation is under "Village Church Group." Space is limited. RSVP to [cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org](mailto:cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org) or call 913-671-2331.

**TWO NEW U.S. TOURS FOR VILLAGE CHURCH** - "Beautiful North America Tours: National Parks and Places of History and Beauty"-Sedona and the Grand Canyon National Park: Oct. 9-14, 2016. Feel the excitement of New York City at Christmas time: Dec. 1-4, 2016. Join us for an information meeting at 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28, in Room 132. Contact Lisa Ball at [Lisa@LisaBallTravelDesign.com](mailto:Lisa@LisaBallTravelDesign.com) for more information.

## MISSION

**THE FOOD PANTRY** is collecting rice and pasta during February. Think minute or whole grained rice, boxed mixes and pasta salads, all kinds of dried beans and lentils. The Clothes Closet is interested in donations of pots, pans and other miscellaneous kitchen items. Thank you again for your many wonderful donations!

**VILLAGE CHURCH COOKS A MEAL AT CROSS-LINES** - Friday, March 11, Village will for cook and serve a meal at the Cross-Lines kitchen in Kansas City, Kansas. We need two to three people from 9:30-11 a.m. for prep and six to seven volunteers to serve and clean up from 11:15 a.m.-1:30 p.m. We also need cookie donations, and they can be dropped off at the church reception desk from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. on Thursday, March 10. If you can help, contact Marianne Weber at 913-671-2333 or [marianne.weber@villagepres.org](mailto:marianne.weber@villagepres.org).

## MUSIC MINISTRY

**NOWLIN MIDDLE SCHOOL CHOIR & VILLAGE CHAMBER CHOIR CONCERT FEB. 23** - The Black & Gold Nowlin Middle School Choir will perform at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 23, in the Village Sanctuary with the Village Chamber Choir. The Nowlin Middle School Black & Gold Choir has been chosen to perform at Helzberg Hall as part of the American Choral Directors Convention (Southwest Division) this coming March. The Feb. 23 concert at Village Church will give them a chance to do a "dress rehearsal" before a live audience in advance of their ACDA Convention performance.

**SECOND THURSDAY RECITAL** - Classical saxophonist, Megan Sebastian, and piano accompanist, Amy (Ludwig) Pennington, will perform Vivaldi's *Concerto in F Major for Oboe and Piano*, Rachmaninoff's *Vocalise, Op. 34, No. 4*, Maurice's *Tableaux de Provence, Suite for Saxophone and Piano* and excerpts from *The Carnival of Venice*. The 30-minute recital is at 12:15 p.m. Thursday, March 10, in the Village Sanctuary. Admission is free.

## PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

**EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION** – One way Village helps care for our members is having emergency contact information on file for each person. This information is extremely helpful when there is an injury or illness that happens at the church, or if a member is hospitalized and we need to locate him/her. Share the contact person's name, phone number and relationship to you by communicating with Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or [linda.alley@villagepres.org](mailto:linda.alley@villagepres.org).

**GROWING THROUGH GRIEF BEGINS IN APRIL** – Grief is a journey, one that is different for each person. If you are grieving the loss of a loved one, consider attending Growing Through Grief. This five-week class is designed to help discover God's healing presence during a difficult time of life. There is no cost but registration is required. The next series of classes will be from 6:30-7:45 p.m. April 6-May 4 every Wednesday. Contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or [linda.alley@villagepres.org](mailto:linda.alley@villagepres.org) to register.

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN SPRING RETREAT** - April 22–23 at Heartland Presbyterian Retreat Center. We are so excited to welcome Rev. Meg McLaughlin Peery and her mother, Rev. Margaret Peery, as our guest speakers. We will explore the topic of change: transitions in our families, our work, our relationships. Tickets go on sale in Friendship Hall at 9 a.m. and between services on Feb. 28 and March 6. Online registration begins Feb. 28 at 9 a.m.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

**HIGH SCHOOL & MIDDLE SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES** – Youth Loft at 9:30 a.m. Room 333.

**CHEER H.S. YOUTH GROUP** - Meets tonight from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Youth Loft.

**ODD MONDAYS BIBLE STUDY** – This is a new high school girls' bible study that meets on odd dated Mondays (e.g., Feb. 29, March 7, March 21) 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.



**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.

# BECAUSE OF YOUR GENEROSITY...

## At the Heart of Giving...

Your gift to Village Church during the annual commitment campaign is so important in continuing the work we do here at Village Church. Thank you!

Would you like to help one of our mission efforts do even more?

We have asked Mission Sewing what would help them extend their donations to area hospitals, cancer centers, hospice homes and other area agencies.

They welcomed the offer and have put together a Wish List.

We would like to offer you the opportunity to purchase an item or two from this Wish List and bring with you on **Sunday, March 6**, to Friendship Hall and drop off at the Village Commitment table.

### Mission Sewing Wish List

Gingher scissors 7"

Soft & Crafty Polyester fiber fill - 5 or 10 lb bulk box

Satin ribbon - 1/4" in pastel colors

Bernat Softee Baby yarn - white, pink, baby blue

Lion Brand, Pound of Love yarn - pink, white or blue

Coats brand thread - white, black, green, blues

Rotary cutter sharpener - 45 & 60 ml blades

Fabric - cotton, flannel (No satin)

Serger

Monetary donations also accepted

Thank you for your generosity! Your gift will help Mission Sewing construct more items to help those who suffer with an illness.

Items include: walker bags, eyeglass cases, peanut-shaped pillows, lap robes for all ages, blankets for newborns and pajamas for children. Knitters create newborn caps and cancer hats among other projects.



VILLAGE  
COMMITMENT

## 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. We hope you will join us to hear it.

Feb. 14	All Are Ministers
<b>Feb. 21</b>	<b>When the Church Gets it Wrong</b>
Feb. 28	Some Things Never Change...Until They Do
March 6	I Believe, Help My Unbelief
March 13	The Brokenness of Jesus
March 20	When the Nation is Broken
March 27	Easter Isn’t Over

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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.*