



# VILLAGE CHURCH

Presbyterian (USA)



## Service of Worship

January 23, 2022 | 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

### About Today's Service

Today's scripture narrates the calling of Jesus' first disciples. They were going about their day when Jesus calls them to come and follow him. They drop everything, which is more than the nets they had in their hands. They drop their assumptions about what their lives were for. This raises two questions: what made them leave everything to follow Jesus? And why do you suppose Jesus picked them?



## GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

*Lobe den Herren*  
by Wayne L. Wold; Dr. Elisa Bickers, organ

Words of Welcome

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

Call to Worship

Rev. Sally S. Wright

Calling God, you spoke, and the world came into being.

**And it was good.**

You called and the prophet responded,

**Here I am, send me.**

You called and disciples dropped their nets.

**They left everything to follow you.**

You call us,

**and we are here, O God.**

We seek to love you with all our heart, soul, mind and strength.

\*Hymn, No. 35

*Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

\*Prayer of Confession

**Calling God,**

**the truth is, we make plans as if our days belong to us.**

**But you have called us to follow you.**

**Your calling is less a matter of our obligation and more an expression of your grace.**

**So, let us drop our distractions and follow you in joy. (Silent Prayer)**

\*Assurance of God's Grace

\*Response

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

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer (8 a.m.)

**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.**

The Sacrament of Baptism (9:30, 11 a.m.)

Hymn, No. 482

*Baptized in Water*

**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.**

Anthem (11 a.m.)

*Have You Heard God's Voice?*

by Frederick Chatfield; Evan Julius Nelson, soloist; More Love Chorale

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Mark 1:14-20 (pg. 911)

Sermon

*Why Did He Choose These Guys?*

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

\*Hymn, No. 170

*You Walk Along Our Shoreline*

Call for the Offering

Offertory Anthem

*If You But Trust in God to Guide You*  
by arr. David Cherwien; Village Choir

\*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

**Dear Lord, Creator good and kind,  
forgive our foolish ways;  
re clothe us in our rightful mind,  
in purer lives thy service find,  
in deeper reverence, praise.  
In deeper reverence, praise.**

**In simple trust like theirs who heard  
beside the Syrian sea  
the gracious calling of the Lord,  
let us, like them, without a word  
rise up and follow thee.  
Rise up and follow thee.**

**O Sabbath rest by Galilee,  
O calm of hills above,  
where Jesus knelt to share with thee  
the silence of eternity,  
interpreted by love!  
Interpreted by love!**

**Drop thy still dews of quietness,  
till all our strivings cease;  
take from our souls the strain and stress,  
and let our ordered lives confess  
the beauty of thy peace.  
The beauty of thy peace.**

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response

**Breathe through the heats of our desire thy coolness and thy balm;  
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire; speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,**

**○ still, small voice of calm!**

**○ still, small voice of calm.**

\*Postlude

*Allegro Maestoso*  
by Felix Mendelssohn; Dr. Elisa Bickers, organ

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

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

## WELCOME TO VILLAGE CHURCH

We're so happy to have you worshipping with us today! Visit [villagepres.org](http://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 Beth Conner by Ed and Susan Conner.

**Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism today** – Welcome these newest members into our faith community as we celebrate the baptisms of the following children, at **9:30 a.m.**: Cynthia Jane Elrod (Alice & Tim Elrod, parents) and Emmaline Anne McLaughlin (Brittany & Seamus McLaughlin, parents). **11 a.m.**: Katherine Austin Herwig (Emma & Andrew Herwig, parents).

**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](http://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](http://villagepres.org/subscribe).

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

**Village U Classes** – Register at [villagepres.org/village-u-community-classes](http://villagepres.org/village-u-community-classes).

### Upcoming Classes:

**Men's Breakfast And Bible With Tom Are** – 7:30-8:30 a.m. Tuesdays, Feb. 1-March 29, Friendship Hall. Join Rev. Tom Are for a morning Bible study. Chef Andrea will prepare a hot breakfast, and Rev. Are will offer a reflection on passages from scripture with discussion. Register online. Cost: \$6. Pay in person. Child care is not available. Email [rodger.nishioka@villagepres.org](mailto:rodger.nishioka@villagepres.org) for more information.

**The Old Testament For A Complex World** – Taught by Cameron B. R. Howard, 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Feb. 2-23, via Zoom. Cameron is associate professor of Old Testament at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota. Her latest book bears the same title as the course. In these four classes, she'll explore how the Old Testament shapes our lives today and will help us rethink some of our assumptions and attitudes about the Hebrew scriptures.

**Outside Of Ourselves: A Crash Course On Comparative Religion** – Taught by Trenton Smith, Ph.D., 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Feb. 2-March 2, Room 126 and via Zoom. In this course, we will learn outside of ourselves, and we will seek to understand the major religious traditions of the world as they have evolved and in their own place. We'll travel the world and listen to the very voice of God as She speaks to her creation.

## 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 106. **Preschool Lighthouse** – Ages 2-4 – Preschool and Pre-K ages meet on the first floor. Registration and sign-ins are located outside Room 106. **Elementary Lighthouse** – K-6th Grade – Elementary ages meet on the third floor. Registration and sign-ins are located outside Room 307.

**Enroll for 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](http://villagepres.org/preschool). Contact Sarah McKee, preschool director, with questions ([sarah.mckee@villagepres.org](mailto:sarah.mckee@villagepres.org) or 913-671-2338).

**First Wednesday Coffee & Conversation** – Ginger Rothhaas, a soul coach, minister, podcaster and teacher is passionate about giving ourselves more compassion—particularly during the prolonged pandemic. Come at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 2, in Room 311 at our Mission Campus for a discussion.

## MISSION

**The Food Pantry** is asking for tomatoes of all kinds. Diced, stewed, paste, salsa, marinara sauce, pizza sauce, etc. are all wanted to fill our shelves. The Clothes Closet has the need for clean blankets, sheets, pillowcases, towels and washcloths.

**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](http://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.

## PASTORAL CARE & COUNSELING

**“My Father’s Presence” Presented at Faith & Grief Virtual Gathering Feb. 1** – Join us online from noon-1 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 1, for the Faith & Grief Virtual Support Gathering. Guest speaker Shelley Wyche Clark shares how her father’s continued presence after his death continues to surprise her. Register at [faithandgrief.org/gatherings](http://faithandgrief.org/gatherings). Contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or [linda.alley@villagepres.org](mailto:linda.alley@villagepres.org) for more information.

## 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).

**SUNDAY SERIES** – Resumes today. 9:30-10:30am. **SNL** (HS youth group)–Sundays 6:30-8:30pm.

**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)–Thursdays 7:30-8:15 a.m.

**Confirmation Begins Today** at 11 a.m. in Rooms 232/233. All youth 9th grade or older are invited to this interactive class to learn about the basics of faith and consider becoming members of the church!

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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. 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?  
Feb. 13 Do You See What I See?  
Feb. 20 Rev. Hallie Hottle preaching

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## 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

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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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