



CHRISTMAS EVE

December 24, 2018 • 7 and 9 p.m.

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Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

This is the night when the child the world has waited for is born.

Authority rests upon His shoulders

and He is named;

Wonderful Counselor,

Mighty God,

Everlasting Father,

Prince of Peace.

So much to expect from a child
asleep between the star and the straw.

Procession of the Christ Candle

*Hymn No. 134

Joy to the World
ANTIOCH

**Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king;
let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.**

**Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

**No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.**

**He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.**

Responsive Prayer

Living God,
You live beyond time and dwell beyond space.
You sent Your only Son
to know the weakness of human flesh,
and yet to reign as Holy King.

**Who are we that You should come to us?
Yet You have humbled Yourself to take on flesh.
You came down to breathe the same air we breathe,
to know what it is to be weary,
and afraid,
and to suffer a broken body and a broken heart.
You came to reveal a love the whole world has been waiting for.
In the name of the love that breathes us to life, we pray.
Amen.**

Anthem (7 p.m.)

Still, Still, Still
arr. Norman Luboff; Village Choir

Call to Prayer (from Hymn, No. 128)

**Flocks were sleeping; shepherds keeping
vigil till the morning new
saw the glory, heard the story,
tidings of the gospel true.
Thus rejoicing,
free from sorrow,
praises voicing
greet the morrow:
Christ the babe was born for you!
Christ the babe was born for you!**

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.**

*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.**

**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.**

Meditation

Welcome Home, Little One

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

*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 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!"**

Offertory

A Christmas Festival (7 p.m.)
by Leroy Anderson, arranged by Chris Kohl; Village Brass
Still, Still, Still (9 p.m.)
arr. Norman Luboff; The Village Choir

*Response (from Hymn, No. 145)

**So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, one and all, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high. The virgin sings her lullaby.
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary!**

*Prayer of Dedication

*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 at the exits.

**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

Angels We Have Heard On High (7 p.m.)
arr. Bill Holcombe; Village Brass

Silent Night (9 p.m.)
arr. Aaron David Miller

* *All who are able may stand*

Worship Leaders

Rev. Tom Are, Rev. Len Carrell, Rev. Becky Chamberlain (7 p.m.)
Rev. Tom Are, Rev. Hallie Hottle, Rev. Zach Walker (9 p.m.)

Village Brass (7 p.m.)

Trumpet: Stan Chappell, Chris Kohl, Daniel Kreienheder, Mark McDonald
Horn: Lauren Beck, Kirk Rush, Lisa Rush
Trombone: Kerry Kinkelaar, John Porter, Sandy Weidman
Euphonium: Julie Kaplan, Freddy Morado
Tuba: Buck Buchanan

About Us

Village is one church worshipping at two campuses: Village on Mission (6641 Mission Road in Prairie Village) and Village on Antioch (14895 Antioch Road in Overland Park).

If you are searching for a church home, we'd love to have you join us for Sunday worship. Sunday worship services are at 8, 9:30, 11 a.m. (traditional) and 5 p.m. (The Gathering-alternative worship) at Village Church on Mission; and at 9:30 a.m. (traditional) at Village Church on Antioch. Learn more at www.villagepres.org.

UPCOMING SERMON SERIES

I WISH THE PREACHER WOULD TALK ABOUT....

Every year the pastoral staff selects five or six conversations to have as a church family. This is our Sermon Series. For January and February, we invite you to suggest the topics. What do you wish the Sunday sermon to consider? Is there a Bible passage or a general topic you would like the preacher to consider? Let us know. We will choose from the most popular suggestions. So, what do you wish the preacher would talk about? Email your question or suggestion to Rev. Tom Are at tom@villagepres.org.

ADULT EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY

VILLAGE U COMMUNITY CLASSES – The spring 2019 Village U course catalog will be posted online on Jan. 2, 2019. Our curriculum is a wide umbrella encompassing all our adult learning opportunities. Registration for church members opens at 9 a.m. Jan. 9. Registration for the community opens at 9 a.m. Jan. 14. Visit www.villagepres.org/village-u-community-classes for more information.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

CHILD CARE – We welcome infants through 4 years in Room 107 for the 7 p.m. Christmas Eve service.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL – Our regular schedule of Sunday morning classes is from 9:30-10:30 a.m. for ages two through 6th grade, and resumes Jan. 6.

CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES

WEEKLY WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS – Take a night off from cooking! Out next dinner is Jan. 9. The menu is honey Dijon chicken with apples, rice pilaf primavera and a green vegetable. The salad bar opens at 5:15 p.m. and hot food bar is open from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Cost is \$7 for the full meal and \$6 for salad bar & dessert only. RSVP by noon Jan. 7 to liz.middleton@villagepres.org or 913-671-2359.

ALL-CHURCH WINTER BOWLING EVENT JAN. 24 – Join us for our "All-Church" Bowling Event for our Village Church Family from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 24, at Ward Parkway Lanes (89th & State Line). Cost is \$5 per person (includes shoes!) for two hours of play. RSVP to liz.middleton@villagepres.org or call 913-671-2359.

MISSION

FOOD PANTRY – Everyone at the Food Pantry/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.

MUSIC MINISTRY

SECOND THURSDAY RECITAL JAN. 10 – Please join us from 12:15-12:45 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 10, in the Village on Mission Chapel for Second Thursday Recital with The Wires, an original alternative classical music duo comprised of Sascha Groschang on cello and Laurel Parks on violin. Admission is free.

PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

STEPHEN MINISTRY IS HERE FOR YOU – Consider receiving the support of a Stephen Minister. Stephen Ministers are trained to provide one-on-one, confidential care to people navigating life's more challenging moments. If you are needing care, contact Rev. Len Carrell at 913-671-2347 or len.carrell@villagepres.org.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

WOMEN WITH SPIRIT'S BOOK BRUNCH – Please join us for WWS Book Brunch from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 11, in the Heritage Dining Room. Simply wrap one of your favorite books (new or used) to swap for another's good read. In addition to the book swap, please consider bringing new or gently-used books for the sweet children at Operation Breakthrough. Email shelbykrumm@yahoo.com for additional details and to RSVP.

WOW LUNCH AT CAFÉ PROVENCE – Women of Wisdom (WOW) looks forward to lunch at one of its favorite restaurants, Café Provence, 3936 West 69th Terr. in Prairie Village, at noon on Wednesday, Jan. 16. RSVP to Diane Lee, 913-432-4321, or dianelee@att.net by Jan. 15. All women are invited.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY is a ministry specifically for people in their 20's and 30's. 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 good. Learn more at VillagePresYA.org, or email Rev. Hallie Hottle at hallie@villagepres.org for ways to connect.

THEOLOGY THURSDAYS – We resume Theology Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 10 with "Her Story." It's astounding how many of our lesser known Biblical characters are female. They are featured prominently among our sacred stories, but they are much less likely to appear in Sunday School lessons. In this era of #MeToo, as our world awakens to our long-held practice of silencing women, we're revisiting the stories of women who have shaped our faith in the shadows of thousands of years of patriarchy. In this series, we look at Her stories. More online: VillagePresYA.org/thursdays.

YOUTH MINISTRY

PROGRAMS RESUME JAN. 6 – All of our events are on a short break due to the holidays. Weekly programs will start back on Sunday, Jan. 6. More information can be found on the youth website: villagepresyouth.org.

SUMMER TRIPS REGISTRATION OPEN – You can now register for all our summer trips: San Francisco, a local KC trip, High School Montreat, and the Middle Schoolers Float Trip! Just head to villagepresyouth.org/forms or pick up a hard copy by the youth offices or in the Youth Loft.

Learn more about Village Church and other upcoming events at www.villagepres.org.

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