



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

January 5, 2020 • 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

Wise ones came from the East, following the light of a star that led them to the Christ child. On Epiphany Sunday we celebrate God revealing Jesus to the Magi, and to all of us, as the Light of the World. The Magi offered gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, but what else did they bring? What might we bring?

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Dix
arr. Wayne Wold

Words of Welcome

Rev. Melanie Hardison

Call to Worship

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

Arise, shine! For your light has come!

The glory of God has risen upon us.

Tell the good news throughout the earth:

the saving grace of Jesus Christ is for all.

Come and adore the Savior of the nations.

We offer the gifts of our lives to the Lord.

*Hymn, No. 147

The First Nowell
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*Prayer of Confession

**God of endless light, You sent a star, rising from darkness,
guiding seekers and sages, overwhelming us with joy.****We confess that our fears and pride keep us from the brightness of Your light.****We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace.****In Your mercy, cleanse and release us.****Pour out the gifts of Your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed,
we might let the splendor of Your dawning light
grow in us and in all the world. (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

Time with Children

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Matthew 2:1-12 (pg. 877)

Sermon

The Fourth Gift of the Magi

Rev. Melanie Hardison

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn, No. 150

As With Gladness Men of Old
DIX

Offertory

The Shepherds' Farewell to the Holy Child
by Hector Berlioz; Village Choir

*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

SERVICE OF ORDINATION

The Ordination and Installation of Deacons and Elders and Elder Trustees

Those being ordained and/or installed as Deacons (Y signifies Youth Deacon):

Matt Baker	Anne Gall	Alice Haseltine	Jonathan 'Jon' Wagner
Joanne Belt	Ben Hard	Lisa Huhman	Margo Wagner
Trish Byall	Ethan Harrington	Clarence Munsch	Clo Whitaker
Lauren Dornbusch - Y	Andy Harris	Pat Munsch	
Vicki Ensz	Pat Harris	Finn Sullivan - Y	

Those being ordained and/or installed as Elders (Y signifies Youth Elder):

Andrea Chamblin	David Enslow	Nicole Muller	Michele Stowers
Lauren Conderman	Mary Lehoczky	Katie Parks - Y	Grace Strongman - Y

Those being ordained and/or installed as Elder Trustees:

Fred Logan	Bob Sperry	Becky Tilden
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The Constitutional Questions for Officers

Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit?

Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's Word to you?

Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?

Will you fulfill your office in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?

Will you be governed by our church's policy, and will you abide by its discipline?

Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Work and Spirit?

Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbor and work for the reconciliation of the world?

Do you promise to further the peace, unity and purity of the church?

Will you seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination and love?

(For Elders) Will you be a faithful Elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in governing bodies of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

(For Deacons) Will you be a faithful Deacon, teaching charity, urging concern and directing the people's help to the friendless and those in need, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

The Constitutional Questions for the Congregation

Do we, the members of the church, accept these brothers and sisters as Elders or Deacons, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

*Hymn, No. 152

What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

*Benediction

*Benediction Response from Hymn, No. 110, v. 3

**Love has come and never will leave us!
Love is life everlasting and free.
Love is Jesus within and among us.
Love is the peace our hearts are seeking.
Lov! Love! Love is the gift of Christmas.
Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!**

*Postlude

In Dulci Jubilo
arr. Daphnia Portier

**All who are able may stand*

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A LOOK TOWARD NEXT SUNDAY. . .

When Jesus was born, there were many names attributed to him: "Immanuel," "Savior," "Son of God," even "Christ." The Magi called him the "King of the Jews." Each Gospel writer identifies Jesus, but they do so a little differently from one another. Beginning next Sunday, we will examine how Mathew, Mark, Luke and John all describe Jesus.

THE CHURCH'S BOOK (Week of January 5, 2020)

The following daily Bible readings were written by Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka 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, Jan. 6

Epiphany of the Lord Matt. 2:1-12

The scripture reading today tells of the visit of wise men from the East who came in search of the new born Jesus. "Epiphany" at its root is about an appearance. It also means a revelation or a new insight or understanding. For Christians, epiphany is the celebration of the revealing of Jesus to these wise ones from the East, these gentiles. In honoring this event, the gentiles offer extravagant gifts fit for a king. What gift are you offering to Jesus on this day?

Tuesday, Jan. 7

Ephesians 3:1-12

In the early church, one of the greatest debates was between Jewish Christians and gentile Christians. This young, struggling religious movement was wondering if the good news of Jesus was only for Jews or are gentiles included? In this passage, the Apostle Paul describes what he has received from God – a new understanding of his ministry and mission – to bring the gospel to all peoples. Surely this was an epiphany for Paul! How has God surprised you? How has God opened you to new possibilities, new calls, new ways of being faithful?

Wednesday, Jan. 8

Psalms 72:1-7, 10-14

Old Testament scholars agree that this psalm is about the coronation of King Solomon. But when we read this psalm, we envision Jesus Christ as the one who sits on the throne and who brings justice and embodies righteousness. He is to be honored above all and why? Because he cares for the poor, the weak, and the needy. He cares for those whom the rest of society casts away. This is the one whom we welcome into the world. Give thanks that Jesus cares for the least of these and calls us to do the same.

Thursday, Jan. 9

Isaiah 60:1-6

The prophet Isaiah provides us with a vision of the future. The Hebrew people have returned from exile to their homeland and life is hard. Into the challenges of day-to-day life, Isaiah speaks words of hope. He reminds the Hebrews that from them will come light. The light will be so powerful, that all will be drawn to it. We interpret these words to be a reference to the birth of Jesus Christ, the light of the world. How have you seen Jesus' light this week?

Friday, Jan. 10

Matthew 3:13-17

The baptism of Jesus marks the beginning of his public ministry. So important is this moment that it is one of the few events recorded in all four gospels. In Matthew's telling, when Jesus was baptized, the heavens opened, and God's spirit descended upon Jesus like a dove. Then, a voice from heaven proclaimed Jesus as "my son, the beloved." Imagine being present and seeing God's Spirit and hearing God's voice. As you go about the world, look for God's Spirit and listen for God's voice around you.

Saturday, Jan. 11

Luke 24:28-35

After Jesus' arrest, torture, crucifixion, and resurrection, two disciples encounter Jesus on a road leaving Jerusalem, but they do not recognize him. Only when he takes bread, blesses it, breaks it and gives it to them do they see him. Sometimes we miss God's revelation that is right in front of us. In these days, pray that God would give you the ability to see God's active presence.



FOR CHURCH & COMMUNITY

Spring 2020 Village U Classes

Registration opens Jan. 6 for church members
Jan. 13 for the community

Look for the course catalog by Dec. 31 at
villagepres.org/village-u-community-classes

All-Church Winter

BOWLING

Event

2-4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 26 | Ward Parkway Lanes

Cost: \$5 a person (includes shoes!)

RSVP to cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org



TODAY AT VILLAGE

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

FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL TODAY are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of William Keehne by his children and grandchildren, Richard & Frances Levine by their grandchildren and great grandchildren.

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.

THE GATHERING – Every Sunday at 5 p.m., join us for an alternative style of worship in Friendship Hall with music by Becky and Nathan Bliss and the same preaching as morning worship. To see more and listen in, check out VPCTheGathering.org.

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 worshiping 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.

NEW 11 A.M. ADULT CLASS – In the world but not of the world. Followers of Jesus Christ are called to be in the world but not of the world. You are invited to join this six-week adult class taught by Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka. Each week, we will explore events in the world through the lens of Jesus Christ. In the aftermath of WWII, Swiss theologian Karl Barth told Christians to “take your Bible and your newspaper and read both, and interpret the newspaper through your Bible.” Join us as we do that together! 10:45-11:45 a.m. Rooms 132-133.

VILLAGE U COMMUNITY CLASSES – The Spring 2020 Village U course catalog is now available online. Our curriculum offers over 60 courses encompassing a variety of learning opportunities from art and leisure to Christian Life to health & wellness and literature. Instructors include: Rev. Tom Are, Judy Bliss, Rev. Dr. John Borden, Dr. Gus Breytspraak, Rev. Becky Chamberlain, Rev. Peter DeVeau, Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka, Rev. Diane Quaintance and Rev. Sally Wright. Registration for church members opens tomorrow, Jan. 6. Registration for the community opens Jan. 13. Visit villagepres.org/village-u-community-classes for more information.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

TODAY IS FAMILY WORSHIP SUNDAY – No Lighthouse (both Elementary and Preschool) today due to Christmas break.

MORNING STARS – No Morning Stars this week. To register your child for Morning Stars, visit bit.ly/vpcchildren.

BAPTISMS and NEW BABIES – The upcoming baptisms are March 15 and May 10. 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.

VILLAGE ON MISSION PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT – Enrollment for the 2020-21 school year at Village on Mission Preschool begins in January. Contact preschool director, Sarah McKee with questions at 913-671-2338 or sarah.mckee@villagepres.org. Current VOM Preschool families enroll beginning Tuesday, Jan. 21; current KDO families and Village Church members enroll beginning Thursday, Jan. 23; former VOM Preschool families enroll beginning Friday, Jan. 24. Enrollment opens to the community at 8 a.m. Monday, Jan. 27.

CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES

WEDNESDAY FAMILY DINNERS – Take a night off from cooking! Out next dinner is Jan. 8. The menu is beef stew, vegetarian stew, mini corn dogs, salad and dessert. The salad bar opens at 5:15 p.m. and hot food bar is open from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Cost is \$7 for the full meal and \$6 for salad bar & dessert only. Kids age 10 and under eat free. RSVP by noon Jan. 7, to liz.middleton@villagpres.org or 913-671-2359.

MISSION

THE FOOD PANTRY – Happy New Year from the Food Pantry and Clothes Closet! Did you make a resolution to bring one food item to church with you each week? The requests for the month of January is for canned chicken and tuna. The Clothes Closet is asking for warm winter coats, hats and scarves and fiction books- western, mysteries, sci-fi, etc.

VILLAGE CHURCH COOKS A MEAL AT CROSS-LINES - Friday, Jan. 10, Village will cook for and serve a meal at the Cross-Lines kitchen in Kansas City, Kansas. We need volunteers from 9:30-11 a.m. for prep and from 11:15 a.m.-1:30 p.m. to serve and clean up. Cookie donations can be dropped off at the church reception desk from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 9. If you can help, sign up at bit.ly/Cross-Linessignup.

BLOOD DRIVE – Village will host a blood drive from noon-6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 21, in Rooms 132 and 133. To make an appointment online, go to savealifenow.org/group and enter Group Code: BT or stop by our registration table in Friendship Hall from 9 a.m. and noon on Jan. 12 and 19. For additional details, contact Ann Colston at 913-461-1791 or acolston1113@gmail.com.

MUSIC MINISTRY

SECOND THURSDAY RECITAL JAN. 9 – Join us from 12:15-12:45 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 9, at Village on Mission for a recital with tenor Jonathan Pilkington. This Atlanta-based tenor's recent engagements include solos in Verdi's "Requiem," Mendelssohn's "Elijah" and Elliott Carter's "The Defense of Corinth at Avery Fisher Hall." Admission is free.

PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

FIRST FAITH & GRIEF LUNCH OF 2020 IS THIS TUESDAY – Join us at noon Tuesday, Jan. 7, in Friendship Hall to hear speaker Christine Sanders share her story of life placing her in the arms of grace when she least expected it. Lunch and discussion around tables follows Christine's reflection.

GROWING THROUGH GRIEF STARTS NEXT WEEK – The Pastoral Care Department is here to offer support and comfort when grief is hard to bear. Growing through Grief, a five-week series, is every Wednesday from Jan. 15-Feb. 12 at 4:45 p.m. in Room 124. The series is offered at no cost and is open to all. Registration is required; contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

WOW LUNCH AT CAFE PROVENCE – All women are warmly invited to join Women of Wisdom, (WOW), for lunch at Cafe Provence at noon Tuesday, Jan. 21. A favorite of WOW, Cafe Provence is located at 3936 West 69th Terrace in the Prairie Village Shops. Cafe Provence serves exquisite French cuisine, prepared with seasonal, local ingredients. We hope you will join us in this warm, inviting atmosphere, for food, fellowship and conversation. RSVP by Jan. 20 to Marvie Sneegas at sneegi@kc.rr.com, or 913-209-9608.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

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

THEOLOGY THURSDAYS – Happy New Year! Join us in the new year. 7 p.m. Thursday nights beginning Jan. 23.

YOUNG ADULT WINTER RETREAT – Feb. 28-March 1. This winter, we retreat together! Travel with us to a cabin near Table Rock Lake for a weekend of renewal. More information and sign up at VillagePresYA.org/retreat.

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) will not meet today. See you next week!

SNL (high school youth group) – 6:30-8:30 p.m. Sundays, in the Youth Loft (Room 333) will not meet today. See you next week!

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) – does not meet this week due to the schedule for Finals. We will return at 7:30 a.m. Jan. 9.

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.

SUMMER TRIP REGISTRATIONS OPEN – Registration is now open for the Middle School Mission Trip, High School Montreat, and High School Boundary Waters Trip! Visit villagepresyouth.org/forms to sign up, 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.

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Subscribe to Receive Rev. Tom Are's Weekly eNote



Sign up to receive Rev. Tom Are's Weekly eNote each Friday as he shares details about the Sunday sermon message and more.

You may also sign up to receive the Village Church on Mission Weekly eNews with highlights of what's happening at our Mission Campus.

Visit www.villagepres.org/subscribe to select your email preferences.

Annual Congregational Meeting/Dinner

This year an annual meeting will take place at the Mission campus and the Antioch campus. You are welcome to attend the meeting at either location. Rev. Tom Are will provide a review of 2019 and plans for 2020. The Session will present the budget for 2020.

Mission Campus – The Annual Meeting follows dinner in Friendship Hall on Tuesday, Jan. 28. Dinner begins at 6 p.m. Seating is limited. If you plan to attend, please advise Marsha Hansen no later than Wednesday, Jan. 15, at 913-671-2341 or marsha.hansen@villagepres.org.

Antioch Campus – The Annual Meeting begins with dinner at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 4. If you plan to attend, please advise Laura Patton no later than Monday, Jan. 27 at 913-681-8180 or laura.patton@villagepres.org.

UPCOMING SERMON SERIES

Who Do People Say That I Am?

The birth of Jesus comes with many claims regarding his identity. Who is this child? The Angelic choir called him the messiah. Gabriel called him God's son. Some preferred the name Immanuel. All this and more to describe the child of manger straw. But how do we describe Jesus now? Jesus asked his own followers, "Who do you say that I am?" There's not one answer to that question. Oh, it's possible to answer it by quoting the creeds "his only son, our Lord." But a survey of the Gospel writers reveals that each gospel writer speaks of Jesus differently. Over the next few weeks, we will listen to each Gospel writer's response to the question, "Who do you say that I am?" We will end the series reflecting on how our understanding of who Jesus is influences our understanding of who we are to be.

Jan. 12	Mark: The Man in the Wilderness
Jan. 19	Matthew: The Teacher
Jan. 26	Luke: The One From the Future
Feb. 2	John: The Man of the Hour
Feb. 9	Acts: Repeating Jesus

MINISTERS

All members of the congregation

MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Tom Are, Jr., senior pastor ❖ Dr. Elisa Bickers, principal organist ❖ Will Breytspraak, 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.