



# VILLAGE CHURCH

Presbyterian (USA)

## Service of Worship

Dec. 10, 2023 • 9 and 11 a.m.

and his name shall be...

*Mighty God*

## GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

*Masters in this Hall*

arr. Arnold Sherman; Village Ringers (9 a.m.)

*E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come*

by Paul Manz; Dr. Joshua Maize, organ (11 a.m.)

Words of Welcome

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

Why Village Matters

Pastoral Care & Counseling

Lighting the Advent Candle Caroline Morrison, Eleanor Jones & Parker Falley (9 a.m.)

Boden & Maevyn Morrison, Anna, Nathan & Millie Chappell (11 a.m.)

\*Hymn No. 143 (v. 1-3)

*Angels, from the Realms of Glory*

\*Prayer of Confession

Rev. Sally S. Wright

**Holy God,**

**we come to worship you.**

**We come to worship the newborn king.**

**Yet if we are honest, we want our worship to be convenient.**

**We want our worship to be entertaining.**

**We want our worship to be more about us than about you.**

**Forgive us, mighty God.**

**Forgive us for believing that we know and understand you.**

**Forgive us for placing ourselves, rather than you, at the center of our lives.**

**As we wait for the birth of your son, Jesus, humble us we pray.** (Silent Prayer)

\*Assurance of God's Grace

\*Sung Response

**All creation, join in praising God Almighty, Spirit, Son,**

**Evermore your voices raising**

**To the eternal Three in One:**

**Come and worship! Come and worship!**

**Worship Christ, the newborn king!**

\*Passing the Peace of Christ

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Anthem (11 a.m.)

*Joy to the World*  
arr. Bill Ingram; Youth Bells

Time with the Children

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

*Comfort, Comfort*  
arr. John Ferguson; Village Choir with Crystal Kimmel, piccolo;  
Dr. Langston Hemenway & Missy Zirkel, clarinet; & Theo Musick, percussion

Prayer for Illumination

Carol Tucker (9 a.m.); Gloria Baker (11 a.m.)

Scripture

Psalm 96

Sermon

*And his name shall be called... Mighty God* Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

\*Hymn No. 115

*Away in a Manger*

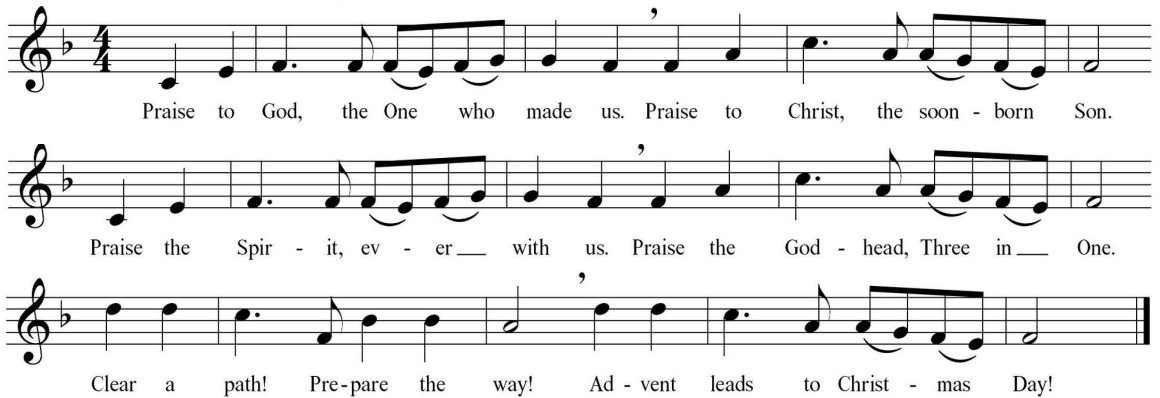
Call for Offering

Offertory Anthem

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel*  
arr. Patricia A Sanders; Village Ringers (9 a.m.)

*Carol of the Bells*  
arr. Douglas Wagner; Morning Bells (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

\*Hymn No. 134

*Joy to the World*

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response

**Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation;  
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!  
O come, let us adore him! O come, let us adore him!  
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!**

\*Postlude

*Regent Square*

arr. Edwin C. Johnson; Dr. Elisa Bickers, organ

*\*All who are able may stand*

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## 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

**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.

**Get Village Church news & updates** – Sign up to receive the weekly eNews, Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka’s weekly eNote and Daily Devotionals emails at [villagepres.org/subscribe](http://villagepres.org/subscribe).

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**Giving** – You may give to Village Church at [villagepres.org/giving](http://villagepres.org/giving) or scan the QR code to the right.

Set up an automatic, recurring gift by contacting Bob Sperry at [bob.sperry@villagepres.org](mailto:bob.sperry@villagepres.org) or 913-671-2325.



### 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 conversation of reflecting and learning together today between the morning worship services (10:10-10:50 a.m.) on Sunday, Dec. 10, in Friendship Hall-Mission Campus.

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

**Leaning Into Loving Conversations: Sustaining relationships while talking about things that matter** – 10-11 a.m. next Sunday, Dec. 17, in Rooms 232-233. Join Rev. Chad Herring and a panel of advisors to gather pocket phrases to use when conversations become uncomfortable. We can agree to disagree, and still love one another. Hosted by the Adult Faith Formation Committee.

## 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

This week we need main dish items: canned tuna or chicken, ravioli, beef stew, chili, etc.– items that easy to prepare by adults and children. The Clothes Closet would like bed and bathroom linens: sheets and pillowcases (all sizes), towels and washcloths, etc. Thank you for your donations.

## 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](http://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 today in the north lot. 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 Boyice at 913-671-2369 or [dionne.boyice@villagepres.org](mailto:dionne.boyice@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 Dec. 17. If you are interested in joining Village Church, please contact Rev. Dr. Dionne Boyice: [dionne.boyice@villagepres.org](mailto:dionne.boyice@villagepres.org).

**JOY Offering** – We invite you to give to our special offering for the Village Church Emergency Assistance fund next Sunday, Dec. 17. 100% of donations directly support rent and utility payments for local families. Look for the green giving envelope in your pew or give online at [villagepres.org/emergency-assistance](http://villagepres.org/emergency-assistance).

## MUSIC MINISTRY

**Children's Christmas Musical "Chimes in the Night"** – 6:10 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 13, Mission Campus Sanctuary. Children will tell the story of a cathedral with an enormous tower of bells that plays the most magical music on Christmas Eve.

**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 & the Fountain City Brass Band. Free admission. Retiring offering beneficiaries: Cherith Brook Catholic Worker & Care Beyond the Boulevard.

**Te Deum Chamber Choir** – 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 19, Mission Campus Sanctuary. Te Deum presents "Lessons and Carols for Today," a modern take on the Anglican tradition, featuring new lessons by Kansas City poet Natasha Ria El-Scari. Tickets are available at [te-deum.org](http://te-deum.org).

## **PASTORAL CARE & COUNSELING**

**Join Us This Afternoon for the Remembrance Service** – All are invited to come to the Sanctuary at 3 p.m. this afternoon to attend the Remembrance Service. We will remember our loved ones who have passed away but remain in our hearts. You may light a candle in memory of your loved one and listen to words of comfort and hope. If you cannot join us in person, this service will be livestreamed at [villagepres.org/online](http://villagepres.org/online).

## **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN**

**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](mailto:sally.wright@villagepres.org) or Dee Couch at [deecouch@kc.rr.com](mailto:deecouch@kc.rr.com).

## **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.).

**Confirmation Info Meeting Today** – Hear more information about this year's Confirmation class, join us on Zoom today at 11 a.m. You can find the link at [villagepresyouth.org/confirmation](http://villagepresyouth.org/confirmation).

**Study Break on Dec. 17** – All high schoolers are invited to take a break from studying and join us for pizza at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 17. Stay for a few minutes, or stay for an hour, but come get some food while you prep for finals!

### **Congregational Meeting Sunday, Dec. 17**

The Village Church Session has called a congregational meeting before the end of the 9 a.m. worship service at the Mission Campus and following the 9:30 a.m. service at the Antioch Campus on Sunday, Dec. 17. The purpose of the meeting is to approve a title change for Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka from co-pastor to senior pastor.

### **Christmas Eve Worship 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](http://villagepres.org/online)

**Antioch Campus** – 9:30 a.m. Family Service; 7 p.m. Traditional Candlelight Service with Communion. Child care is available at the 9:30 a.m. service.

## 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

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## 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

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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).

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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