

75  
YEARS

VILLAGE  
CHURCH

Presbyterian (USA)



## Service of Worship

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

## GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

*Rondo Passacaglia*  
by Cynthia Dobrinski; Village Ringers (9 a.m.)

*Moment Musical*  
by Franz Schubert; Morning Bells (11 a.m.)

Words of Welcome

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

\*Call to Worship

If you ask the sky who God is,

**the sky will tell you of God's reach.**

If you ask the day who God is,

**the sun will tell you of God's warmth.**

If you ask the night who God is,

**the moon will tell you of God's comfort.**

Like the heavens above, may we join in that song.

**Tell the children, tell the world-**

the God of love dwells here.

**Let us worship our Holy God.**

\*Hymn No. 1

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

Prayer of Confession

**Story-telling God,**

**We want to be bold and unashamed of this good-news Gospel.**

**We want to tell the world all the ways you have moved through these halls  
and changed our lives.**

**Forgive us for the moments when our tongues stay silent.**

**Starting today, fill our hearts, once again, with conviction.**

**Show us how to point out your fingerprints in a broken and hurting world.**

**With hope in our hearts, we pray.** (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

*Spirit, Open My Heart*

arr. Alfred Fedak; Village Choir & handbells

Prayer for Illumination

Elizabeth Winetroub (9 a.m.); Gloria Baker (11 a.m.)

Scripture

Joshua 4:1-6, 21b-24

Sermon

*Tell the Children*

Rev. Sarah Are Speed

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

\*Hymn

*On this Day of Celebration*  
by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

**On this day of celebration, at this time when hopes are new,  
God, we gather as your people, called to put our trust in you.  
You have made the world we live in; you have worked through history.  
In your plan we find our purpose, in your love, our unity.**

**Long ago, you sent our Savior to this world in deep despair.  
In your Word made flesh you came, our life to know, our sins to bear.  
Christ has died and Christ is risen! At this new year we proclaim:  
Yesterday, today, forever—Jesus Christ is still the same!**

**Through two thousand years of changes, through these passing centuries,  
You have called your church to witness to Christ's love that claims and frees.  
Each new generation hears you, each must find a fresh new way  
to make known the life you offer, to the people in their day.**

**On this day, we pause and wonder what the future years will bring,  
Yet we know you clothe each flower and you make each sparrow sing.  
How much more will you protect us with your guiding, caring hand!  
By your Spirit, lead us boldly in the future you have planned.**

Call for the Offering

Offertory

*Contemplation on "Beautiful Savior"*  
by Matthew Compton; Village Ringers (9 a.m.)

*Down to the River to Pray*  
arr. Anna Laura Page; Morning Bells & Erika Kauffman, flute (11 a.m.)

\*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. 39

*Great is Thy Faithfulness*

\*Benediction

\*Postlude (Sing along!)

*Happy Birthday to Village Church!*  
Dr. Elisa Bickers, organ

*\*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

**Village Church 75th Anniversary Worship with Guest Preacher Rev. Sarah Are Speed**  
9 & 11 a.m. Worship today - 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. and Carol Are.

### No Gathering Service Today

There will be no Gathering service at 5 p.m. due to the Super Bowl.

**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.



**The flowers in the Chancel today** are given to the Glory of God in memory of Herbert 'Bart' Lindsley by the Lindsley family.

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

**Men's Breakfast and Bible** – 8-9 a.m. Tuesdays, Feb. 13-March 26, Friendship Hall, led by Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka. Start your day off being fed in body and soul. Enjoy a hot breakfast prepared by Chef Andrea Bradley then engage in a study on significant men in the Bible. 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.

**Meneilly Visiting Scholar** – 7-8:30 p.m. Friday, March 8 and 9 a.m.–noon Saturday, March 9, Friendship Hall-Mission Campus. Learn from Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston on how best to "Fight Like Jesus: How Faith Can Inform Conflict." Register today at [villagepres.org/visiting-scholar](http://villagepres.org/visiting-scholar).

## 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.

**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. Grades K-6 will be on the third floor.

**No Elementary Lighthouse next Sunday**, Feb. 18, due to the Presidents' Day holiday. Kids ages 5 and up are invited to worship with us in "big church."

## FOOD PANTRY

**It's Souper Bowl Sunday!** If you forgot your cans of soup for the Food Pantry shelves, bring your donations next week and place them in the Pantry donation boxes at either the north or south entrances of the Mission Campus. If you prefer, make a donation by check or online at [villagepres.org/food-pantry](http://villagepres.org/food-pantry).

## MISSION & ENGAGEMENT

**Wednesday Family Dinners** – There is no dinner on Feb. 14. Join us on Feb. 21 to 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

**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

**It's Not Too Early for Easter Lilies!** Consider donating toward an Easter lily in memory of your loved one(s). Your donation will help purchase a lily that will be taken to a homebound member. Visit the Village Store at [shop.villagepres.org/pastoral-care-counseling](http://shop.villagepres.org/pastoral-care-counseling) to make your \$15 donation or contact Janice Gill at 913-671-2362. Your loved one's name will be in the Palm Sunday bulletin. Want to deliver? Contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 for more information.

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

**Join Women of Wisdom (WOW)** for lunch at 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 29, at Hereford House, 5001 Town Center Drive, Leawood. RSVP to Diane Lee at 913-432-4321 or [dianelee@att.net](mailto:dianelee@att.net) by Feb. 28.

## YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

**Y.A.M. Night** – 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays Feb. 21-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.).

### 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. 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.

### Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14

**Ash n' Dash** - Join us from 7-8 a.m. and noon-1 p.m. in the Antioch Campus parking lot for drive-up ashes, prayer, hot coffee and donuts.

**Morning Ashes** - Join us at 8 a.m. for a brief service in the Mission Campus Chapel.

**Evening Worship** - Join us at 7 p.m. for a Gathering-style service in Friendship Hall - Mission Campus or a traditional Ash Wednesday service at 7 p.m. at the Antioch Campus.

### Get Village Church 75th Anniversary Merchandise

Long and short sleeve Village Church 75th Anniversary t-shirts and 4-inch round stickers are available for purchase. The shirts are 100% pre-shrunk cotton and available in unisex sizes for adults and youth. Shop online at [villagepresmerch.com](http://villagepresmerch.com). Orders ship after March 8.

# UPCOMING SERMON SERIES

## Practicing Lent

The season of Lent in the Christian year begins with Ash Wednesday and ends with Holy Saturday, the day before Easter Sunday. The word "Lent" comes from the Old English word "lencten" which refers to the lengthening daylight of the spring season. Lent is a time of contemplation and preparation for the days of Holy Week leading up to the arrest, torture, death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. During this time, we are invited to engage in practices that will help shape our lives as we journey with Jesus to the cross and the empty tomb.

Feb. 18	The Practice of Prayer
Feb. 25	The Practice of Fasting
March 3	The Practice of Letting Go
March 10	Rev. Scott Black Johnston preaching
March 17	The Practice of Holding On
March 24	The Practice of Welcoming (Palm Sunday)
March 31	The Practice of Rising (Easter)

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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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