



**VILLAGE  
CHURCH**

Presbyterian (USA)



## Service of Worship

December 5, 2021 | 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

### About Today's Service

Will you have visitors for the holidays? Elizabeth did. When Mary arrived, Elizabeth was so joyful she could barely contain herself. When her unborn child kicked, it was interpreted as a response of joy. When someone wants to visit you, it is a joyful circumstance. Christmas means God wants to visit you. Such news might cause you to jump for joy.



## GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

### PRELUDE

*Noel* (8 a.m.)  
by Louis Claude Daquin; Dr. Elisa Bickers, organ  
*O Magnum Mysterium* (9:30, 11 a.m.)  
by Morten Lauridsen; Village Brass

### WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Tom Are

### INTROIT

*Adam Lay y bounden*  
by Peter Warlock; Village Choir

Adam lay ybounden, Bounden in a bond:  
Four thousand winter Thought he not too long.  
And all was for an apple, An apple that he took,  
As clerkes finden Written in their book.  
Ne had the apple taken been, the apple taken been,  
Ne had never our lady Abeen heavene queen.  
Blessed be the time That apple taken was.  
Therefore we moun singen: Deo gracias!  
- 15th century macaronic text

### LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF PEACE

Larry Evans, Gayle Woods,  
Matt, Katie, Sam, Ben & Luke Harting (8 a.m.)  
Peter, Kenyon, Emmett & Eli Vrooman (9:30 a.m.)  
Kara, Sloane, Quinn & Landon Forsee (11 a.m.)

### CALL TO WORSHIP

We are waiting—

**sometimes patiently,  
sometimes apathetically,  
and sometimes wearily.**

We are waiting and preparing ourselves

**not only for the celebration of the birth of God's love in Bethlehem,  
but also, for the birth of God's promised day.**

### 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.**

\*HYMN, NO. 113

*Angels We Have Heard on High*

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Sally S. Wright

**God of all grace,  
Lead us in the paths of peace,  
and teach us your way.**

**Do not lose patience with us, we pray,  
as we seek to set fear aside  
and walk in your light. (Silent Prayer)**

\*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

**All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son,  
evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One:  
come and worship, come and worship,  
worship Christ, the newborn King!**

## **PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Brooke Brundige

CALL TO PRAYER

**How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given!  
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven.  
No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,  
where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.**

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

*Lully, Lulla, Lullay*  
by Philip W. Stopford; More Love Chorale (8 a.m.)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Luke 1:39-45 (pg. 932)

SERMON

*"I'm coming to your house"*

Rev. Tom Are

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

\*HYMN, NO. 110

*Love Has Come*

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Sussex Carol* (8 a.m.)  
arr. Fraser Wilson; More Love Chorale  
*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* (9:30, 11 a.m.)  
Traditional; Village Brass

SUNG RESPONSE

**So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, one and all, to own him.  
The king of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him.  
Raise, raise the song on high; the virgin sings her lullaby.  
Joy, joy for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*HYMN, NO. 82

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

\*BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

**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**

\*POSTLUDE

*Angels from the Realms of Glory* (8 a.m.)  
by Edwin C. Johnson; Dr. Elisa Bickers, organ  
*Canzona* (9:30, 11 a.m.)  
John McIntyre; Village Brass

*\*All who are able may stand*

© A-705103 for all hymns

## MUSIC NOTES

Today's carol, "Adam Lay ybounden," relates the events of Genesis 3 in the original Middle English text. In medieval theology, Adam was to have remained in bonds from the time of his death until the crucifixion of Christ ("4,000 winters"). The second verse narrates the Fall of Man following Adam's temptation by Eve and the serpent with a tone of incredulity that "all was for an apple." The third verse brings the redemption of humanity by the birth of Jesus by Mary, who was to become our "Heavene Queen (Heavenly Queen)." Eden Scholar Paul Morris suggests the text implies humanity's "fall upwards."

**Advent Daily Devotional Videos** – As we wait together for Jesus Christ to be born, join us Mondays through Saturdays for a 2-3 minute video devotional offered by our pastors and other ministry leaders. Each devotional features a scripture passage and brief reflection offering a word of inspiration and hope for us all. Sign up for emails at [villagepres.org/subscribe](http://villagepres.org/subscribe).

### **Christmas Eve Services**

**Mission Campus** – 3 & 5 p.m. Family Worship with the Gathering Band; 7 & 9 p.m. Candlelight Services; 11 p.m. Candlelight Communion Service

**Antioch Campus** – 5 p.m. Family Service; 7 p.m. Candlelight Service

*Child care is available during the 5 & 7 p.m. Christmas Eve services at both campuses. All Mission Campus services will be livestreamed at [villagepres.org/online](http://villagepres.org/online).*

### **Journey to the Star**

**2-6 p.m. Christmas Eve** – Come journey to the star at the Mission Campus or make a point to stop before or after worship. Help us make the star SHINE with your hopes and prayers for another new year. Take a little light with you to share with friends and family who need to remember the light still shines. The Antioch Campus star will be on display starting Christmas Eve.

## WELCOME TO VILLAGE CHURCH

We're so happy to have you worshipping with us today! Visit [villagepres.org](http://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](http://vpcthegathering.org).

**Get Village Church News & Updates** – Sign up to receive the weekly eNews, Rev. Tom Are's weekly eNote and Daily Devotional emails at [villagepres.org/subscribe](http://villagepres.org/subscribe).

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

**Code Red for Humanity** – The Environmental Action Committee is co-sponsoring the class “The IPCC 6th Assessment Report: Code Red for Humanity” with Brigadier General Dr. Chris King at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 6, via Zoom. Dr. King is an authority on the impact that climate change, water scarcity and other environmental issues have on national security and international stability. Register by emailing reesveenstra@aol.com.

## CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY

**First-Floor Child Care Available** – Child care is available for infants to 4-year-olds during the 9:30 a.m. & 5 p.m. services in Rooms 114, 111 and/or 106. **Preschool Lighthouse** – Ages 2-4 – Preschool and Pre-K ages meet on the first floor. Registration and sign-ins are located outside Room 106. **Elementary Lighthouse** – K-6th Grade – Elementary ages meet on the third floor. Registration and sign-ins are located outside Room 307.

## CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES

**Curbside Pickup Wednesday Family Meals** – Order meals by noon Mondays at [villagepres.org/wednesday-family-dinners](http://villagepres.org/wednesday-family-dinners). Cost is \$5 a meal. Curbside pickup is at the Mission Campus north entrance between 4:30 & 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays.

## MISSION

**Food Pantry** – The Food Pantry wants to add to the condiments aisle and is asking for jelly, mustards, mayo, sauces, salad dressings, etc. (NO glass containers). The Clothes Closet is requesting donations of inspirational books, Bibles, devotionals—for all ages.

**Drop Off Your Star Family Gifts Today** – Drop off your gifts to the Operation Breakthrough truck parked in the Mission Campus south parking lot between 9 a.m. and noon today. If you miss the truck, deliver your gifts to Operation Breakthrough at 31st and Troost. Gifts are distributed to families during the week of Dec. 6.

**Decorate The Village Trees With Diapers And Hats & Mittens** – From Dec. 5-26, come put hats and mittens on our trees and diapers (all sizes welcome including adult large and XL) under our trees to give to families served by the Village Clothes Closet/Food Pantry. Trees are located at the south entrance and in the Welcome Center.

**Joy Offering & Christmas Project Offering (Dec. 19)** supports current and retired church workers in need (50%) and to students attending Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color as well as leadership development efforts of the Racial Equity Office of the Presbyterian Mission Agency (50%). Place donations in the green envelopes provided in the hymnal slots.

## MUSIC

**Second Thursday Recital with Sarah Tannehill Anderson & Mark Hayes** – 12:15 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 9, in the Sanctuary. Soprano Sarah Tannehill Anderson and pianist Mark Hayes will present a program that celebrates the publication of Mark’s new Christmas music.

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

**Tidings Of Joy: Lessons and Carols** – 3 & 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 19, Village on Mission Sanctuary. Don’t miss this joyful Kansas City tradition featuring the Tidings of Joy Chorus, Orchestra and soloists. No reservation necessary. A free-will offering will benefit our Signature Mission, Artists Helping the Homeless - Johnson County Respite House. Email [amy.turpin@villagepres.org](mailto:amy.turpin@villagepres.org) by Dec. 12 to make child care reservations.

**Celebrate Christmas Joy With Te Deum Chamber Choir** – 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 20, in the Sanctuary. Led by Matthew Christopher Shepard, the ensemble will share music for choir and harp, including pieces by Betinis, Paulus and Heitzig. For tickets, visit [te-deum.org](http://te-deum.org). Village Church members are invited to enter the discount code VPC2021 for 20% off the ticket price.

**The Snow Globes + Barnaby Bright** – Local KC bands Barnaby Bright & The Snow Globes will join forces for a magical Christmas concert at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 21, in the Mission Campus Sanctuary. For the past decade, The Snow Globes have been entertaining audiences around the Kansas City Metro area with holiday classics. Barnaby Bright released their first Christmas album last year. The New York Times named it one of the top 20 Christmas Albums of 2020.

## PASTORAL CARE & COUNSELING

**Join Us This Afternoon for the Remembrance Service** – All are welcome at the Remembrance Service at 4 p.m. this afternoon in the Sanctuary. Parking in the north lot is encouraged. A reception follows. The service will also be livestreamed at [villagepres.org/online](http://villagepres.org/online).

**Faith & Grief Support Gathering Meets This Tuesday, Dec. 7** – Guest speakers Rev. Melissa Potts-Bowers and Rev. Joe Walker will talk about remembering and grieving our loved ones during the holidays. All are welcome at the Faith & Grief lunch at noon Tuesday, Dec. 7, in Friendship Hall.

**Honor Your Loved Ones This Holiday Season** – Honor your loved one(s) by making a \$15 donation toward a poinsettia. Your loved one(s)' name(s) will be printed in a future publication. If you'd like to participate, go to [shop.villagepres.org/poinsettia](http://shop.villagepres.org/poinsettia) OR send the printed name(s) with a check for \$15 per person/name to the Janice Gill, Village Presbyterian Church, 6641 Mission Rd., Prairie Village, KS 66208.

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

**Parent & Family Christmas Dinner** – 5:30-7 p.m. Dec. 15, for young adult parents and kiddos. Let's join together in Friendship Hall (distanced) and enjoy a Christmas dinner together. Child care provided after dinner. RSVP required at [VillagePresYA.org/winter](http://VillagePresYA.org/winter).

**Christmas Party!** 7-9 p.m. Dec. 18, at Amigoni Winery. It's been a long couple of years, and what we know to be true is that when joy isn't readily apparent, we sometimes have to create it. Wear something sparkly and let's celebrate our ability to be together. Vaccinated persons welcome. RSVP required at [VillagePresYA.org/christmas](http://VillagePresYA.org/christmas).

## 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 our annual Progressive Dinner! **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.

**Rev. Tom Are Talks About His New Book Followed by Book Signing** – Join us at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 8, in Friendship Hall when Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka interviews Rev. Tom Are about his new book "Joy Even on Your Worst Days: Wisdom from Philip-pians." A book signing 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](http://bookstore.villagepres.org) or at the event.

## CURRENT 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 Sanctuary service at 10 a.m.)

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## 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

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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).*

*The Sanctuary worship service is broadcast the following week at 8 a.m. on 1660 AM KMBZ,  
The Business Channel and on our worship service phone line 913-203-1301.*

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