



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

December 8, 2019 • 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

John the Baptist was a hero. He stood tall in the wilderness and folks from near and far were drawn to him. But John was also an ordinary guy and life was harsh at times. For the same reasons people loved him, he had enemies. He was put in prison and there he asked the most important question of his life: Jesus, was I wrong about you?

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Sleep, Sweet Babe (8 a.m.)
arr. Timothy Waugh; Morning Bells

Ríu Ríu Chíu (9:30, 11 a.m.)
arr. Cathy Moglebust; Carol Dale, flute & Mark Lowry, percussion; The Village Ringers

Words of Welcome

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

Welcome of New Members (11 a.m.)

Lighting the Candle of Peace

Karli Cabrera, Jacob Pfeiffer & Dre'Shon Tolbert (8 a.m.)
Bev & Don Freberg, Tarra, Eric, Drew & Lauren Freberg (9:30 a.m.)
Patricia & Charles Schultz (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.**

Response

from Hymn, No. 79

**Peace dawns on a weary world
when eyes begin to see all people's dignity.
Peace dawns on a weary world: The promised day of justice comes.
The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands gush with springs;
the hills and mountains shall break forth with singing!
We shall go out with joy, and be led forth in peace,
as all the world in wonder echoes shalom.**

*Hymn, No. 83

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus
STUTTGART

*Prayer of Confession

Rev. Zach Walker

**God of all grace,
Lead us in the paths of peace,
and teach us Your way for our lives.**

**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

*Response

from Hymn, No. 113

**Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

*Passing of the Peace

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Call to Prayer

from Hymn, No. 92

**While we are waiting, come; while we are waiting, come.
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.**

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

Mary, Did You Know?
arr. Bruce Greer; The Village Choir

Prayer for Illumination

Dee Couch (8 a.m.)
Fred Logan (9:30 a.m.)
Janice Gill (11 a.m.)

Scripture Reading

Matthew 11:2-15 (pg. 887)

Sermon

No One Escapes Disappointment

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn, No. 86

The People Who Walked in Darkness
ISAIAH 9

Offertory

What Child Is This (8 a.m.)
arr. Alex Guebert; Morning Bells

Masters in this Hall (9:30, 11 a.m.)
arr. Arnold Sherman; The Village Ringers

*Response

from Hymn, No. 145

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. 110

Love Has Come
BRING A TORCH

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

from Hymn, No. 106

Prepare the way, O Zion, your Christ is drawing near!

Let every hill and valley a level way appear.

Greet One who comes in glory, foretold in sacred story.

O blest is Christ who came in God's most holy name.

*Postlude

The King of Glory Comes
arr. Aaron David Miller

**All who are able may stand*

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A LOOK TOWARD NEXT SUNDAY. . .

One of the teachings that is quite common in the New Testament is the conviction that Jesus will “come again.” Sometimes the writers even paint a picture of what that might look like: riding clouds and the air filled with trumpets blasts. Do we still need stories like this?

WELCOME CENTER ART FOR ADVENT

Visit the Welcome Center where you can find the four candles of the Advent Wreath, representing hope, peace, joy and love. This year, we invite you to add your own story to these values that we celebrate every year. Where do you see hope in this world? Where do you see the need for hope? Come by anytime during Advent and use the Post-It Notes provided to contribute where you see the presence of and need for these Advent themes in our world. The result will be our collective dreams coming together to inform our prayers for this season.

Christmas Eve Services

Village on Mission – All services will be in the Sanctuary.

3 & 5 p.m. Children & Family Worship with The Gathering Band

7 & 9 p.m. Traditional Candlelight Worship

11 p.m. Traditional Candlelight Worship with Communion

All Village on Mission Christmas Eve services will be livestreamed at villagepres.org/online

Village on Antioch – Both services will be in the Sanctuary.

4 p.m. Children & Family Worship

7:30 p.m. Traditional Candlelight Worship with Communion

THE CHURCH'S BOOK (Week of December 8, 2019)

The following daily Bible readings were written by Rev. Zach Walker and are offered for your own personal devotion. You are invited to read the text, think about the reflection and questions and allow these to lead you in a time of prayer. Pray for your own journey of faith, pray for Village Church, pray for the community around you, and pray for all of creation.

Monday, Dec. 9

Isaiah 11:1-10

Note the transformation spoken of in these verses. Those which are enemies shall become partners, friends, allies. We believe the shoot Isaiah speaks of is Jesus; how does that understanding shed light on Christ's instruction to love your enemies?

Tuesday, Dec. 10

Romans 5:4-13

"Welcome one another, therefore, as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God." This instruction from Paul sounds like a great idea. But in practice, it is challenging. In this season of Advent, it does us well to reflect on the ways we are welcome those around us just as Christ welcomes us in all our brokenness.

Wednesday, Dec. 11

Psalms 72:1-7

What a song of hope! Read these words and think of how you hope for these same things. Better yet, how are you living toward the hope of these words?

Thursday, Dec. 12

Isaiah 61:8-11

We know our God to be the God of justice and promise. And, all too often, we see injustice around us, both near and far. Isaiah promises here that God will bring up shoots in a garden of righteousness. It is good to take solace in these words, but also good to note that every garden needs a gardener. How are you tending to the seeds of justice in this world?

Friday, Dec. 13

Psalms 126

This is a psalm of rejoice. Why might such a person write a psalm like this? What would happen in your life that you might also not just read this psalm, but sing it? Pray a simple prayer asking God for such in your life.

Saturday, Dec. 14

Matthew 3:1-12

"In those days...", or words like those, are the beginning of many great stories. It can also make us feel like we are no longer living "in those days." There are ways in which our days are not so different from "those days" and every year we are invited into this story, not just to remember "those days" but to notice the ways in which these days – our days – might not be too different. John the Baptist spoke to people then. And John the Baptist speaks to us now.

SIGN UP TO RECEIVE DAILY BIBLE READINGS EMAILS

**Subscribe now at www.villagepres.org/subscribe. Emails arrive first thing in the morning
Monday through Saturday.**

TIDINGS OF JOY

3 & 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15

Village Church on Mission

Free Admission!

Contact Marjean at marjean@villagepres.org for childcare.

7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20



The SNOW GLOBES *with Barnaby Bright*

VILLAGE CHURCH ON MISSION | RETIRING OFFERING FOR THE WASH PROJECT AND AVENUE OF LIFE

TODAY AT VILLAGE

WELCOME TO VILLAGE CHURCH! Please join us every week. Refreshments are available in Friendship Hall following the worship service.

JOIN US THIS AFTERNOON FOR THE REMEMBRANCE SERVICE – All are welcome to give thanks and remember loved ones who are no longer with us at the Remembrance Service this afternoon. The service begins at 4 p.m. in the Village on Mission Sanctuary; a reception follows. This beautiful service includes lighting candles, prayers, music and the proclamation of God's holy Christmas promise that there's a light in this world the darkness will never overcome.

DISCOVER VILLAGE KIOSKS – Located at the North Welcome Center entrance and in Friendship Hall, Discover Village is a place where people can share conversation, ask questions of our hosts and enjoy a cookie. Whether you are newer to Village or a long-time member and have an interest in serving, connecting, or growing, come to the Discover Village kiosk.

NEW TO US? Village Presbyterian Church is a Presbyterian (USA) family of faith that is inclusive, caring and welcoming of all people. We are one church worshipping at two campuses. Our Overland Park Campus is located at 14895 Antioch Road. If you would like a tour of Village Church on Mission, contact Cindy Wilcox at cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org or 913-671-2331.

WORSHIP BAGS are available for children to enjoy during worship. Please return the bags to the baskets located in the Narthex at the end of the worship service.

ADULT EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY

SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES – Four ongoing adult classes learn and grow together 9:30-10:30 a.m. Sunday mornings. Classroom discussions range from studying the New Testament to exploring the ancient biblical world to deciding how Christians live faithfully given today's complex challenges. For more information, talk with a Discover Village guide at our north and south entrances.

UPCOMING VILLAGE U CLASSES:

FROM DUST TO DUST – DEALING WITH THE END OF LIFE – 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 11, in the Village on Mission Chapel. The poet writes in Ecclesiastes 3:20, "All go to one place; all are from dust, and all turn to dust again." The words are true for all creatures but especially for those who are facing the end of one's life here on earth. What decisions confront us both as individuals and as caregivers? How do we make faithful decisions for the end of one's life? Taught by Rev. Sally Wright, pastor for pastoral care.

JESUS CHRIST IS BORN! THE MIRACLE OF INCARNATION – 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Dec. 11 & 18, in Rooms 232 & 233. In the weeks of Advent leading up to Christmas, we will explore the doctrine of the incarnation and how the early church struggled to form this key tenet of Christian faith. We will examine the controversies around the immaculate conception and ultimately realize how the birth of Jesus transforms our lives today. Taught by Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

FIRST FLOOR-CHILD CARE-ALL SERVICES – Infants to 4-year-olds are welcome in Rooms 114, 111 and/or 107.

SUNDAY SCHOOL 2 to 4-year-olds/Pre-K—Preschool Sunday School meets on the first floor. Registration and age specific room assignments are posted outside Room 107. **THIRD FLOOR K-6th grade**—The Lighthouse meets on the third floor. Registration and grade specific room assignments are posted outside Room 307. Room information is also posted outside Room 207.

ONLINE REGISTRATION FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL – Visit our link to register your child—bit.ly/vpcchildren

MORNING STARS – 3-year-olds through 6th graders are welcome to join and sing. We meet from 10:30-11 a.m. Angel Choir (3 to 4-year-olds) meet in Room 204; Prelude Choir (K-2nd grade) meet in Room 201; Hallelujah Choir (3rd-6th grade) meet in Room 304. Pick up for all children is outside of their Morning Stars room. To register your child for Morning Stars, visit bit.ly/vpcchildren.

COOKIES WITH SANTA – 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13. The Village Church Child & Family Development Center hosts "Cookies with Santa" in Friendship Hall at Village Church on Mission. Contact Linda Harmon at 913-671-2310 or linda.harmon@villagepres.org to make a reservation. Donations accepted to feed Santa's reindeer!

DIAPERS IN DECEMBER – Children & Family Ministry is once again collecting disposable diapers throughout the month of December to benefit the Food Pantry. The greatest need is of Newborn and Size 1 infant diapers and Size Large/XL Adult diapers. Drop off your diapers under the Hat and Mitten trees at the south entrance or in the Welcome Center. There is also a crib outside the Second Floor Children's Library for diaper donations.

VILLAGE CHURCH ON MISSION PRESCHOOL INFORMATION COFFEE – Are you looking for a preschool for the 2020-2021 school year? Join us from 10-11:15 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 10, in Room 133 to learn more about Village on Mission Preschool. Child care will be available during the program. Contact Preschool Director Sarah McKee with questions at 913-671-2338 or sarah.mckee@villagepres.org.

BAPTISMS and NEW BABIES – The first baptisms of 2020 are scheduled for Jan. 19 and March 15. An education class is offered for all members who are planning to baptize their children at Village. Share news of your new baby so we can welcome your new arrival with a gift. Call 913-671-2350 or email kate.ruecker@villagepres.org.

CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES

CHRISTMAS DINNER – 5:30-6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 11, in Friendship Hall at Village on Mission. The menu is ham, potatoes, green beans, rolls, chicken drumsticks, cheese ravioli and dessert. Cost is \$7 for adults, \$5 for youth ages 11-18. Kids 10 and under eat free. RSVP early or by noon tomorrow, Dec. 9, to liz.middleton@villagepres.org or 913-671-2359.

ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION COMMITTEE

A WORLD CRISIS IN HUMAN SECURITY-CLIMATE CHANGE. Dr. Chris King and Dr. Rick Randolph will discuss climate change and its effects on world peace and human health. Climate change since 1880 has been caused by human activity producing a buildup of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere. The impacts on life are dire resulting in unprecedented species extinctions. Humanity is not exempt from this threat. 7-9 p.m. Monday, Dec. 16, in Rooms 126-127 at Village on Mission.

MISSION

THE FOOD PANTRY – During the month of December, the Food Pantry is requesting items for baking those wonderful Christmas sweets - sugar, flour, cake mixes, spices, salt and pepper, vegetable oil, etc. The Clothes Closet is accepting small Christmas decorations to brighten the homes of the clients. No trees please as the Pantry has no place to display them. Bibles, devotional books, warm winter coats and clothing are also wanted.

DON'T FORGET TO DROP OFF YOUR GIFTS – If you adopted an Operation Breakthrough Star family for Christmas or purchased a gift for the holiday store, don't forget to drop off your gifts to the Operation Breakthrough truck parked in the Village south parking lot during the morning of Dec. 8. Or deliver your gifts down to Operation Breakthrough at 31st and Troost. Contact Ann Colston, 913-461-1791 or Marilyn Borel, 913-708-1917.

DECORATE THE VILLAGE TREES WITH DIAPERS AND HATS AND MITTENS – From now until Dec. 24, 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. You will find the trees located at the south entrance to the church and in the Welcome Center. Contact Deborah White at 913-671-2369 or deborah.white@villagepres.org.

MUSIC MINISTRY

TE DEUM PRESENTS “PEACE AND JOY” – 7:30 p.m. tomorrow, Dec. 9, in the Village on Mission Sanctuary. Te Deum’s annual Christmas concert will give special attention to local Kansas City composers and feature world premieres by composers Ed Frazier Davis and Geoff Wilcken. Tickets are \$15 online at te-deum.org or \$20 at the door. Te Deum is a proud member of the Village Church Arts Alliance.

SECOND THURSDAY RECITAL WITH JAZZ PIANIST MARK LOWREY – 12:15-12:45 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12, in the Village on Mission Sanctuary. Mark Lowrey has made a name for himself in the Kansas City Jazz scene with his versatility, command of the piano and sound that transcends genres. Admission is free.

PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

ARE YOU DREADING THE HOLIDAYS? If you are struggling as the holidays approach because of the death of a loved one, divorce, job loss, illness or some other life challenge, confidential Christian care from one of our Stephen Ministers may be just what you need. Stephen Ministers are members of our congregation who listen, encourage and provide emotional support. If interested, contact Rev. Becky Chamberlain, parish associate for Pastoral Care and Counseling, at 913-449-0713 or becky.chamberlain@villagepres.org.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Young Adult Ministry is for all people in their 20’s and 30’s.

HAPPY ADVENT HOURS – 5:30-7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12, at Gram & Dun. For December we’re flipping Theology Thursdays earlier, into happy hours! Join us for Christmas tune trivia, and people to breathe, in the midst of this crazy season. More at VillagePresYA.org/thursdays.

CLASSY CHRISTMAS PARTY – 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19, at Amigoni Urban Winery. All 20s and 30s, get in here. This Christmas we’re celebrating you at one of our favorite KC spots! Wear something classy. Come for dinner, games, the best wine and people in town, and all the Christmas vibes. RSVP required. VillagePresYA.org/calendar/classy.

YOUTH MINISTRY

JOIN US FOR ANY OF OUR WEEKLY ACTIVITIES – All are welcome regardless of previous Village attendance and no sign-up is required. Check villagepresyouth.org for more details.

SUNDAY MORNINGS – 9:30 a.m. Youth Loft (Room 333) for middle school, Upper Room (319) for high school.

SNL (high school youth group) – 6:30-8:30 p.m. Sundays, in the Youth Loft (Room 333).

LOFTERNOONS (middle school after school program) – 4-5:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Youth Loft (Room 333).

GPS (middle school youth group) – 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, in the Youth Loft (Room 333).

EARLY TABLE (morning devotional for high schoolers with food) – 7:30-8:15 a.m. Thursdays, in the Youth Loft (Room 333), with rides to school available.

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION OPEN – You can now register for Confirmation, which begins in January 2020. More information and registration can be found at villagepresyouth.org/confirmation, or email madeline.chamberlain@villagepres.org.

Winter Weather Advisory

If the weather forecast is to have 4 inches or more snowfall during Saturday night, the 8 a.m. worship service at Village on Mission will be cancelled.

Be still....
Be silent....
Just be.



A Service of Taizé
6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 10
Village on Mission Chapel

Seeking Part-Time Baristas in the Village Cup Coffee Shop

Village Church on Mission is seeking a part-time barista in the Village Cup. Shifts are Monday-Friday mornings through early afternoons, occasional Sunday mornings and other special events as requested. 20-25 hours per week. Village is also looking for a teen barista. Get the job descriptions and learn how to apply at www.villagepres.org/employment-opportunities.



We're so grateful for your Commitment and Generosity.

To show our gratitude for your support in 2019, the Commitment committee will be in the narthex after worship service with a small token of appreciation. Please find us, we will be the ones with a basket in our hands!



ADVENT SERMON SERIES

I Won't Be Home for Christmas

Dec. 1-24

Advent is a season of waiting. The church is always in Advent, because we are always waiting on what God will do next, although it is only this time of year that we mark that posture of expectation. Why are we always waiting? Because we aren't home yet. We, nor the world itself, are as God intends us to be. So, as a people who are always "on the way," we continue the journey toward home. This series will rehearse some of the expressions of waiting (which can be another word for hope) that is part of this long tradition.

Dec. 1	The Old Homeplace
Dec. 8	No One Escapes Disappointment
Dec. 15	The End of Trouble
Dec. 22	On the Road to Mary's House
Dec. 24	Look Who's Home!

MINISTERS

All members of the congregation

MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Tom Are, Jr., senior pastor ❖ Dr. Elisa Bickers, principal organist ❖ Will Breytspreek, director of music
Emily Berns, director of food services ❖ Laura Davis, director of marketing and communications
Rev. Dr. Brandon Frick, site pastor of Village on Antioch ❖ Rev. Melanie Hardison, pastor of pastoral care
Rev. Hallie Hottle, pastor of young adult ministry ❖ Brooke Latas, director of children and family ministry
Marjean Lindquist, director of child care ❖ Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka, senior associate pastor
Robert Rumold, director of information technology ❖ Matthew C. Shepard, associate director of music
Molly Sirridge, director of stewardship and endowments ❖ Bob Sperry, interim director of finance
Rev. Zach Walker, pastor of youth ministries ❖ Deborah White, director of mission
Cindy A. Wilcox, director of connectional ministries ❖ Rev. Sally Wright, pastor of pastoral care
Rev. Dr. Robert H. Meneilly, pastor emeritus

Large print bulletins are available in the Narthex. Ask an usher to bring you one.

Streaming video of all the Sunday morning Sanctuary services is available at villagepres.org/online.

The Sanctuary worship service is broadcast live at 8 a.m. on 1660 AM KMBZ, The Business Channel.

We kindly request that cell phones be turned off during worship.

Please note that additional parking is available across Mission Road in the Prairie School parking lots.

If you are not taking your bulletin with you, please hand it to an usher so it may be recycled.