



VILLAGE CHURCH

Presbyterian (USA)



Christ and the Rich Young Ruler, Heinrich Hoffman 1819

Service of Worship

Nov. 5, 2023 • 9 and 11 a.m.



GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

For All the Saints
 setting by Wayne L. Wold; Dr. Elisa Bickers, organ

Words of Welcome

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

Call To Worship (Psalm 121)

Rev. Alice Whitson

We lift up our eyes to the hills—from where does our help come?

Our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

God will not let your foot be moved; God who keeps you will not slumber.

God who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

God is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.

The sun shall not strike us by day, nor the moon at night.

God will keep you from all evil; God will keep your life.

**God will keep our going out and our coming in from this time
 and forevermore.**

*Hymn No. 320 (v. 1-3)

The Church of Christ in Every Age

*Prayer of Confession

Loving God,

who has gathered all of the saints to you, have mercy on us.

We do not always love as you would have us love.

We do not always do as you would have us do.

In our stubbornness, we turn from you when we should turn toward you.

Hold us, gracious God.

Help us be close to you even as you call us to be faithful and true.

Help us care for all, especially those who live in hopelessness.

Grant us wisdom and grant us courage for the living of these days, we pray.

(Silent Prayer)

*Assurance of God's Grace

*Sung Response

Join in singing when invited:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Passing the Peace of Christ

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Time with the Children

Call to Prayer

**Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.**

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

The Old Churchyard
Traditional; arr. The Wailin' Jennys;
Dr. Elisa Bickers, Bonny Green and Kim Sirridge, singers

Prayer for Illumination

Natalie LaMar (9 a.m.); Ellen Gatewood (11 a.m.)

Scripture

Matthew 19:16-22

Sermon

Giving Thanks for Young Adults

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn No. 684

Faith Begins by Letting Go

Call for Offering

Offertory Anthem

Chosen and Thankful
by Jane Marshall; Village Choir

*Sung Response



All good gifts a - round us are sent from heav'n a - bove; then
thank the Lord, oh, thank the Lord for all God's love.

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn No. 326 (v. 1-4)

For All the Saints

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

**From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*Postlude

A Mighty Fortress is Our God
setting by Timothy Albrecht; Dr. Elisa Bickers, organ

**All who are able may stand*
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ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC

"The Old Churchyard" is an early American hymn from the Ozark region of this country. It combines the stillness of a graveyard with the ground-breaking promise of resurrection. The closing hymn, "For All the Saints," was originally conceived as a processional hymn for All Saints' Day. It affirms the great cloud of witnesses that transcends denomination, time and geography. On this All Saints Day, we lovingly remember those who have gone before us and hope to honor them with our lives and our choices.

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 flowers in the Chancel today are given to the Glory of God in memory of Donna & Arnold Ward by John & Karen Reimer, Adam Reimer, Ashleigh & John Keplinger & girls.

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. Learn more at vpcthegathering.org.

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ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Solar & Wind—Disruptive Change for Good! 7-9 p.m. Monday Nov. 6, Room 126. This presentation features the screening of Tony Seba's 20-minute video showing how solar and wind will create superpower supply. Learn about technology adoption cost curves and the phase change disruption of a legacy industry, followed by a discussion led by Bill Roush.

Leaning into Loving Conversations: Sustaining relationships while talking about things that matter – 10-11 a.m. Sundays, Nov. 19 & 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

Ten days from now the Food Pantry will start the curbside distribution of the Thanksgiving Baskets to 500 families in the week leading up to Thanksgiving. Instead of you having to shop, we are asking for a \$40 donation to "adopt" a family for their Thanksgiving dinner. We would be overjoyed if you adopted several families! Donate at villagepres.org/thanksgiving. The Clothes Closet is asking for winter coats for adults and children—all sizes.

MISSION & ENGAGEMENT

Wednesday Family Dinners – Self-serve, buffet-style dinners in Friendship Hall-Mission Campus from 5-6 p.m. The cost is \$9 for adults and \$4 for children. Purchase online by noon Mondays at villagepres.org/wednesday-family-dinners or call Karen at 913-262-4200.

Adopt a Star Family for Christmas – Sponsor Christmas gifts and holiday meals for low-income and unhoused families through Operation Breakthrough. Families are available for online adoption at bit.ly/villagestarfamilies2023. Pick up your adopted family's packet between 10 a.m. and noon next Sunday, Nov. 12, in Friendship Hall, Mission Campus.

Cross-Lines Volunteer Opportunity – Every other month, Village Church serves a meal to 150-250 people at the Cross-Lines Kitchen. Join us on Friday, Nov. 10, to serve lunch to our neighbors in need. Learn more and sign up at villagepres.org/cross-lines-kitchen or contact Jim Bolton at jcb3823@gmail.com.

Village Connect Group – Join a group led by Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka from 6:30-8 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month from Nov. 14-May 9 in Room 132. Build relationships and learn together. Contact laura.hobbs@villagepres.org for more information.

MUSIC MINISTRY

2nd Thursday Recital featuring baritone and Antioch Campus music director Cameron Rolling – 12:15 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 9, Mission Campus Chapel. Free admission.

EncoreKC Concert at the Antioch Campus – Join us at 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 12, in the Antioch Campus Sanctuary for this free concert presented by EncoreKC!

The Kansas City Wind Symphony presents Hidden Gems – 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 19, Mission Campus Sanctuary. Free admission. Beautiful jewels—wonderful pieces that have remained out of the limelight and lesser-explored works by composers like Aaron Copland.

PASTORAL CARE & COUNSELING

Honor Your Loved One with a Poinsettia – Your \$15 purchase helps the poinsettia ministry plus honors your loved one. This year, our loved one(s)' name(s) will be printed in the Christmas Eve bulletin, so the deadline is early—Dec. 5. Visit shop.villagepres.org/poinsettia or 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.

Poinsettias Need to Be Delivered to All Zip Codes – We have homebound members who live in Blue Springs, up by the airport, west in Shawnee and down south. Will you please consider taking a poinsettia beyond 66208? If you can, it will be a huge help. Contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org.

The Remembrance Service is Sunday, Dec. 10 – Come honor our loved ones who have passed away at the Service of Remembrance at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10, Mission Campus Sanctuary. If your loved one died during 2023 and Village Church was informed, his/her name will be included in the program. If you want to include any other name(s), contact Linda Alley at linda.alley@villagepres.org or 913-671-2327 or by noon Monday, Nov. 20.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

PW Morning with Alison Patterson – Join us from 9-10:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, at the Antioch Campus in Overland Park. Alison Patterson, a Village Church member, will give us tools to organize our generosity around our purpose, passion and values. There is no cost to attend, but RSVP to Patty Slentz-Howard at pslentzhoward1@gmail.com.

Come to the Advent Celebration; Reservations Begin Today – Register this morning in either Friendship Hall, the Welcome Center or online at villagepres.org/pw. Join us Tuesday, Dec. 5, at the Mission Campus for this special service and to hear Rev. Anna Owens. Refreshments are at 6 p.m. in the Welcome Center, followed by the 7 p.m. service in the Sanctuary.

Giving Hope & Help – Join Presbyterian Women in supporting our sisters by donating feminine hygiene products from Nov. 1-Dec. 1. All donations will benefit domestic violence survivors, shelters, the houseless, etc., through Giving Hope & Help, a Village Church Mission Partner. The list of recommended items may be found at the drop-off locations at the north, south and children's area entrances.

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.).

Leftover Halloween Candy – If you have leftover Halloween candy that needs a good home, donate it to Village Youth! We use it to fill up care packages for our college students. You can drop it off at the south entrance desk during normal business hours.

Trip Signups Are Open – Registration is now open for HS Ski Trip (Jan. 12-16), MS Ski Trip (Feb. 17-21), and HS Spring Break in the Dominican Republic (March 8-16). Signups are online and can be found at shop.villagepres.org/youth-ministries.

SERMON SERIES

Giving Thanks

"All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above so thank the Lord, oh thank the Lord for all his love." So sings the chorus of the song "All Good Gifts" by Stephen Schwartz composed for the musical Godspell. In this sermon series, titled "Giving Thanks," Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka will explore the different gifts that God has given to us through our ministries with children, youth, young adults, adults and our wider community. Jesus speaks to us all in Luke 12:48 when he says, "From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required." As we gather with friends and family for our Thanksgiving celebrations with grateful hearts, we will explore how we are invited to give so the ministry of Jesus Christ may continue.

- Oct. 22 Giving thanks for our ministries with children and families.
- Oct. 29 Giving thanks for our ministries with young people.
- Nov. 5 Giving thanks for our ministries with young adults.**
- Nov. 12 Giving thanks for our ministries with our communities.
- Nov. 19 Giving thanks for all God's good gifts.

MINISTERS

All members of the congregation

MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka, co-pastor

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