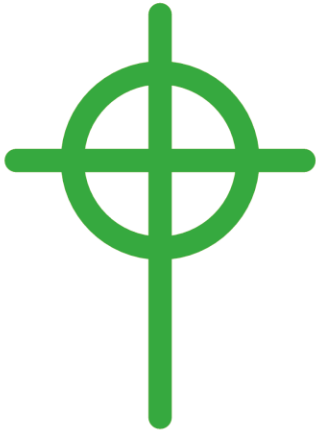




VILLAGE CHURCH

Presbyterian (USA)



Christmas Eve

December 24, 2021 | 7 and 9 p.m.



CHRISTMAS EVE

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Rev. Sally S. Wright (7 p.m.)
Rev. Melanie Hardison (9 p.m.)

This is the night when the child the world has waited for is born.

**Authority rests upon his shoulders
and he is named:
Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God,
Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace.**

So much to expect from a child
asleep between the star and the straw.

Procession of the Christ Candle

*Hymn, No. 133

O Come, All Ye Faithful

*Unison Prayer

Living God,
You live beyond time and dwell beyond space.
You sent your only Son
to know the weakness of human flesh,
and to reign as Holy King.

**Who are we that you should come to us?
Yet you have humbled yourself to take on flesh.
You came down to breathe the same air we breathe,
to know what it is to be weary,
to be afraid,
and to suffer a broken body and a broken heart.
You came to reveal a love we have waited for.
In the name of the love that breathes us to life, we pray. Amen.**

*Hymn, No. 119

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Call to Prayer (from Hymn, No. 128)

**Infant Holy, Infant Lowly, for his bed a cattle stall;
Oxen lowing, little knowing Christ the babe is Lord of all.
Swift are winging angels singing, noels ringing, tidings bringing:
Christ the babe is Lord of all! Christ the babe is Lord of all!**

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

Still, Still, Still
by Norman Luboff; Dr. Carol Dale, flute (7 p.m.);
Allison Ross, violin (9 p.m.); The Village Choir

Scripture Reading

Philippians 2: 5-11 (pg. 1069)

Meditation

Joy to Carry You Through

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

*Hymn, No. 144

In the Bleak Midwinter

Offertory Anthem

Ave Maria
by César Franck, arr. Lyndell Leatherman;
Rachel Priest, soprano; The Village Choir

*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

*The Light of Christ

Candle Lighting Procedures

When passing the flame, always keep your lit candle upright while the next person tilts their unlit candle to yours. Candles can be extinguished following the Benediction and returned at the exits.

*Hymn No. 122

Silent Night, Holy Night

**Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright,
Round yon virgin mother and child!
Holy infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.**

**Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing "Alleluia;
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born."**

**Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.**

**Silent night, holy night!
Wondrous star, lend thy light;
With the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.**

*Benediction

*Postlude

Good People All, This Christmas Time (Wexford Carol)
by Aaron Shows ; Dr. Elisa Bickers, organ

**All who are able may stand*

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A Word About Dec. 26 Worship

We will have one worship service at 10 a.m. on Sunday, Dec. 26. Rev. Sally Wright is preaching.
The Antioch Campus will have Lessons & Carols at 9:30 a.m.

SUNDAY WORSHIP TIMES

BEGINNING JAN. 2

Mission Campus

Sanctuary Worship – 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.
The Gathering, an Alternative Approach to Worship – 5 p.m. in Friendship Hall

Antioch Campus

Sanctuary Worship – 9:30 a.m.
Learn more about Village Church at villagepres.org.

ABOUT US

Village Presbyterian Church is a Presbyterian (USA) family of faith committed to thoughtful worship, Christian formation of children and adults, and caring for another, our community and the world. All are welcome. All are accepted. All are loved.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Sunday School – Our regular schedule of Sunday morning classes is from 9:30-10:30 a.m. for ages two through 6th grade, and resume Jan. 12.

CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES

Curbside Pickup Wednesday Family Meals – Curbside meals are on Christmas Break and resume on Jan. 12. Contact Nancy at nancy.gatewood@villagepres.org or call 913-671-2331 with questions.

MISSION

Food Pantry – Everyone at the Food Pantry/Clothes Closet would like to thank all those who have supported our mission throughout the year. Your donations are what make it possible for us to serve families in need.

MUSIC MINISTRY

2nd Thursday Recital with the Stanton Kessler Trio – 12:15 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 13, Mission Campus Sanctuary. Trumpeter Stan Kessler is one of Kansas City's most popular jazz musicians.

PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

Stephen Ministers are Here to Support You During this Season – Do the holidays seem extra challenging this year? Are you or someone you know struggling with challenges like isolation and loneliness, anxiety, grief, tension from juggling work, child care and schooling, financial strain or job loss, uncertainty about the future, other unexpected life challenges? If so, you don't have to face it alone. Village Church's well-trained, compassionate and caring Stephen Ministers are ready to listen, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support. A Stephen Minister is available to meet with you (in person or by phone or video chat) to offer care and support. It is confidential and available at no cost to you. For more information, contact Rev. Melanie Hardison at 913-671-2367 or melanie.hardison@villagepres.org.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Young Adult Ministry is a ministry specifically for people in their 20's and 30's. We want to connect, worship, serve and go places that will bring all of us more life, push us to do new and good things, and change our city for good. Learn more at VillagePresYA.org.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Weekly Activities Resume Jan. 9 – Check out villagepresyouth.org for more information. Merry Christmas!

Learn more about Village Church and other upcoming events at villagepres.org.

UPCOMING SERMON SERIES

Life in The Wilderness

Three decades after the ministry of Jesus, life was chaotic for Christians in the Roman empire. Christians became scapegoats for the disastrous fire that destroyed much of Rome, and as a result were rounded up and put to death by the most horrific means. A Jewish revolt was put down by the Roman Army, leaving the temple in Jerusalem destroyed again. During this tumultuous time, someone we call Mark wrote the first Gospel. He tells the story that changes the world. In this series we will travel with Mark from the beginning to the resurrection. Life 2,000 years after Jesus remains chaotic, but perhaps this story will change us. Mark bears witness that there can be abundant life even in the wilderness.

- Jan. 2 Let's Start At the Beginning
- Jan. 9 Baptism of the Son – Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka preaching
- Jan. 16 Will We Ever Get Out of Here?
- Jan. 23 Why Did He Choose These Guys?
- Jan. 30 Holy Friendship
- Feb. 6 Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?

MINISTERS

All members of the congregation

MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Tom Are, Jr., 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

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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