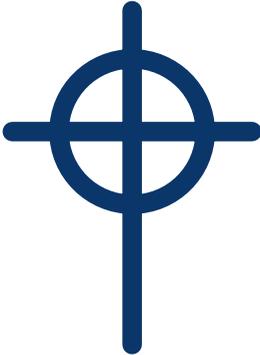




**VILLAGE
CHURCH**

Presbyterian (USA)



Service of Worship

November 7, 2021 | 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

About Today's Service

The earliest writing in the New Testament is 1 Thessalonians. The first words of Christian faith we have in the New Testament are found in this letter. The letter begins with the basics: Paul gives thanks for the church's faith, love and hope. But already, at the very beginning, it is clear the basics are a lot of work!



GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

PRELUDE

Here in this Place
arr. Jeffrey Honore

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

INTROIT

Great is Thy Faithfulness (9:30 a.m.)
arr. Lloyd Larson; Morning Bells

Hymn to Joy (11 a.m.)
arr. Michael R. Keller; The Village Ringers

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Sally S. Wright

When your faith is strong,
and when your faith is fragile,
God will meet us here.

When love comes easily,
and when love falters,
the love of God will renew our souls.

When our hope lifts us,
and when our hope falters,
God is faithful and strong.
It is the goodness of God that draws us to worship.

*HYMN, NO. 309 (v. 1-3)

Come, Great God of All the Ages

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of every new day,
We have burdens that are hard to lay down.
We have injuries that are slow to heal.
We have shame that we cannot shake.
We ask that we might leave these burdens with you,
for you are always ready to renew 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

THIRD GRADE BIBLES (9:30 a.m.)

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Brooke Brundige

CALL TO PRAYER

**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place,
I can feel his mighty power and his grace.
I can hear the brush of the angel's wings,
I see glory on each face;
surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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

All Creatures of Our God and King (9:30 a.m.)
arr. Kevin McChesney; Morning Bells

Sojourner's Prayer (11 a.m.)
by Karen Lakey Buckwalter; Village Ringers

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

I Thessalonians 1:1-5

SERMON

The Work Generated by Faith

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*HYMN, NO. 300

We Are One in the Spirit (8 & 11 a.m.)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Every Time I Feel the Spirit
by Moses Hogan; Village Music staff and Village Choir;
Cassandra Leon, soloist

*SUNG RESPONSE

**For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN, NO. 308

O God in Whom All Life Begins

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

**Come, O come, in celebration, household of the one true God;
in commitment and rejoicing let us go where Christ has trod;
as we act in faith and reverence, let us, Lord, the future see;
place us in the church triumphant, now and for eternity.**

*POSTLUDE

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer
arr. J. Bert Carlson

**All who are able may stand
© A-705103 for all hymns*

ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC

A sojourner is one who embarks on a significant journey. Sojourners are all around us: those seeking refuge from oppression, those discerning major changes in their relationships, those embarking on other difficult roads (to name but a few). The point of "Sojourner's Prayer" and its offering in our worship setting is to draw us into the many emotions experienced by these travelers, from fear and trepidation to hope, and, God willing, to security and triumph. By doing so, perhaps we can become better equipped to stand by sojourners when they need us most.



VILLAGE CHURCH

A WORD ABOUT THE NEW VILLAGE CHURCH BRAND

Today we launch the new Village Church brand identity with a new logo, color palette and purpose statement, “We’re with you. Wherever you are.” The new branding is the result of two years of work with brand strategist and marketing consultant Kathy Collins (a Village Church member) and the brand design firm Willoughby Design, led by co-owner and managing principal Megan Stephens, also a Village Church member. Megan tells us about the heart logo. “In interviews, love living at the core of everything at Village was an ongoing theme. The idea of a heart kept resonating on multiple levels. The ‘V’ for Village naturally makes the perfect center for a heart and the new logo came together from there. One single line forms a simple, easy-to-navigate path into the center and back out.” A big thanks to all who took part in this effort for your time and talents.

WELCOME TO VILLAGE CHURCH

We’re so happy to have you worshipping 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.

Zoom Conversation with Rev. Tom Are about His New Book – Join us on Zoom at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 16, as Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka interviews Rev. Tom Are about his new book “Joy Even on Your Worst Days: Wisdom from Philipians.” Email laura.hobbs@villagepres.org to register. 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 with Marsha Hansen at 913-671-2341 or marsha.hansen@villagepres.org.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Upcoming Village U Classes – Register at villagepres.org/village-u-community-classes.

Hosting a Zoom Meeting – Taught by Dee Couch from 1-2:30 p.m. & 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 9, in Room 316 & via Zoom. Get hands-on experience with Zoom features such as scheduling a meeting, sending a meeting invitation to participants, sharing a screen, dividing participants into subgroups, polling participants and using the chat window.

Being a Matthew 25 Church: What Can Dorothy Day Teach Us? – Taught by Rev. Eric Garbison 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Nov. 10, 17 & Dec. 1, 8, Room 126. Matthew 25 churches focus on three goals: to build congregational vitality, dismantle structural racism and eradicate systemic poverty. We'll explore Dorothy Day's concepts of The Mystical Body, The Little Way, Love in Action, and more.

Seeking Classes for Spring Village U – As we prepare for Spring 2022 Village U, we invite anyone interested in teaching a class, or who has a suggestion for a class or an instructor for a class, to email laura.hobbs@villagepres.org by Friday, Nov. 12.

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 – Pre-K and Preschool 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.

CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES

Wednesday Family Meals – Order \$5 meals by noon Mondays at villagepres.org/wednesday-family-dinners. Curbside pickup is at the north entrance at Village on Mission between 4:30 & 5:30 p.m. Contact Cindy Wilcox at cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org or call 913-671-2331 with questions.

MISSION

Help a Family Resettle – Village is sponsoring a family from Afghanistan as they move to KC. 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, go to villagepresya.org/refugees to let us know your interest or speak with Pastors Hallie or Melanie. We'll be in touch with details.

Sponsor a Food Pantry Family's Thanksgiving Meal – Adopt a family for a Thanksgiving Dinner for a \$30 donation. You are welcome to adopt several families. We'll be serving 500 families this year. Checks payable to "Village Church Food Pantry" may be mailed to Village Church, 6641 Mission Road, Prairie Village, KS 66208, or donate online at villagepres.org/thanksgiving.

Star Family Packet Pickup Nov. 13 - If you have adopted an Operation Breakthrough STAR Family at bit.ly/adoptstarfamilies, pick up your family packet between 1 & 3 p.m. Nov. 13 in the south parking lot. If you're unable to pick up your packet, contact Ann Colston, 913-461-1791 (acolston1113@gmail.com) or Marilyn Borel, 913-708-1917 (rmborel@sbcglobal.net) to get family info. Drop off gifts between 9 a.m. & noon Dec. 5 in the south parking lot.

MUSIC

Second Thursday Recital with Members of the Kansas City Wind Symphony – 12:15 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 11, Village on Mission Sanctuary. Dr. Langston Hemenway, conductor of this favorite Kansas City ensemble, showcases the brass and woodwind quintets for this concert.

Claim Some Calm at Taizé Worship – 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 16, in the Village on Mission Sanctuary. As fall rolls into winter, come warm up with peaceful music and time for prayer and silence. The Lord's Supper will also be shared. The service will be led by Rev. Pete DeVoe.

PASTORAL CARE & COUNSELING

Deliver Some Christmas Cheer This Year! We have 300 poinsettias to 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. Come by the north entrance for curbside pick-up between 9-11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, and spread some joy! Contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org to sign up.

Speaking of Poinsettias... 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 generosity helps finance this ministry. If you'd like to commemorate your loved one and bless others, 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.

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 Monday, Nov. 22.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Welcome Coffee for Presbyterian Women – 10 a.m. today in Room 232. Women who join Village Church are automatically members of Presbyterian Women (PW). For those who joined in 2020 or 2021, we've been unable to meet in person. Please stop by and meet fellow PW members, pick up information about opportunities to meet with other Presbyterian women, get a membership directory and enjoy a cup of coffee and a pastry.

Register for PW Advent Celebration – Join us at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 7, at Village on Mission. Come for Rev. Jenny McDevitt's message, the music, the sacrament of communion and to connect with your sisters. Register at villagepres.org/pw or in Friendship Hall or the Welcome Center today and Nov. 14. Email marjean.lindquist@villagepres.org by Nov. 21 to make child care reservations.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY For all 20's & 30's

Theology Thursday – 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 18, Fall series: "Wilderness." Wilderness is a theme in scripture and in our own lives. Often, it's a place we journey alone, but in these strange days we're having a sort of shared wilderness experience. Read more and sign up online at villagepresya.org/fall.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Join Us for Any of Our Weekly Activities – No sign-up is required; masks required while in the building. All weekly activities below meet in the Youth Loft (Room 333).

Sunday Series – 9:30-10:30 a.m. for middle & high school. **SNL** (HS youth group) – Sundays 6:30-8:30 p.m. Join us tonight for Photohunt! **Lofternoons** (MS after school program) – Tuesdays 4-5:30 p.m. **GPS** (MS youth group) – Wednesdays 6:30-8 p.m. **Early Table** (HS morning devotional) – 7:30-8:15 a.m.

9th Grade Dinner – All high school freshman are invited to Zach's House (4807 W 101st Ter, OPKS 66207) at 6:30pm on Saturday, Nov 13. Come enjoy some food, hang out for a bit, and talk with fellow freshmen about how the year is going. No RSVP needed!

Leftover Halloween Candy – Have leftover Halloween candy? Drop it off at the front desk labeled "youth" and we'll deliver it to our college students to wish them luck on their finals!

CURRENT SERMON SERIES

Christian DNA: A Series on Faith, Hope and Love

Over the generations there have been seemingly endless volumes written to describe the Christian life. What does it mean to trust a life to Christ? What does such a life look like? More importantly, how do we describe the community that seeks to follow Christ. It's a complicated question and there is no simple answer, but Paul boils it down to three words: faith, hope and love. However we describe Christianity, the DNA of the church is faith, hope and love.

- Nov. 7** **The Work Generated by Faith – Rev. Tom Are preaching**
Nov. 14 The Labor That Grows Out of Love – Rev. Tom Are preaching
Nov. 21 Steadfast Endurance Empowered by Hope – Rev. Tom Are preaching

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.

*Streaming video of Sunday services is available at villagepres.org/online.
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The Business Channel and on our worship service phone line 913-203-1301.
We kindly request that cell phones be turned off during worship.*

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