



CHRISTMAS EVE

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CHRISTMAS EVE

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. 133

O Come, All Ye Faithful
ADESTE FIDELES

Responsive Prayer

**Good and gracious God,
on this holy night You chose to come to us,
You gave us Your Son,
the Lord of the universe, wrapped in swaddling clothes,
the Savior of all, lying in a manger.**

**On this holy night,
draw us into the miracle of Your love.
Open our hearts that we might recognize that
the one for which we have long awaited
has found us.
In the name of the incarnate Christ we pray.
Amen.**

*Hymn, No. 134

Joy to the World
ANTIOCH

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.

Prayer for Illumination

Anthem

Where Shepherds Lately Knealt
arr. Carl Schalk; Village Voices and Alumni

Scripture Reading

Matthew 1:18-25 (pg. 877)

Meditation

Look Who's Home!

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

*Hymn No. 121

O Little Town of Bethlehem
ST. LOUIS

Offertory

Still, Still, Still
arr. Norman Luboff; Village Voices and Alumni; Carol Dale, flute

*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 Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Invitation

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Words of Institution

Sharing the Elements

(The Sacrament is served by means of Intinction.)

You will be invited to take a piece of bread, dip it in the cup and take them together.)

Carols During Communion

Hymn No. 144 (v. 1-2)

In the Bleak Midwinter

Hymn No. 128

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Hymn No. 123 (v. 1,3,4)

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

*The Prayer of Response

*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.

*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.**

*Benediction

*Postlude

Good People All, This Christmas Time
arr. Aaron Shows

**All who are able may stand*

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Worship Leaders

Rev. Tom Are, Rev. Melanie Hardison, Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka, Rev. Zach Walker

ABOUT US

Village Presbyterian Church is a Presbyterian (USA) family of faith committed to thoughtful worship, Christian formation of children and adults, and caring for one another, our community and the world. All are welcome. All are accepted. All are loved.

Rev. Tom Are has served as senior pastor since 2004. In 2017, Village added a second location in Overland Park, Village Church on Antioch at 148th and Antioch Road. Village Church also manages the Meneilly Center for Mission at 99th and Mission Road, which includes the Village Church Food Pantry and Child & Family Development Center.

Join Us for Sunday Worship

Village Church on Mission – 8, 9:30, 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. The Gathering (alternative worship)

Village Church on Antioch – 9:30 a.m.

A Service of Taizé

Our Taizé service includes simple songs, reflection, scripture and communion. Village's evening prayer service done in the style and spirit of Taizé is from 6:30-7:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month in the Village on Mission Chapel. Our next Taizé service is on Tuesday, Jan. 14.

WELCOME TO VILLAGE CHURCH

There are many opportunities for educational and personal growth for people in all stages of life's journey. We hope you will join us again for the special events planned for the upcoming weeks that are highlighted below. Let the joy of this day inspire you to begin a time of insight and discovery in the new year.

ADULT EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY

VILLAGE U COMMUNITY CLASSES – The spring 2020 Village U course catalog will be posted online on Dec. 31. Our curriculum is a wide umbrella encompassing all our adult learning opportunities. Registration for church members opens Jan. 6. Registration for the community opens Jan. 13. Visit www.villagepres.org/village-u-community-classes for more information.

MENEILLY VISITING SCHOLAR MARCH 6-7, 2020 – Join at Village Church on Mission for our 17th Annual Visiting Scholar Event titled "Impolite Dinner Conversation: The Politics of Christ and the Church." Our presenters are the Rev. Dr. Margaret Aymer and the Rev. Dr. Carolyn Hesel. Dr. Aymer is professor of New Testament Studies at Austin Seminary. Dr. Hesel is assistant professor of Homiletics at Austin Seminary. Dr. Aymer will present her lecture on Friday evening titled "Reading the Politics of Christ." Dr. Hesel will present her lecture on Saturday morning titled "Reading the Politics of Christians." Then, Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka, senior associate pastor at Village Church, will engage the two of them in a conversation about their presentations and will welcome questions from the audience. Admission is free. Find more details at villagepres.org/visiting-scholar.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

THE LIGHTHOUSE (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. 12.

CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES

WEDNESDAY FAMILY DINNERS – Take a night off from cooking! Out next dinner is Jan. 8. The menu is beef stew, vegetarian stew, mini corn dogs, salad and dessert. 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. Kids aged 10 and under eat free. RSVP by noon Jan. 7, to liz.middleton@villagpres.org or 913-671-2359.

ALL-CHURCH WINTER BOWLING EVENT JAN. 26 – Shake those winter blahs and join us for our "ALL-Church" Bowling Event for our Village Church Family from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 26, 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. 9 – Please join us at 12:15-12:45 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 9, in the Village on Mission Chapel for Second Thursday Recital with tenor Jonathan Pilkington. Admission is free.

PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

IF YOU ARE GRIEVING... The Pastoral Care Department is here to offer support and comfort when grief is hard to bear. Growing through Grief is one way we can help—this five-week class is open to all. The first session in 2020 is every Wednesday at 4:45 p.m. Jan. 15-Feb. 12 in Room 124. This There is no cost but registration is required; contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org.

SOMETIMES LIFE THROWS YOU CURVE BALLS – Stephen Ministers are here for you. Receive one-on-one, confidential care from a lay person who is trained in listening, caring, praying and supporting. Stephen Ministers can help you with all sorts of challenges: grief, job loss, loneliness, illness, divorce, family difficulties and much more. Contact Rev. Becky Chamberlain at becky.chamberlain@villagepres.org or 913-449-0713 for more information.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

WOMEN WITH SPIRIT BOOK BRUNCH – Join Women with Spirit for their annual Book Brunch from 9:30-11:30 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 10, in the Small Dining Room at Village in Mission. Your payment of \$7 will serve as your official RSVP. Email shelbykrumm@yahoo.com for payment details. Due to Chef Emily's food preparation, your payment must be received by Friday, Jan. 3. Simply wrap one of your favorite books (new or used) to swap for another's good read. Come laugh, chat, chew and share!

PW SPRING RETREAT AT HEARTLAND CENTER – This powerful event on April 24-25 brings women of all ages together to grow spiritually, connect with new and old friends, and unplug from the chaotic world we live in. Our guest speaker, the Rev. Dr. Dee Cooper, will share her understanding of how play and connection are a vital component of our spiritual lives. Small workshops will provide an opportunity to continue the discussion as we get to know each other and create meaningful relationships. Tickets on sale in February 2020.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY is a ministry of Village Presbyterian Church created by and for young adults specifically in their 20's and 30's.

THEOLOGY THURSDAYS – Merry Christmas! Join us in the new year. 7 p.m. Thursday nights beginning Jan. 23.

YOUNG ADULT WINTER RETREAT – Feb. 28-March 1. This winter, we retreat together! Travel with us to a cabin near Table Rock Lake for a weekend of renewal. More information and sign up at VillagePresYA.org/retreat.

YOUTH MINISTRY

WINTER PROGRAM BREAK – All of our events are on a short break due to the holidays! Weekly programs will start back on Sunday, Jan. 5. High school youth group meets Sundays (6:30 p.m.) and middle school on Wednesdays (6:30 p.m.) in the Youth Loft (Room 333) until year-end in mid-May. More information can be found on the youth website: villagepresyouth.org.

SUMMER TRIP REGISTRATIONS OPEN – Registration is now open for the Middle School Mission Trip, High School Montreat, and High School Boundary Waters Trip! Visit villagepresyouth.org/forms to sign up, or email madeline.chamberlain@villagepres.org.

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

UPCOMING SERMON SERIES

Who Do People Say That I Am?

The birth of Jesus comes with many claims regarding his identity. Who is this child? The Angelic choir called him the messiah. Gabriel called him God's son. Some preferred the name Immanuel. All this and more to describe the child of manger straw. But how do we describe Jesus now? Jesus asked his own followers, "Who do you say that I am?" There's not one answer to that question. Oh, it's possible to answer it by quoting the creeds "his only son, our Lord." But a survey of the Gospel writers reveals that each gospel writer speaks of Jesus differently. Over the next few weeks, we will listen to each Gospel writer's response to the question, "Who do you say that I am?" We will end the series reflecting on how our understanding of who Jesus is influences our understanding of who we are to be.

- Jan. 12 Mark: The Man in the Wilderness
- Jan. 19 Matthew: The Teacher
- Jan. 26 Luke: The One From the Future
- Feb. 2 John: The Man of the Hour
- Feb. 9 Acts: Repeating Jesus

Watch the Livestream of Sunday Worship Services

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