



VILLAGE CHURCH

Presbyterian (USA)

Service of Worship

November 21, 2021 | 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

About Today's Service

Faith is work. Love is a labor. Hope is steadfast. Paul describes Christian DNA just this way because faith is more than what we think and love is more than what we feel, as both show up in the choices we make as to how we will live. Hope lives in the Christian in the same fashion. Hope is not just a conviction, but a practice.



GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

PRELUDE

Air on the G String (8 a.m.)
by J.S. Bach; Bruce Williams, violin

Giga from Partita No. 3 in E Major (9:30 & 11 a.m.)
by J.S. Bach; Destiny Ann Mermagen, violin

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Hallie Hottle

God said to Moses,
I will make a way out of no way.

God said to Isaiah,
Look, I am doing a new thing.

God said to the women,
He is not here, he has been raised.

God says to us,
Live into hope, for I am your God.

*HYMN, NO. 667

When Morning Gilds the Skies

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of unending grace,
In our baptism, you promised that we are your children.
In our baptism, you called us to live like we belong to you.
We love your promise, but sometimes forget your calling.
Forgive the times we have failed you,
and continue to call us.** (Silent Prayer)

*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

*SUNG RESPONSE (sing twice)

**Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Brooke Brundige

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

Let All the World in Every Corner Sing (9:30 a.m.)
by Stephan Casurella; Village Voices

Let All the World in Every Corner Sing (11 a.m.)
by Healey Willan; Alegría Women's Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

I Thessalonians 1:1-5 (pg. 1075)

SERMON

Steadfast Endurance Empowered by Hope
Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*HYMN, NO. 79

Light Dawns on a Weary World

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

How Can I Keep from Singing
arr. Taylor Davis; Village Choir; Bruce Williams, violin (8 a.m.);
Destiny Ann Mermagen, violin (9:30 & 11 a.m.);
Anne Sneller, oboe (8 & 9:30 a.m.); Bob Abbott, oboe (11 a.m.)

*SUNG RESPONSE

**For thyself, best gift divine to the world so freely given;
for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**God of transformation and resurrection,
We bring to you these gifts for today and pledges for tomorrow.
We bring them that our faith may live in faithful work,**

**and our love may participate in redemption,
and our hope may remain steadfast,
until your promised day comes and all is made well.
In the name of Christ, who has given all he had to give,
Amen.**

*HYMN, NO. 320 (v. 1-4)

The Church of Christ in Every Age

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

**We have no mission but to serve
in full obedience to our Lord:
to care for all, without reserve,
and spread Christ's liberating word.**

*POSTLUDE

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word
arr. David N. Johnson

**All who are able may stand*

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WELCOME TO VILLAGE CHURCH

We're so happy to have you worshiping with us today! Visit villagepres.org to learn more about Village Church, including upcoming events, ways to connect and serve, how to give and more.

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

Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism Today - Please welcome these newest members into our faith community as we celebrate the baptisms of the following children. At 9:30 a.m.: Gabrielle Marie Beltrame (Jacqueline and Brett Beltrame, parents), Greyson Alexander Dempster (Sarah and Andrew Dempster, parents), Theodore Atlee Gafford (Emily and Atlee Gafford, parents), Ruth Ann Klimes (Mary and Kam Klimes, parents), Henry Thomas Miller (Molly and Brett Miller, parents), Owen Henry Mizell (Lora and Michael Mizell, parents), and Grayson Thomas Sahli (Anna and Tommy Sahli, parents). At 11 a.m.: Margaret Marks Allen (Madeline and Andrew Allen, parents), Emery Louise Lee and Hudson Hubert Lee (Alex and Taylor Lee, parents).

Thanksgiving Week Schedule - The Village Cup Coffee Shop will be closed the week of Thanksgiving (Nov. 22-26). The church will be closed at both campuses Nov. 25 & 26 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Get Village Church News and Updates - Sign up to receive the weekly eNews, Rev. Tom Are's weekly eNote and Daily Devotional emails at villagepres.org/subscribe.

Advent Daily Devotional videos begin Monday, Nov. 29 - As we wait together for Jesus Christ to be born, join us each day (Monday through Saturday through Jan. 8, 2022) for a 2-3 minute video daily devotional offered by our pastors and other ministry leaders. Each day will feature a scripture passage and brief reflection offering a word of inspiration and hope for us all. Sign up for Daily Devotional emails at villagepres.org/subscribe.

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ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Village Forum Sunday Morning Class – Join us at 9:30 a.m. in Rooms 126-127 or via Zoom. Today we will have a preview of next March's Meneilly Visiting Scholar: Kaitlin Curtice and her book "Native." For the four Sundays of Advent, we will study Amy Jill Levine's "Light of the World," her beginner's guide to Advent. Email gus.breyspraak@ottawa.edu for more information or for the Zoom link.

Village U Class: The Joy of Christmas!? What Christmas Trees, Wrapped Presents and Santa Claus Have to Do with the Birth of Jesus – 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Dec. 1-15, Rooms 132 & 133, and via Zoom. Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka will explore how many Christmas traditions came to be and whether they help or hinder the real "reason for the season" – the birth of Jesus Christ. Please register at villagepres.org/village-u-community-classes.

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 107. **Preschool Lighthouse – Ages 2-4** – Preschool and Pre-K ages meet on the first floor. Registration and sign-ins are located outside Room 107. **Elementary Lighthouse – K-6th Grade** – Elementary ages meet on the third floor. Registration and sign-ins are located outside Room 307.

Family Worship Sunday Nov. 28 – No Lighthouse. We encourage children to worship with their families.

Advent Family Workshop Dec. 4 - Pick your preferred COVID-friendly option for parents & kids on Saturday, Dec. 4, at Mission Campus: Option 1 - Grab-n-Go Crafts to Complete at Home or Option 2 - Friendship Hall Workshops at 1 and 2 p.m. Reservations required for in-person workshops. Sign up online at villagepres.org/children-families. Call Kate Ruecker at 913-671-2350 with questions.

CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES

Farewell Gathering for Cindy Wilcox Dec. 2 – Please join us as we celebrate Cindy Wilcox who has served the Village family for 16 years as director of Connectional Ministries. Cindy will be retiring Jan. 2, 2022. We will come together as a church to express our gratitude to Cindy at 5 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 2, in Friendship Hall at Village on Mission.

Curbside Pickup Wednesday Family Meals – No curbside meals Nov. 24 due to Thanksgiving holiday. Dinners resume Dec. 1. Order \$5 meals by noon Mondays at villagepres.org/wednesday-family-dinners. Curbside pickup is at the north entrance at Mission Campus between 4:30 & 5:30 p.m. Contact Cindy Wilcox at cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org or call 913-671-2331 with questions.

MISSION

Food Pantry – Breakfast cereal is the request from the Food Pantry for this week. Our clients will love it—hot or cold, sweet or whole grains—variety is welcome. The Clothes Closet is asking for towels, sheets and warm winter blankets. Donations can be dropped off at either church or delivered to the Pantry between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Help a Family Resettle – Village is sponsoring a family from Afghanistan as they move to Kansas City. Through the "House to Home" program at Jewish Vocational Services, we will collect furniture and supplies, set up the home, cook a meal, and welcome them at the airport. While we don't have a date of arrival, let us know your interest at villagepresya.org/refugees or speak with Pastors Hallie or Melanie. We'll be in touch with details.

MUSIC

Kansas City Wind Symphony Concert Tonight - Join us at 7 p.m. in the Mission Campus Sanctuary for the KC Wind Symphony's fall concert. The program will all be under the direction of Dr. Langston Hemenway and Pat Setser, and features band favorites including "The Second Suite in F" by Gustav Holst and "The Washington Post March" by John Philip Sousa. Also on this exciting program is music by Omar Thomas.

Second Thursday Recital with Sarah Tannehill Anderson & Mark Hayes – 12:15 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 9, Village on Mission Sanctuary. Soprano Sarah Tannehill Anderson and pianist Mark Hayes will present a program that celebrates the publication of Mark's new Christmas music. Meet the Artist reception to follow in the Welcome Center.

Christmas Favorites with the Village Players - 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, in the Mission Campus Sanctuary. The Village Players Youth Strings play a concert of Christmas Favorites alongside Destiny and Mike Mermagen.

PASTORAL CARE & COUNSELING

Wherever you are now and wherever you may be in the months to come, it's true that we all find ourselves in a season of transition. It's also true that no matter the transition, God's presence remains. Wherever you are, your Village Church family is with you in support and prayer. To place a prayer request or to request a Stephen Minister or other support, please contact the pastoral care team at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org.

Remembering Our Loved Ones - Join us on at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5, for the Remembrance Service. It's a time to share gratitude for loved ones we miss. If your loved one passed away in 2021 and Village Church was informed, his or her name will be listed in the program. If you want to include any other name(s), call 913-671-2367 or email linda.alley@villagepres.org by noon tomorrow, Nov. 22.

300 Poinsettias Need to Be Delivered - 300 poinsettias will be delivered throughout 35 zip codes this year; will you help deliver one or more? Choose a zip code you want, and we will assign you specific recipients. To sign up, contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org. Come by the north entrance for curbside pick-up between and 11 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 4, and spread some joy!

A Donation for a Poinsettia is Priceless - When you make a \$15 donation in memory of a loved one at Christmas, your money honors that person and brightens a homebound member's life with a poinsettia. Your loved one's name(s) will be printed in a future Good News. Purchase online at shop.villagepres.org/poinsettia OR send the printed name(s) with a check for \$15 per person/ name to Janice Gill, Village Presbyterian Church, 6641 Mission Rd. Prairie Village, KS 66208.

YOUTH MINISTRY

No Programs This Week – Happy Thanksgiving! Programs will resume with SNL on Sunday night, Nov. 28.

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka Interviews Rev. Tom Are about His New Book Followed by Book Signing – Join us in Friendship Hall at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 8, when Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka interviews Rev. Tom Are about his new book "Joy Even on Your Worst Days: Wisdom from Philippians." A book signing immediately follows. Books are available for a suggested donation of \$15. Fifty percent of net proceeds benefit the Village Church Endowment Trust. Copies are available at bookstore.villagepres.org or at the event.

UPCOMING SERMON SERIES

Joy When You Need It Most

This is the season when we light the candles of Hope, Peace, Love and Joy. This year, perhaps more than most, we need a little joy. When spirits are battered and the heart is bruised, when life is wearying and hope is fragile, joy can seem hard to come by. But joy is a strong disposition. Joy is both a gift and a spirit that is pursued. It is an experience of grace and also the fruit of discipline. This Advent we will rehearse once again the story that is the source of joy to the world, as well as joy to us when we need it most.

- Nov. 28 *Rejoice in the Lord... Always?* – Rev. Melanie Hardison preaching
- Dec. 5 *"I'm coming to your house"* – Rev. Tom Are preaching
- Dec. 12 *Tidings of Happiness Joy* – Rev. Tom Are preaching
- Dec. 19 *Joy to the World* – Rev. Tom Are preaching
- Dec. 24 *Joy to Carry You Through* – Rev. Tom Are preaching
- Dec. 26 Rev. Sally S. Wright preaching (one service at 10 a.m.)

MINISTERS

All members of the congregation

MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Tom Are, 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 • 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 • Cindy A. Wilcox, director of connectional ministries
Rev. Sally S. Wright, pastor of pastoral care • Rev. Dr. Robert H. Meneilly, founding pastor, 1947-1994

Large print bulletins are available in the Narthex. Ask an usher to bring you one.

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The Business Channel and on our worship service phone line 913-203-1301.
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