



VILLAGE CHURCH

Presbyterian (USA)

Advent

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

November 27, 2022 · 9 and 11 a.m.

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

We all have our own personal lists of hopes and fears; sometimes life feels like we are perennially living between them. But what if we allow God to take a peek at those lists? And what if the depths of our fears, through God's work this season, could spark both hope and change in our lives?

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

- Prelude *Fairest Lord Jesus* (9 a.m.)
arr. Don Marsh; Wayne Bates, trumpet & Ruth Abbott, piano
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (11 a.m.)
by George W. Warren; arr. By William Madison;
Brady Hull, Trumpet, Dr. Elisa Bickers, piano
- Words of Welcome Rev. Zach Walker
- Introit *Countryside Rigadoon for Two Violins* (9 a.m.)
by Alex Lamotte; Gabrielle Griggs & Destiny Ann Mermagen
Sonatina in C Major (11 a.m.)
by Fredrick Kilau; Victoria Easton, piano
- Lighting the Advent Candle Marc, Brooke, Maevyn & Boden Morrison (9 a.m.)
Guilherme Vaz, Julia Scammahorn,
Christian, Isabella & Juliana Scammahorn Vaz (11 a.m.)

Call to Worship

Look upon your people, O God.

Look, and see what you have planted.

Listen for the Word of God, all people.

**We worship the God who saves;
the Word of God is true and faithful.**

Let your face shine, God, and give us life.

**We will never turn back from you,
and we will always call upon your name.**

Sung Response

**Come Thou long-expected Jesus, born to set they people free;
from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.**

*Prayer of Confession

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

Merciful God,

You call us to be a people of hope:

we are to look for your presence in this beautiful world;

we are to live and lean into your promises faithfully.

You remind us not to be afraid:

we are to trust in your love;

we are to love boldly in a world that is broken.

But time and again we shy away from hope and give in to fear.

Forgive us.

Help us to embrace not only our hopes, but yours.

Give us courage to grow and heal in the face of our fears.

We desire to be a community who lives by your Spirit,

a people who are a blessing to others. (Silent prayer)

*Assurance of God's Grace

*Response (sing when invited)

Jesus, Jesus, O what a wonderful child.

Jesus, Jesus, so holy, meek and mild;

new life, new hope the child will bring.

Listen to the angels sing: "Glory, glory, glory!"

Let the heavens ring.

*Passing the Peace of Christ

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Time with the Children (9 a.m.)

Anthem

I Wonder As I Wander

by John Jacob Niles; arr. Duane Funderburk; Destiny Ann Mermagen, violin,

Bob Abbott, oboe, Ruth Abbott, piano, Bob Coleman, tenor sax,

Anne Sneller, english horn, Amy Jantz, clarinet

Prayer for Illumination

Diann Markley (9 a.m.); Kim Higgins (11 a.m.)

Scripture

1 Kings 19:1-10 (pg. 322)

Sermon

Between Hopes and Fears

Rev. Zach Walker

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn, No. 92

While We Are Waiting, Come

Call for the Offering

Offertory Anthem

Lighting the Way

words & music by Will Todd; Village Choir

*Sung Response

**What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb.
If I were a wise man, I would do my part;
Yet what I can I give him: give my heart.**

*Prayer of Dedication

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

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

Prayer of Response

*Hymn, No. 88 (v. 5-7)

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

from It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

**For lo, the days are hastening on, by prophets seen of old,
when with the ever circling years shall come the time foretold,
when peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,
and the whole world give back the song which now the angels sing.**

*Postlude

Sonata No. 4 in D Major, Op. 1, Mvt 4: Allegro Con Brio
by George Frideric Handel; Destiny Ann Mermagen, violin
& Dr. Elisa Bickers, organ

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. Tom Are, Jr.
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. Learn more at vpcthegathering.org.

Get Village Church news & updates – Sign up to receive the weekly eNews, Rev. Tom Are Jr.'s weekly eNote and Daily Devotionals emails at villagepres.org/subscribe.

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New baby births – We want to meet your little one and give them a gift. Come by the Children & Family Ministry office or email kidsinfo@villagepres.org.

Prepare for baptism – For infants and children, contact kate.ruecker@villagepres.org. For adults, contact dionne.boyice@villagepres.org.

Plan your wedding – Contact weddings@villagepres.org.

Add someone to the prayer list – Contact pastoral-care@villagepres.org.

Join the church – Contact dionne.boyice@villagepres.org.

Giving – Please consider setting up a recurring gift online at villagepres.org/giving.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Register for Village U classes at villagepres.org/village-u-community-classes.

Who Was Jesus Really?: Keeping the Christ in Christmas – Taught by Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka, 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Dec. 7, 14, Rooms 132 & 133. As we come upon the celebration of Christ's birth, we will explore who Jesus was really and exactly what can we know.

Christmas Around the World – Taught by Barbara Pendleton, 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 7, Room 126. We'll see on our (virtual) tour: Germany's Christkind angel, Ecuador's Passing of the Traveling Child parade and Ethiopia's Christmas sport, genna. And of course, we'll catch Christmas Eve services in the town where it all started, Bethlehem.

Christmas in Bethlehem: The Palestinian Struggle for Justice – Taught by Margot Patterson, 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 14, Room 126. Find out what it's like for Palestinians, and especially Christian Palestinians, to live, work and worship in the city of Christ's birth.

CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY

Child Care is available on the first floor during 9 a.m. & 5 p.m. services. Infants to 2-year-olds can be dropped off in Room 114. **Preschool 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-6th Grade – All-Sing begins at 9 a.m. in Room 307. Registration and sign-ins are located outside of Room 307. Pick up for kids grades K-6 will be on the third floor.

FOOD PANTRY

Joyful was the Food Pantry's staff and volunteers to see the smiles and hear the thank you's that the clients gave them as they picked up their Thanksgiving baskets. Dental care items are being asked for this week—toothbrushes, toothpaste, floss, etc. The Clothes Closet needs winter coats to fill the racks—all sizes for adults & children—clean and gently used.

MISSION & ENGAGEMENT

Decorate The Village Trees with Diapers, Hats and Mittens – Dec. 4-24, bring hats, mittens and diapers (all sizes including adult large and XL) to put on and under our Mission Campus Christmas trees. Donations serve our Food Pantry families. Located in the Welcome Center and at the south entrance. Contact Rev. Dr. Dionne Boyce at 913-671-2369 or dionne.boyce@villagepres.org for more info.

Wednesday Family Dinners – Self-serve, buffet-style dinners in Friendship Hall-Mission Campus from 5-6 p.m. Dine in before your Village U class or take it home. Activities for kids. \$9 for adults and \$4 for children. Purchase online by noon Mondays at villagepres.org/wednesday-family-dinners or call Karen at 913-262-4200.

MUSIC

Christmas Favorites Duo Recital – 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2, Mission Campus Sanctuary. Join Village Players leader and violinist Destiny Ann Mermagen for a Christmas kick-off concert with prize-winning pianist Tatiana Tessman. Free admission. Come to the Welcome Center at 6:30 p.m. for a pre-concert meet/talk with Destiny and enjoy a Christmas-themed reception with appetizers and a special Christmas drink. RSVP for the reception by emailing destiny.mermagen@villagepres.org.

2nd Thursday Recital-poco Rezound! – 12:15 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 8, Mission Campus Sanctuary. Come hear the local handbell ensemble, poco Rezound! for a program of Christmas pieces to ring in the season. A meet the artist reception to follow. Free admission.

"A Big Band Christmas" With the Kicks Band – 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9, Mission Campus Sanctuary. Go big—celebrate Christmas with one of Kansas City's favorite big bands and Village Church trumpeter Stan Chappell and bari-sax player Bob Coleman. Free admission.

PASTORAL CARE & COUNSELING

It's Not Too Late to Deliver A Poinsettia – 275 poinsettias will go out this Saturday, Dec. 3, to homebound members. To sign up, contact linda.alley@villagepres.org or 913-671-2327. Come by the north entrance for curbside pick-up between 9 and 11 a.m. this Saturday, Dec. 3.

Honor Your Loved One Through Poinsettia Ministry – When you purchase a poinsettia, you also honor a loved one and support this ministry. Each \$15 donation helps bring a poinsettia to a homebound member. Visit shop.villagepres.org/poinsettia or send the printed name(s) with a check for \$15 per person to Janice Gill, Village Presbyterian Church, 6641 Mission Rd., Prairie Village, KS 66208.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Advent Celebration – All in our community who identify as women are invited to the annual PW (Presbyterian Women) Advent Celebration, "Women. Together. In Light," from 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 6, in the Mission Campus Sanctuary. Experience God's message through scripture, women's stories, music and prayer. Light snacks and beverages will be served in the Welcome Center until 8 p.m. Register by Nov. 29 at villagepres.org/pw.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Young Adult Ministry is for all people in their 20's and 30's.

Christmas Community & Crafts – 6-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 30. We'll begin this Advent season by decorating our space together, and making some creations for your own homes. Craftiness not required. Christmas cookies and vibes provided! VillagePresYA.org/advent

Family Dinner & Parent Connect Night – 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 14, Family dinner in Friendship Hall. 6(ish)-7:30 p.m. kiddos go to child care and parents gather in the Young Adult Room for conversation and connection. Parents, life with littles is a lot. Let us make dinner, and give you some space to breathe together. Sign up required: VillagePresYA.org/parents.

Young Adult Christmas Party – 6:30-8:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17, at Boulevard Brewhouse Bar. The world is weird and while that continues to be true, we'll make our own merry, and be glimpses of bright for one another. RSVP's required! VillagePresYA.org/christmas.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Youth Programs Return Tonight! Youth programs are back starting tonight at 6:30 p.m. with SNL high school youth group. You can view a list of all our weekly programs at villagepresyouth.org.

Confirmation Registration – You can now register for this year's Confirmation class! Confirmation is open to students who are in 9th grade, or older, who have not yet taken the class. Join us for this year's class! Registration can be found at villagepresyouth.org/confirmation.

Christmas at Village – We invite you to join us for any of our worship services, mission opportunities, concerts, classes and events at Village Church this Christmas season. Find a full list of offerings at villagepres.org/Christmas.

Advent Video Devotionals – As we wait together for Jesus Christ to be born, join us each day (Monday through Saturday from Nov. 28 through Dec. 24) for a short video devotional offered by our pastors and church leaders. Sign up to receive these devotions in your email inbox each morning at villagepres.org/subscribe or subscribe to our YouTube channel where they will be added daily.

ADVENT SERMON SERIES

Hopes and Fears of All the Years

Christmas angels always tell us, "Do not be afraid!" We wish it were that easy. There is war in Ukraine. Gun violence is at a record pace. Truth is under assault and COVID lingers. Most of all, in so many ways we are living against each other, rather than for each other. The angel says "do not be afraid" but there is so much to fear.

Fear is always in the atmosphere. The angel is not ignorant of that reality, but the angel knows redemption has come, which means no hurt is so deep it cannot be healed. The angel is brimming with hope because the love of God took on skin and was born for you. No matter what has happened, the love of this season is for you. It will meet you wherever you are. It is a holy love that calls you by name. So, in a frightening world, do not be afraid.

- Nov. 27** **Between Hopes and Fears - Rev. Zach Walker preaching**
Dec. 4 Can We Go Over That First Part Again? – Rev. Tom Are preaching
Dec. 11 So Good I Could Just Sing? – Rev. Tom Are preaching
Dec. 18 The Importance of Blessing – Rev. Tom Are preaching
Dec. 24 This Night is For You – Rev. Tom Are preaching

MINISTERS

All members of the congregation

MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Tom Are, Jr., senior pastor • Dr. Elisa Bickers, principal organist

Rev. Dr. Dionne T. Boyice, director of mission & engagement • Will Breytspraak, director of music
Brooke Brundige, director of children & family ministry • Laura Davis, director of marketing & communications
Rev. Melanie Hardison, pastor of pastoral care • Rev. Hallie Hottle, pastor of young adult ministry
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 & endowment
Sandra Stephens, director of child care • Jim Tilden, senior director of business operations
Rev. Zach Walker, pastor of youth ministries • Alice Whitson, director of media ministry
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.

Streaming video of Sunday services is available at 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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