



VILLAGE CHURCH

Presbyterian (USA)



Service of Worship

January 9, 2022 | 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

About Today's Service

Jesus' baptism marks the beginning of his public ministry. All four gospels tell of this event. Mark, true to form, is brief and succinct—no additional details—just the facts. In Matthew, John the Baptist protests that Jesus should baptize him. Luke has Jesus being baptized among other people which makes the dove descending and voice speaking from heaven all the more spectacular. In John's gospel, it seems that John the baptizer does not recognize Jesus which is odd because he is, after all, his first cousin. All four gospels are clear on one thing: Jesus' identity. In baptism, Jesus' identity is made clear. He is God's beloved son. It is the same for all of us. In baptism, our identity is made clear. We are God's beloved children.



GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Fantasy on NETTLETON
by Michael Burkhardt; Dr. Elisa Bickers, organ

Words of Welcome

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

Call To Worship (Isaiah 55)

Rev. Melanie Hardison

Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters.

And those who have no money, come, buy, and eat!

Why do you spend money for that which is not bread?

Why do you work for that which does not satisfy?

Incline your ear and come to worship God.

Listen, so that you may live.

Seek the Lord, while God may be found.

Call upon God while God is near.

Come, let us worship God.

*Hymn, No. 475

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

*Prayer of Confession

Gracious God,

You invite us to come to your fount of living water.

You invite us to tune our hearts to sing your grace.

You invite us to sing songs of loudest praise.

You invite us to be fixed upon your unchanging love.

Yet we refuse to turn to you.

We tune our hearts to our comfort.

We sing only of ourselves.

We fix our lives on fleeting pleasures.

Forgive our wandering ways, O God.

Help us to walk in your steps, O Jesus.

Teach us to live with you, O Spirit. (Silent Prayer)

*Assurance of God's Grace

*Response (First time soloist, second time congregation)

We are for - giv - en. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to
God. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Time with the Children

Brooke Brundige

Call to Prayer

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly.
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.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Mark 1:9-11 (pg. 910)

Sermon

Beloved Children of the Living God

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Anthem

Take Me to the Water
Traditional

Call for the Offering

Offering Anthem

The Baptism of Christ
by Michael Bedford; Music Interns

Today, Jesus returned to the Jordan.
When Jesus Christ baptized was,
the Holy Ghost descended with grace;
the Father's voice was heard in this place:
This is my Son, listen to him (sung in Latin).

There were three Persons and one Lord,
the Son baptized with one accord,
the Father said this blessed word:
This is my Son, listen to him (sung in Latin).

Today, Jesus returned to the Jordan (sung in Latin).
Now, Jesus, as thou art both God and man,
and were baptized in from Jordan,
at our last end we pray thee, say then:
This is my Son, listen to him (sung in Latin).

Today, Jesus returned to the Jordan. Listen to him (sung in Latin).

*Sung Response

**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. 485

We Know that Christ is Raised

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

*May the Love of the Lord
by Li Dong; Music Interns*

*Postlude

Wade in the Water
setting by Barbara Harbach; Dr. Elisa Bickers, organ

**All who are able may stand
© A-705103 for all hymns*

The Village on Mission Music Interns

Karli Cabrera, soprano

Cassandra Leon, alto

Dre'Shon Tolbert, tenor

Evan Nelson, bass

Get Your 2022 Star Word

Star Words have become a modern-day ritual related to Epiphany (Jan. 6), when the wise ones are believed to have reached the Christ child by following the star. Like the wise ones, we seek Jesus, trusting that God uses many paths to bring us closer to the Divine.

Star Words are paper or wooden stars with one word on each related to our spiritual life in Christ. You are encouraged to simply draw a star out of the basket and thus let the word choose you (rather than hunting through the basket for a word you like). The idea is to journey with your word through the coming year—to watch where it shows up, how it moves your heart and the ways it brings you closer to God.

Baskets of Star Words are available in the Narthex, Welcome Center and Friendship Hall. After today, Star Words will be available at the south reception desk.

WELCOME TO VILLAGE CHURCH

We're so happy to have you worshipping with us today! Visit villagepres.org to learn more about Village Church, including upcoming events, ways to connect and serve, how to give and more.

The flowers in the Chancel today are given to the Glory of God in memory of for Deke & Dottie Harberts from their children.

New to Us? Village Presbyterian Church is a Presbyterian Church (USA) family of faith that is inclusive and welcoming of all people. We are one church worshipping at two campuses. Our Mission Campus is located at 6641 Mission Road in Prairie Village, and our Antioch Campus is located at 14895 Antioch Road in Overland Park.

The Gathering – Join us for The Gathering, an alternative style of worship at Village Church, 5 p.m. Sundays in Friendship Hall at our Mission Campus. Learn more at vpcthegathering.org.

Get Village Church News & Updates – Sign up to receive the weekly eNews, Rev. Tom Are's weekly eNote and Daily Devotional emails at villagepres.org/subscribe.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Village U – Registration for spring classes opens at 9 a.m. tomorrow, Jan. 10. See the course listings at villagepres.org/village-u-community-classes.

CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY

First-Floor Child Care Available – Child care is available during 9:30 a.m. & 5 p.m. services. Infants to 4-year-olds in Rooms 114, 111 and/or 107. Preschool Lighthouse – Ages 2-4 – Preschool and Pre-K ages meet on the first floor. Registration and sign-ins are located outside Room 107. Elementary Lighthouse – K-6th Grade – Elementary ages meet on the third floor. Registration and sign-ins are located outside Room 307.

Preschool Parent Information Meeting: Village Church Preschool-Mission Campus – Do you know a 3-, 4- or 5-year-old who is ready for preschool? Join us for a Preschool Information Meeting in preparation for the 2022-2023 school year from 10-11:15 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 11, in Room 232, Mission Campus. Questions? Contact Sarah McKee (sarah.mckee@villagepres.org).

Enrollment at Village Church Preschool-Mission Campus – It is enrollment time for the 2022-2023 school year! Village Church Preschool-Mission Campus will open enrollment for 3-, 4-, and 5-year-old students on the following dates: **Current Village Preschool families** – Monday, Jan. 24; **Current Village KDO families and Village Church members** – Thursday, Jan. 27; **Former Village Church Preschool families** – Friday, Jan. 28; **Community members** – Monday, Jan. 31. Enrollment applications can be found on our website: villagepres.org/preschool. Contact Sarah McKee, preschool director, with questions (sarah.mckee@villagepres.org or 913-671-2338).

Need a Pledge Card? They are available in the Narthex or you can pledge online at villagepres.org/commitment-form. Fill one out and join the team.

MISSION

The Food Pantry hopes one of your New Year's resolutions is to bring food with you on each visit to the church. This week requests are for canned fruit-pineapple, pears, all kinds of dried fruit, fruit juice in cans, etc. The Clothes Closet is asking for clean clothing. There is a special request for boys' clothing sizes 4T-size 14. Your generous donations make our Pantry the success that it is.

Receive a Chiefs Kingdom Blood Drive T-shirt When You Donate – Join the Prairie Village Community Blood Drive between noon and 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 25, in Rooms 132 & 133 at our Mission Campus. Sign up online to donate at donate.savealifenow.org/donor/schedules/zip and enter the zip code 66208 and date Jan. 25. If you have any questions, contact Ann Colston at 913-461-1791.

MUSIC

2nd Thursday Recital with the Stan Kessler Trio – 12:15 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 13, Mission Campus Sanctuary. Trumpeter Stan Kessler is one of Kansas City's most popular jazz musicians.

PASTORAL CARE & COUNSELING

Growing Through Grief Starts Jan. 19 – If you are grieving, consider coming to Growing through Grief, a five-week series, for support and comfort. This session is every Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. Jan. 19 through Feb. 16 in Room 132. The series is offered at no cost and is open to all. Registration is required; contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Join Us for Any of Our Weekly Activities – No sign-up is required; masks required while in the building. All weekly activities below meet in the Youth Loft (Room 333).

SNL (HS youth group) – Sundays 6:30-8:30 p.m. **Lofternoons** (MS after school program) – Tuesdays 4-5:30 p.m. **GPS** (MS youth group) – Wednesdays 6:30-8 p.m. **Early Table** (HS morning devotional) – 7:30-8:15 a.m.

Event Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King – Village Church is hosting an event with Stand Up for Black Lives+, the NAACP of Johnson County and the City of Prairie Village to honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. from 6-7:30 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 16. The event in our Mission Campus Sanctuary will focus on civil rights issues and making Prairie Village more welcoming to diverse people groups. Email lora.garrison@villagepres.org with questions or for updates.

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SERMON SERIES

Life in The Wilderness

Three decades after the ministry of Jesus, life was chaotic for Christians in the Roman empire. Christians became scapegoats for the disastrous fire that destroyed much of Rome, and as a result were rounded up and put to death by the most horrific means. A Jewish revolt was put down by the Roman Army, leaving the temple in Jerusalem destroyed again. During this tumultuous time, someone we call Mark wrote the first Gospel. He tells the story that changes the world. In this series we will travel with Mark from the beginning to the resurrection. Life 2,000 years after Jesus remains chaotic, but perhaps this story will change us. Mark bears witness that there can be abundant life even in the wilderness.

Jan. 2 Let's Start At the Beginning

Jan. 9 Beloved Children of the Living God – Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka preaching

Jan. 16 Will We Ever Get Out of Here?

Jan. 23 Why Did He Choose These Guys?

Jan. 30 Holy Friendship

Feb. 6 Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?

MINISTERS

All members of the congregation

MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Tom Are, Jr., senior pastor • Dr. Elisa Bickers, principal organist

Will Breytspraak, director of music • Brooke Brundige, director of children and family ministry

Laura Davis, director of marketing and communications

Nancy Gatewood, interim director of connectional ministries

Rev. Melanie Hardison, pastor of pastoral care • Rev. Hallie Hottle, pastor of young adult ministry

Marjean Lindquist, director of child care • Dr. Joshua Maize, associate director of music

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka, senior associate pastor • Robert Rumold, director of information technology

Bob Sperry, director of giving and endowment • Jim Tilden, senior director of business operations

Rev. Zach Walker, pastor of youth ministries • Deborah White, director of mission

Rev. Sally S. Wright, pastor of pastoral care • Rev. Dr. Robert H. Meneilly, founding pastor, 1947-1994

Large print bulletins are available in the Narthex. Ask an usher to bring you one.

Streaming video of Sunday services is available at villagepres.org/online.

You may call in to listen to a week-delayed broadcast of our Sanctuary service on our worship service phone line: 913-203-1301. You can opt-in to be called automatically at 9:30 a.m. Sundays.

We kindly request that cell phones be turned off during worship

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