

75  
YEARS

VILLAGE  
CHURCH

Presbyterian (USA)



Great Commission by He Qi

## Service of Worship

Feb. 4, 2024 | 9 and 11 a.m.

## GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

*Praeludium from "Suite Circulaire"*  
by Carson Cooman; Dr. Elisa Bickers, organ

Words of Welcome

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

\*Call to Worship (Psalm 37)

Rev. Chad Herring

Commit your way to God;

**trust in God, and God will act.**

God will make your vindication shine like light.

**and the justice of our cause like the noonday.**

The salvation of the righteous is from God;

**God is their refuge in the time of trouble.**

God helps them and rescues them;

**God rescues them from the wicked and saves them,**

**because they take refuge in God.**

\*Hymn, No. 757 (v. 1,3)

*Today We All are Called to be Disciples*

Prayer of Confession

**Grace-filled God,**

**we hear your call to be your disciples.**

**We hear your call to set the captives free;**

**to make plowshares out of swords,**

**to feed the hungry and quench their thirst,**

**to serve the poor and homeless first.**

**Yet we confess that we do not always act as your disciples.**

**We confess that we are reluctant to do the good that is ours to do.**

**We confess that we are hesitant to live as your faithful followers.**

**Forgive us, O God.**

**As we prepare to come to the table of your grace,**

**grant us the wisdom and the courage to live as your disciples**

**and show your love to the whole world. (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

Anthem (9 a.m.)

*God Has Work for Us to Do*  
by Mark Miller; Music Ministry interns

Prayer for Illumination

Zac Russell (9 a.m.); Rachel Priest (11 a.m.)

Scripture

Matthew 28:18-20

Sermon

*Go to the World!*

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

\*Hymn, No. 751

*From the Nets of Our Labor*

Call for the Offering

Offertory

*Come, Labor On*  
arr. John Ferguson; Village Choir

\*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

## The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving 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.**

Words of Institution

Sharing the Elements

(At the indication of the pastor, we will all be invited to partake of the bread together, giving visible expression to the unity we share as Christ's body.

You are invited to partake of the cup as it is served to you.)

Communion Anthem

*Creation of Peace* (9 a.m.)

by Mark Miller & Barbara Hope; More Love Chorale

*God Has Work for Us to Do* (11 a.m.)

by Mark Miller; Music Ministry interns

Prayer of Response

\*Hymn, No. 295

*Go to the World!*

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response

**We will rise up and follow, Christ before and beside us,  
loving pattern to guide us, as we answer the call.**

\*Postlude

*Tuba Tune*

by C. S. Lang; Dr. Elisa Bickers, organ

*\*All who are able may stand*

*© A-705103 for all hymns*

**Giving** – You may give to Village Church at [villagepres.org/giving](https://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.



## 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

### **Village Church 75th Anniversary Worship with Guest Preacher Rev. Sarah Are Speed**

9 & 11 a.m. Worship on Sunday, Feb. 11 - Mission Campus

Rev. Sarah Are Speed is an associate pastor at Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church in New York City and the daughter of former Village Church senior pastor, Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

### **No Gathering Service Feb. 11**

There will be no Gathering service at 5 p.m. due to the Super Bowl. The Gathering, alternative worship, will take place today at 5 p.m. in Friendship Hall.

### **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.

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

**Village U Mission & Engagement Sunday Series** – 10:10-10:50 a.m. today, 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" from Jennifer Olson. 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.

**Men's Breakfast and Bible** - 8-9 a.m. Tuesdays, Feb. 6-March 26 in Friendship Hall, led by Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka. Start your day off being fed in body and soul. Chef Andrea Bradley will prepare a hot breakfast then engage in a study on significant men in the Bible. Invite a friend and join the fellowship on Tuesday mornings. To make a reservation for breakfast, register online. Cost: \$7. Pay in person.

**Village Forum Adult Sunday Morning Class** – Join us from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in Rooms 126/127 for a six-week Lenten series starting Feb. 18 that combines the book/video series "Entering the Passion of Jesus" by Jewish New Testament Scholar Amy-Jill Levine with "The Last Week" by Religion and Culture Scholars Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan to enhance your understanding of Jesus last days on earth.

## 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

**Did you know that soup can be a very nutritious meal?** Whether made from vegetable or meat-based broths, soups provide vitamins, minerals and nutrients. Next Sunday, bring cans of soup to church (both campuses) and participate in Souper Bowl Sunday!

## 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 at [sarah.pickrell@villagepres.org](mailto:sarah.pickrell@villagepres.org).

**New Member Luncheon** – We are celebrating new Village Church members at a luncheon following the 11 a.m. service on Feb. 25. If you are interested in joining Village Church, contact Rev. Dr. Dionne Boyce at [dionne.boyce@villagepres.org](mailto:dionne.boyce@villagepres.org).

## MUSIC MINISTRY

**Kansas City Wind Symphony Chamber Winds** – 3 p.m. today, 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

**Sloane Simmons Is Our Speaker This Tuesday**– Join us at Faith and Grief at noon this Tuesday, Feb. 6, in Friendship Hall when Sloane Simmons talks about losing two parents within five months. Following her presentation, there will be small group discussions at each table. If you would like a box lunch, register at [faithandgrief.org/events](http://faithandgrief.org/events)

## 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.).

## 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
- Jan. 28 Sing Praise to God
- Feb. 4 Go to the World!**
- Feb. 11 Tell the Children - 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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