



VILLAGE
CHURCH

Presbyterian (USA)

Service of Worship

Dec. 3, 2023 · 9 and 11 a.m.

and his name shall be...

*Wonderful
Counselor*

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Carol of the Bells
arr. Greg McLean; Trumpet Quartet

Words of Welcome

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

Why Village Matters Presbyterian Women Advent Celebration - Amethyst Place

Lighting the Advent Candle

Middle school group (9 a.m.)
Lauren, Jay, Liv & Miles Muehlbach (11 a.m.)

*Hymn

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

All voices:

**O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here, until the son of God appear:
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

Low voices:

**O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell thy people save, and give them victory o'er the grave:
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

High voices:

**O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight:
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

Choir only:

O come thou Key of David, come, and open wide our heav'nly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery:
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

All voices:

**O come, O come, thou Lord of Might, who to thy tribes on Sinai's height,
in ancient times did give the law in cloud and majesty and awe:
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

*Prayer of Confession

Rev. Zach Walker

**Gracious God,
you come to us at all times and especially in times when we need you most,
so come to us because we need you.
Come to us because we rely more on ourselves than on you.
Come to us because we carry burdens that only you know.
Come to us because we have hurt others intentionally and unintentionally.
Come to us because we are suspicious and cynical.
Come to us because we need hope.
Come to us and forgive us we pray. (Silent Prayer)**

*Assurance of God's Grace

*Sung Response

**Good Christian friends, rejoice
With heart and soul and voice;
Now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all to gain the everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save!
Christ was born to save!**

*Passing the Peace of Christ

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Time with the Children

Prayer for Illumination

Katie Hull (9 a.m.); Scott Stanley (11 a.m.)

Scripture

Isaiah 9:2-7

Sermon

Wonderful Counselor

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn No. 105

People, Look East

Call for Offering

Offertory Anthem

Noël Nouvelet

by Harold Owen; Village Voices with Janice Rawlings & Erika Wheeler, flutes (9 a.m.)

What Child is This

arr. Greg McLean; Trumpet Quartet (11 a.m.)

*Sung Response

Praise to God, the One who made us. Praise to Christ, the soon-born Son.

Praise the Spir - it, ev - er ___ with us. Praise the God - head, Three in ___ One.

Clear a path! Pre-pare the way! Ad - vent leads to Christ - mas Day!

*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 Motet (9 a.m.)

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

by Mark Miller; Village Voices

Prayer of Response

*Hymn No. 113

Angels We Have Heard on High

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

**Good Christian friends, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice;
Now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this!
He has opened heaven's door, and we are blessed forever more.
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!**

*Postlude

Hark, the Herald Angels Sing
arr. Greg McLean; Trumpet Quartet

**All who are able may stand*

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ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC

Today's trumpet quartet includes Stan Chappell, Brian Leuenberg, Paul Cornelsen and Wayne Bates. Thank you for ushering in the Advent season with your festive brass music!

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
Co-Pastor

This Year's Star Words

Join Rev. Melanie Hardison for conversation about your Epiphany Star Word this year. What was your word? How has it shown up in your life? What has it meant to you? Join this informal conversation of reflecting and learning together between the morning worship services (10:10-10:50 a.m.) on Sunday, Dec. 10, in Friendship Hall-Mission Campus.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Emmanuel: God with us...from the manger to the temple – Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka, 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Dec. 6 & 13, Rooms 132/133, Mission Campus.

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

Personal care items, especially dental floss and deodorant are needed. The Clothes Closet is hoping that as you put up your new Christmas decorations, you'll donate your used ones. Thank you.

MISSION & ENGAGEMENT

Christmas Family Dinner – Special Christmas dinner from Chef Andrea Bradley on Wednesday, Dec. 13, in Friendship Hall-Mission Campus from 5-6 p.m. \$9 for adults and \$4 for children. Purchase online by noon on Monday, Dec. 11, at villagepres.org/wednesday-family-dinners or call Karen at 913-262-4200.

Star Family Christmas Donation – If you adopted a family through Operation Breakthrough, remember to bring donations to the truck in north lot next Sunday, Dec. 10. There's still time to sponsor a holiday meal for a family of four for \$50. Write checks to Village Church with "Star Family" in the memo.

Decorate The Village Trees – Now-Dec. 24, bring hats, mittens & diapers (all sizes including adult large & XL) to put on and under our Mission Campus Christmas trees. 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.

New Member Luncheon – We are celebrating new Village Church members at a luncheon following the 11 a.m. service on Sunday, Dec. 17. If you are interested in joining Village Church, please contact Rev. Dr. Dionne Boyce: dionne.boyce@villagepres.org.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Community "Messiah" Singalong at the Antioch Campus – Join us at 5 p.m. today, Dec. 3, in the Antioch Campus Sanctuary. Cameron Rolling, director of music, leads the audience in singing Handel's "Messiah."

Kicks Band Christmas Concert – Join us at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 4, in the Antioch Campus Sanctuary for some of the best Big Band Christmas music around. Free admission.

St. Petersburg String Quartet – Join us at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 8, in the Mission Campus Chapel. This local chamber ensemble features Village's Gathering service cellist, Sascha Groschang. The group is requesting a \$20 suggested donation.

2nd Thursday Recital featuring Theodore Musick, marimba – 12:15 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 14, Mission Campus Sanctuary. Come hear our beloved Village music coordinator play classical and holiday marimba literature. Free admission.

Tidings of Joy Concerts – 3 & 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17, Mission Campus Sanctuary. A celebration of the season's most beautiful music with the Village Choirs and the Fountain City Brass Band. Free admission.

Te Deum Chamber Choir – 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 19, Mission Campus Sanctuary. Te Deum presents Lessons and Carols for Today. Tickets are available at te-deum.org.

PASTORAL CARE & COUNSELING

Honor a Loved One by purchasing a poinsettia. Checks must be received by Dec. 5. Your loved one's name will appear in the Christmas Eve bulletin. Each purchase helps provide a poinsettia to a homebound member. Visit shop.villagepres.org/poinsettia or mail the printed name(s) and \$15 per name to Karen Reimer, Village Presbyterian Church, 6641 Mission Rd., Prairie Village, KS 66208.

Faith & Grief Support Gathering – Join us at noon this Tuesday, Dec. 5, in Rooms 232 & 233. Marcia Tammeus will share sweet memories about her mother. If you would like a boxed lunch, make a reservation at faithandgrief.org/gatherings

The Remembrance Service is Next Sunday – Join us at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10, in the Mission Campus Sanctuary for the Remembrance Service. Come and light a candle in memory of your loved one and listen to words of hope and healing.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Come to the Advent Celebration – Join us this Tuesday, Dec. 5, for the annual women's Advent celebration. Rev. Anna Owens will share her thoughts about preparing our hearts for the Lord. Come at 6 p.m. for refreshments in the Welcome Center, followed by the service at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Child care is available and a free will offering for Amethyst Place will be collected. Make your reservation at villagepres.org/pw.

Seeking Presbyterian Women Circle Leaders for the retirement communities at Claridge Court, the Forum and Aberdeen Village for next year. For more information, contact Rev. Sally Wright at sally.wright@villagepres.org or Dee Couch at deecouch@kc.rr.com.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY for people in their 20s & 30s

YA Christmas Party – Come celebrate the holidays 8-10 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 16, at Miracle on Main Street, 1924 Main St., Kansas City, MO 64108. \$20 per person, RSVP required- bit.ly/YAChristmas23

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Weekly Programs – Join us in the Youth Loft for 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.).

Dominican Spring Break Info Meeting – If you'd like to hear more information about our high school Spring Break trip to the Dominican Republic, join us on Zoom today at 4 p.m. You can find the link at villagepresyouth.org/dominican-republic.

Confirmation Registration is Open! The class begins in January, focusing on offering students the opportunity to become a member of the church. Students who are in 9th grade or older are eligible. Register and find more information at villagepresyouth.org/confirmation.

Christmas Eve Services

Mission Campus – 3 & 5 p.m. Children & Families Service with The Gathering Band, Sanctuary; 7 & 9 p.m. Traditional Candlelight Services, Sanctuary; 11 p.m. Traditional Candlelight Service with Communion, Sanctuary. Child care is available at the 3, 5 & 7 p.m. services. Evening Christmas Eve services will be livestreamed at villagepres.org/online

Antioch Campus – 9:30 a.m. Family Service; 7 p.m. Traditional Candlelight Service with Communion

SERMON SERIES

For Unto Us a Child is Born

The prophet Isaiah tells of the birth of a child born for us; a son given to us. Authority will rest on his shoulder, and he will have four names: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. These names resound in the magnificent chorus of Handel's "Messiah". Through the Sundays of Advent, Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka will explore each of these four names and how Jesus embodied them in his birth and life among us.

Dec. 3 **Wonderful Counselor - Isaiah 9:1-7**

Dec. 10 Mighty God - Psalm 96

Dec. 17 Everlasting Father - Revelation 21:1-8

Dec. 24 (10 a.m.) Prince of Peace - Isaiah 11:1-9

Dec. 24 (3, 5, 7, 9, 11 p.m.) Emmanuel, God with Us - Matthew 1:18-25

MINISTERS

All members of the congregation

MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka, co-pastor

Dr. Elisa Bickers, principal organist • Rev. Dr. Dionne T. Boyce, 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

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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