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YEARS

VILLAGE  
CHURCH

Presbyterian (USA)



Parable of the Great Banquet.

## Service of Worship

Jan. 21, 2024 | 9 and 11 a.m.



## GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

*Lift Every Voice and Sing*  
arr. Dr. Jan Kraybill; Dr. Elisa Bickers, piano

Words of Welcome

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

\*Call To Worship (Psalm 34)

Rev. Melanie Hardison

I will bless the Lord at all times.

**God's praise shall continually be in my mouth.**

My soul makes its boast in the Lord.

**Let the humble hear and be glad.**

O magnify the Lord with me.

**Let us exalt God's name together.**

O taste and see that the Lord is good.

**Happy are those who take refuge in God.**

\*Hymn, No. 509

*All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*

Prayer of Confession

Sovereign God,

in baptism you call us to turn from sin and to turn to Jesus Christ;  
but we stray from his ways and do not heed your call.

**Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.**

In baptism you unite us with all who confess your name;  
but we foster division and refuse to live as one people.

**Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.**

In baptism you call us to ministry in all realms of life;  
but we struggle to hear and follow your call.

**Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.**

In baptism you send us to serve with compassion all for whom Christ died;  
but we ignore those who are suffering.

**Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.**

Forgive us, O God. Help us to live as baptized people,  
ready to follow you and do your will. (Silent Prayer)

Assurance of God's Grace

\*Response



Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est!  
Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on Earth.

\*Passing the Peace of Christ

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Time with the Children

The Sacrament of Baptism

\*Sung Response

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ our King;  
Born of the Spirit, we are God's children;  
Joyfully now God's praises we sing.**

Prayer for Illumination

Miriam Frey (9 a.m.); Janice Gill (11 a.m.)

Scripture

Luke 14:15-24

Sermon

*All Are Welcome*

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

\*Hymn, No. 339

*Lift Every Voice and Sing*

Call for the Offering

Offertory

*Welcome*  
by Mark Miller & Laurie Zelman; Village Choir

\*Sung Response

**Great God of every blessing, of faithful, loving care,  
you are the fount of goodness, the daily bread we share.  
How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start:  
sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.**

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn, No. 301 (v. 1,2,5)

*All Are Welcome*

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response

**Welcome! Welcome to this place!  
You're invited to come and know God's grace.  
All are welcome the love of God to share,  
For all of us are welcome here.  
All are welcome in this place!**

\*Postlude

*Wade in the Water*  
arr. Barbara Harbach; Dr. Elisa Bickers, organ

*\*All who are able may stand*

*© A-705103 for all hymns*

## **ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC**

This morning's prelude was composed by Antioch campus organist Dr. Jan Kraybill. Dr. Kraybill is a phenomenal performer, improviser, arranger and human. Her powerful setting of "Lift Every Voice and Sing" sets up our worship today as we reflect upon Village Church's long history of standing along with marginalized populations and insisting on welcoming everyone through her doors.

### **Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism Today**

Welcome these newest members into our faith community as we celebrate the baptisms of the following children: **9 a.m.:** Sadie Elizabeth & Hank Michael Haverty (Katie & Brandon Haverty, parents) and Briggs James Keller (Katie & Jack Keller, parents) and at **11 a.m.:** Frances Eloise Musick (Nancy & Theo Musick, parents).

## WELCOME TO VILLAGE CHURCH

Whether this is your first time at Village, or you come so often you call it “home,” we are blessed that you are with us today. No matter where you are in your faith journey or life stage, no matter what questions or burdens you carry, Village takes seriously the call to be welcoming; we are glad you are here. Every Sunday we gather to read the old story, sing hymns (some of which our grandparents sang), while also engaging the world in which we live this minute through sermons and prayer. By connecting the story of our lives to the story of Christ’s life, we discover hope and even joy.

If you are new to us, stick around after the service. Introduce yourself to one of our pastors. We have tons of programs to expand your spirit and enrich your life. We would love to tell you more. Give us a try; soon you might also be calling this place “home.”



Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka  
Senior Pastor

### No In-Person Gathering Service This Afternoon

There will be no in-person Gathering service this afternoon. Tune in online for a shortened worship service at 5 p.m., or watch later in the week.

**The Gathering** – Join us for an alternative style of worship at Village Church offered 5 p.m. Sundays in Friendship Hall at our Mission Campus.

**Get Village Church news & updates** – Sign up to receive the weekly eNews, Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka’s weekly eNote and Daily Devotionals emails at [villagepres.org/subscribe](http://villagepres.org/subscribe).

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**Giving** – You may give to Village Church at [villagepres.org/giving](http://villagepres.org/giving) or scan the QR code to the right.

Set up an automatic, recurring gift by contacting Bob Sperry at [bob.sperry@villagepres.org](mailto:bob.sperry@villagepres.org) or 913-671-2325.



## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

**"Elusive Grace: Loving your Enemies While Striving for God's Justice"** – Scott Black Johnston book study, facilitated by Rev. Chad Herring, 10:10-10:50 a.m., Sundays, Jan. 28, Feb. 11 & 18, Heritage Dining Room. This study will prepare our hearts for the Meneilly Visiting Scholar on March 8-10. Rev. Scott Black Johnston is senior pastor of Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church in New York City.

**Village U Mission & Engagement Sunday Series** – 10:10-10:50 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 4, Friendship Hall. Learn about CASA, Court Appointed Special Advocates, our mission and the many opportunities to get involved with our organization! Specifically, we will talk about our Advocacy Program and the upcoming trainings, and what to expect that process to look like.

## CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY

**Child Care** is available on the first floor during the 9 a.m. service. Bring infants through 23 months to Room 114 and kids ages 2 and 3 to Room 109. Child care is also available during the 5 p.m. Gathering service. Bring infants through 4-year-olds to Room 109.

**Lighthouse** – Three-year-olds meet on the first floor in Room 107. Pre-K and 4-year-olds meet in Room 106. Registration and sign-ins are located outside Room 106. **Elementary Lighthouse** – K-6 Grade – All-Sing begins at 9 a.m. in Room 307. Registration and sign-ins are outside of Room 307. Pick up for kids grades K-6 will be on the third floor.

**Enrollment at Village Church Preschool–Mission Campus** for the 2024-25 school year! Open enrollment for 3-, 4-, & 5-year-old students is on the following date: Current Village Preschool families–Tuesday, Jan. 16. Community members–Monday, Jan. 22. See website for link to our Enrollment Application at [villagepres.org/preschool](http://villagepres.org/preschool)

## FOOD PANTRY

Are you willing to give three hours each week to volunteer? We need volunteers to work in the Clothes Closet, as well as to serve as "shoppers" for the neighbors who come to us for assistance. Contact Dennis Cobb at [dennis.cobb@villagepres.org](mailto:dennis.cobb@villagepres.org) or 931-645-3691 for more information.

## MISSION & ENGAGEMENT

**Wednesday Family Dinners** – Break bread with your church family in Friendship Hall-Mission Campus from 5-6 p.m. Dine in before your Village U class or take it home. Buffet-style meals are \$9 for adults and \$4 for children. Purchase online by noon on Monday at [villagepres.org/wednesday-family-dinners](http://villagepres.org/wednesday-family-dinners) or call Karen at 913-262-4200.

**Blood Drive** – Donate between 1-6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 23, in Rooms 132 & 133 at the Mission Campus. Sign up at [donate.savealifenow.org/donor/schedules/zip](http://donate.savealifenow.org/donor/schedules/zip) and enter the zip code 66208 and Jan. 23. Walk-ins are also welcome. Contact Ann Colston at 913-461-1791 for more information.

## MUSIC MINISTRY

**Jane Austen's Piano Lesson** – 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 27, Mission Campus Sanctuary. A discussion and performance of some of the works written for piano by Jane Austen, the music she performed and the music instruction she might have received during her lifetime. Presented by Dr. Jacob Hofeling and Linda Mannering. Free admission.

**Kansas City Wind Symphony Chamber Winds** – 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4, Mission Campus Sanctuary. A celebration of works written for smaller ensembles of winds and percussion. Free admission.

**2nd Thursday Recital featuring Christopher Madden, piano** – 12:15 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 8, Mission Campus Chapel. Free admission.

**Youth Chorus of Kansas City** – 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, Mission Campus Sanctuary. Free admission.

## **PASTORAL CARE & COUNSELING**

**Would You Like To Receive Home Communion?** If you are homebound and physically unable able to attend worship in person, some of our deacons and elders will be happy to bring the bread and cup to you following worship on Sunday, Feb. 4. If you would like to receive communion or know someone who would, contact Hillary at [hillary.mackowski@villagepres.org](mailto:hillary.mackowski@villagepres.org) no later than Tuesday, Jan. 30.

## **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN**

**Women with Spirit** will be hosting a cooking class with cooking instructor and Village member Rachel Ciordas from 2-4 p.m. Jan. 28. We will be making a traditional Spanish meal at the Merc CoOp Classroom in KCK. RSVP or send questions to Meredith Reynolds at 913-708-1045 by Jan. 21. The cost is \$22.

**PW Retreat** – We invite all women to join us from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, at Fiorella's Event Space in Overland Park to explore HOPE with a panel of Village pastors and Ginger Rothhaas from Compassion Fix. An optional social hour will follow. For more details or to register, visit [villagepres.org/pw](http://villagepres.org/pw). The fee is \$75, and registration closes Feb. 14. Financial scholarships are available. Contact [stephaniemorrison132@gmail.com](mailto:stephaniemorrison132@gmail.com) with questions.

## **YOUTH MINISTRIES**

**Weekly Programs** – Join us in the Youth Loft for any of our weekly events: No **Sunday Brunch** (all youth, 9-10 a.m.), **SNL** (high school youth group, Sundays, 6:30-8:30 p.m.), **Lofternoons** (middle school afterschool program, Tuesdays, 4-5:30 p.m.), and **GPS** (middle school youth group, Wednesdays, 6:30-8 p.m.).

**Confirmation Begins Today!** The class begins at 10:30 a.m. today in Room 232/233, focusing on the building blocks of faith and offering students the opportunity to become a member of the church. Students who are in 9th grade or older are eligible. You can still register and find more information at [villagepresyouth.org/confirmation](http://villagepresyouth.org/confirmation).

**Summer Trip Registration** – All of our summer trips are open for registration! Information for HS Boundary Waters, HS Montreat and MS Mission Trip can be found under the trips tab at [villagepresyouth.org](http://villagepresyouth.org) – join us for a great summer experience.

## SERMON SERIES

### 75 Years of Faithfulness: The Stories We Carry with Us

Village Presbyterian Church was officially founded on Feb. 13, 1949. We give thanks to God for the faith and faithfulness of all those who have gone before us, those who are with us now, and those who will come after us. Our anniversary celebration will happen on Tuesday evening, Feb. 13, 2024. In the Sundays leading up to that day, Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka will share stories of how God has led this congregation from a beginning with 282 charter members to over 4,500 today.

Jan. 14	We've Come This Far by Faith
<b>Jan. 21</b>	<b>All Are Welcome</b>
Jan. 28	Sing Praise to God
Feb. 4	Go to the World!
Feb. 11	Rev. Sarah Are Speed preaching

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## MINISTERS

All members of the congregation

## MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka, senior pastor

Dr. Elisa Bickers, principal organist • Rev. Dr. Dionne T. Boyice, director of mission & engagement  
Brooke Brundige, director of children & family ministry • Laura Davis, director of marketing & communications  
Rev. Melanie Hardison, pastor of pastoral care • Rev. Chad Herring, interim senior associate pastor  
Dr. Joshua Maize, associate director of music • Rev. Anna Owens, Antioch Campus site pastor  
Robert Rumold, director of information technology • Bob Sperry, director of giving & endowment  
Sandra Stephens, director of child care • Jim Tilden, senior director of business operations  
Rev. Zach Walker, pastor of youth ministries • Rev. Alice Whitson, pastor of media ministry  
Rev. Sally S. Wright, pastor of pastoral care • Rev. Dr. Robert H. Meneilly, founding pastor, 1947-1994

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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](http://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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