

75  
YEARS

VILLAGE  
CHURCH

Presbyterian (USA)



## Service of Worship

Jan. 28, 2024 | 9 and 11 a.m.



## GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

*Brethren, We Have Met to Worship*  
Traditional arr. Wayne Fritchie; Village Brass

Words of Welcome

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

Why Village Matters: Music Ministry

Charlotte Thuenemann

\*Call To Worship (Psalm 36)

Rev. Sally S. Wright

God's steadfast love extends to the heavens.

**God's faithfulness to the clouds.**

God's righteousness is like the mighty mountains.

**God's judgments are like the great deep.**

God saves humans and animals alike.

**How precious is God's steadfast love.**

All people take refuge in the shadow of God's wings.

**For in God is the fountain of life; in God's light we see light.**

\*Hymn, No. 804 (v. 1,3,5)

*Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart*

Prayer of Confession

**Loving God,**

**we rejoice, give thanks, and sing now.**

**Yet if we are honest, our rejoicing is far too dependent on our circumstances.**

**When all is going well, rejoicing comes easy, and we forget to give you thanks.**

**When life's struggles come our way, we turn quickly to you**

**and ask why you have abandoned us.**

**Forgive us, gracious God.**

**Help us to rejoice in all circumstances.**

**Help us to give thanks at all times.**

**Help us to sing our praise to you always. (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

Call to Prayer



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing. Lord, send your Spir-it in this  
place. Lord, lis-ten to your chil - dren pray - ing. Send us  
love; send us power; send us grace.

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.**

Anthem

*Sing for Joy, Children of Heaven*  
by Carl Schalk; Village Choirs and Village Brass

Prayer for Illumination

Fred Logan (9 a.m.); Elizabeth McKell (11 a.m.)

Scripture

Psalm 98

Sermon

*Sing Praise to God*

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

**The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord.  
She is his new creation by water and the word.  
From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride.  
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died**

**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore his sacred name.**

**Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod,  
the Lamb victorious, Christ the Son of God.**

**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore his sacred name.**

**My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation.  
I hear the clear, though far off hymn that hails a new creation.  
No storm can shake my in most calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.  
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I seek from singing?**

## **RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

\*Hymn, No. 641 (v. 1, 2, 5)

*When In Our Music God Is Glorified*

Call for the Offering

Offertory

*Wondrous Love*

Southern folk hymn arr. Dwight Gustafson; Village Brass (9 a.m.)

*Gloria Deo!*

by Mary Lynn Lightfoot; Village Voices (11 a.m.)

\*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. 645 (v. 1-3)

*Sing Praise to God*

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response

**Thus all my toilsome way along I sing aloud thy praises,  
that all may hear the grateful song my voice unwearied raises.  
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart; both soul and body, take your part:  
to God all praise and glory!**

\*Postlude

*Canzon 28*  
by Giovanni Gabrielli; Village Brass

*\*All who are able may stand*

*© A-705103 for all hymns*

## 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

**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).

**Follow us on Facebook** @villagepres – **Follow us on Instagram** @villagechurchpv

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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.



**The flowers in the Chancel Today** are given to the Glory of God in memory of Beth Conner by Susan & Ed Conner.

## **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., today, 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.

**Adult Faith Formation Environmental Action Class** – 7-9 p.m. Monday, Feb. 5, Room 126-Mission Campus. Learn about "Pete's Garden: Less Food Waste & More Nutritious Family Meals." See how the organization transforms delicious, healthy food that would otherwise be wasted into family meals for those in our community who struggle with food insecurity.

## **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.

## **FOOD PANTRY**

For food pantries, Super Bowl weekend means the "SOUPer Bowl!" On Sunday, Feb. 11, (whether the Chiefs are playing or not) please bring cans to church (both campuses) to help stock the pantry shelves with a hot, nutritious meal for our neighbors who are experiencing food insecurity. Hearty soups, "chunky" soups, stews, chili, etc., are especially appreciated.

## **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.

**Pajama and Book Drive** – During the month of February, the Mission Ministry is collecting donations on behalf of our Mission Partner, CASA of Johnson and Wyandotte Counties. Bring new pajamas and books for children of all ages to the north or south entrance at the Mission Campus. Contact Sarah Dunne Pickrell with questions: [sarah.pickrell@villagepres.org](mailto:sarah.pickrell@villagepres.org).

## **MUSIC MINISTRY**

**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.

**Te Deum Chamber Choir & Bach Aria Soloists** – 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17, Mission Campus Sanctuary. Tickets available at [te-deum.org](http://te-deum.org).

## PASTORAL CARE & COUNSELING

**Faith & Grief Is Feb. 6** – All are welcome at noon on Tuesday, Feb. 6, in Friendship Hall when our speaker, Sloane Simmons, shares her journey about losing two parents within five months. A box lunch is provided for those who pre-register; register at [faithandgrief.org/events/support-gathering-kansas-city-ks-5-6/](http://faithandgrief.org/events/support-gathering-kansas-city-ks-5-6/).

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

**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 Village pastors and Ginger Rothhaas from Compassion Fix. 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.

## YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

**Y.A.M. Night** – 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays Feb. 7-May 15 (except Feb. 14, March 13). Meet in Friendship Hall to enjoy a FREE Wednesday Night Dinner with other Young Adults, then we'll move to the Young Adult Room for a chance to get to know our Village staff. Each week a different pastor or program director will tell us about themselves, their work and answer any questions we may have.

## YOUTH MINISTRIES

**Weekly Programs** – Join us in the Youth Loft for any of our weekly events: **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 Has Begun!** The class meets Sundays at 10:30 a.m.-noon 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.

### 75th Anniversary Celebration: A Story of Faith, Mission & Good Cheer

5:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13 • Mission Campus

Join us for a special evening commemorating the 75th Anniversary of Village Presbyterian Church. We begin with appetizers and desserts at 5:30 p.m., followed by a program in the Sanctuary at 6:30 p.m. Contact Sandra Stephens for child care at [sandra.stephens@villagepres.org](mailto:sandra.stephens@villagepres.org). Visit [villagepres.org/75](http://villagepres.org/75) for more Village Church 75th anniversary events.

## 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
Jan. 21	All Are Welcome
<b>Jan. 28</b>	<b>Sing Praise to God</b>
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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