SERVICE OF WORSHIP
January 12, 2020 • 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

ABOUT TODAY’S SERVICE

Last Sunday the Magi came to worship the “star child” born “King of the Jews.” The angel said his name was “Emmanuel.” The shepherds heard that he was our “Savior.” Jesus received a lot of titles in his short life. If you were to describe Jesus, what name or title would you use?
God’s People Gather

Prelude
How Brightly Beams the Morning Star
by Max Reger

Words of Welcome
Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

Call to Worship
Rev. Zach Walker

God is our creator, the sculptor of the mountains and the shaper of the seas.

We belong to the one who made us.

God is our redeemer, the mender of what’s broken, the healer of our hearts.

We are loved by the one who saves us.

God is our sustainer, the giver of every moment of life.

We know God’s strength, even in the face of life’s storms.

So, we sing praise to the living God.

*Hymn, No. 327
From All That Dwell Below the Skies
LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*Prayer of Confession

God of grace,

We pray this day for courage.

There are things in our world that are not as they should be.

There are things in ourselves that are not as they should be.

Grant us the wisdom to know what we can do to follow You,

and grant us the courage to do so. (Silent prayer)

*Assurance of God’s Grace
*Response (from Hymn, No. 582)

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Call to Prayer (from Hymn, No. 288)

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

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 (8, 9:30 a.m.)  
Psalm 139  
by Allen Pote; Village Voices

Prayer for Illumination  
Diann Markley (8 a.m.)  
Larry Sneegas (9:30 a.m.)  
Sharolyn Molle (11 a.m.)

Scripture Reading  
Mark 1:9-13 (pg. 910)

Sermon  
Mark: The Man in the Wilderness  
Rev. Tom Are, Jr.
RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Affirmation of Faith, from *A Declaration of Faith*

Jesus lived a truly human life.
Jesus was what we are.
He grew up in a family and a society
troubled by the common problems of the world.
His knowledge was limited
by his time and place in history.
He felt deeply the joy of friendship
and the hurt of being rejected.
Jesus prayed,
struggled with temptation,
knew anger,
and was subject to suffering and death.
He was like us in every way except sin.

Jesus was what we should be.
He served his Father with complete trust
and unwavering obedience.
He loved all kinds of people
and accepted their love.
In constant dependence upon the Holy Spirit,
Jesus allows no temptation or threat to keep him
from loving God with his whole being
and his neighbor as himself.

We recognize in Jesus what God created us to be.
He exposes our failure to live as he lived.
He demonstrates the new humanity
God promises to give us through him.

*Hymn, No. 167*

Forty Days and Forty Nights
AUS DER TIEFE RUFE ICH

Commissioning of Stephen Ministers (9:30 a.m.)
Rev. Becky Chamberlain
Next Sunday we will look at Matthew’s witness to Jesus. Matthew saw Jesus as a teacher. Matthew believed in order to become a mature, gracious and faithful person, we need an example. Jesus was the best teacher.
The following daily Bible readings were written by Rev. Dr. Brandon Frick 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.

The scriptures are full of stories of God calling out to creation. This week, we’ll take a look at just a few of these to see what they tell us about God and about God’s creation.

**Monday, Jan. 13**  
*Genesis 1*

“In the beginning” is the void, but God changes that with utterances of “Let there be…” that bring much of our world into being. God doesn’t call in the celestial construction crews or shape everything by hand. The Creator calls out and earth, sea, and stars are made. What does it mean that the world is made by divine command?

**Tuesday, Jan. 14**  
*Genesis 12:1-3*

Up until this point, there’s no record that Abram has ever even heard of “the Lord,” who now calls out to Abram to leave his country to bless others as a blessing himself. What do you make of a God whose introduction to Abram is one asking him to do this very risky thing?

**Wednesday, Jan. 15**  
*Exodus 3:1-6*

Like Abraham, Moses is just minding his business the day God commissions him. He’s herding his father-in-law’s sheep when he sees a bush aflame but is somehow not burned up. When he goes over to investigate, God tells him that this place is “holy”? What do you think God means by that term? What makes this place, in the middle of the desert, “holy”?

**Thursday, Jan. 16**  
*1 Samuel 3:1-19*

A few weeks ago, Rev. Sally Wright shared with us the incredible story of Hannah, who would go on to give birth to Samuel. In this passage, we see how God calls out to Samuel, who is just a boy, to lead God’s people. Is his calling any different than that of Abraham or Moses? How so? What do you make of the fact that Samuel confused the voice of God with the priest Eli?

**Friday, Jan. 17**  
*1 Kings 19*

The prophet Elijah is on the run and searching for some solace or meaning from God. How does God communicate with Elijah in this chapter? What does the final scene on the mountain tell you about how God does and doesn’t communicate with us? What is his command to Elijah in v. 15?

**Saturday, Jan. 18**  
*Matthew 4:18-22*

In these verses, Jesus calls two sets of brothers to be his disciples just as God had done up to that point. Jesus interrupts their lives with this call to do something wild and reckless. How do they respond? Do you think they could have responded otherwise?
Heartland Presbytery Invites you to
Rev. Sally Wright's
Service of Installation
6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 21
Village Church on Mission Sanctuary
Reception to follow in Friendship Hall

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 Carol Pendleton by Jim Pendleton Sr. and family.

NEW STEPHEN MINISTERS COMMISSIONED -- Eleven new Stephen Ministers are being commissioned today to provide confidential, Christ-centered care to congregation members and friends going through tough times. They are Diane Brent, Kim Carter, Sandi Edinger, Jennifer Green, Dortha Hargadine, Julie Norton, Ann Raikula, Joyce Scammahorn, Mary Ann Strickland, Sharon Valasek and Jack Whitaker. To be matched with a Stephen Minister or for more information, contact Rev. Becky Chamberlain, parish associate for pastoral care and counseling, at 913-449-0713 or becky.chamberlain@villagepres.org.

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 – For Christians, is it ever right to go to war? With all of the news this week about rising tensions with Iran, we will explore what Christians believe about war. Some believe war is never an option. Others believe in a “just war” theory that says sometimes war is the most faithful action. All are welcome to this new six-week adult faith formation class. Each week we will explore events in the world through the lenses of our faith, scripture, and tradition. The class is taught by Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka. 10:45-11:45 a.m. Rooms 132-133.

VILLAGE U COMMUNITY CLASSES – The Spring 2020 Village U course catalog is now online. Registration is open for church members. Registration for the community opens tomorrow. Visit villagepres.org/village-u-community-classes for more information.

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.

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.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING – Throughout January, children and families are encouraged to bring cans of soup to The Lighthouse (both Preschool and Elementary grades). This mission project shows kids they can make a positive difference in the world.

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! Our next dinner is Jan. 15. The menu is chicken verde enchiladas, bean & cheese enchiladas, Mexican rice. 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 tomorrow to liz.middleton@villagepres.org or 913-671-2359.

ALL-CHURCH WINTER BOWLING EVENT – 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 26, at Ward Parkway Lanes. Connectional Ministries is sponsoring our annual All-Church Winter Bowling event for our Village Church family. Ward Parkway Lanes is located at 1523 W. 89th St. in Kansas City, Missouri. We have lanes specifically reserved for Village Church at a $5 per person (includes shoes!) for two hours of play. Come and join us for indoor fun for all ages. RSVP to Cindy Wilcox at cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org.

MISSION

THE FOOD PANTRY is requesting canned chicken and tuna during the month of January. These items are a staple in the clients' diet and can be used in so many ways. The Clothes Closet is looking for winter coats. In this weather, the Closet cannot have too many. Fiction books are also in demand - western, mysteries, romance - to fill the shelves in the waiting room, from which the clients can select books to take home.

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 today and Jan. 19. For additional details, contact Ann Colston at 913-461-1791 or acolston1113@gmail.com.

PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

GROWING THROUGH GRIEF BEGINS WEDNESDAY – If you have lost a loved one, Growing Through Grief can help with your grief journey. The class meets five consecutive Wednesday evenings at 4:45 p.m. Jan. 15-Feb. 12 in Room 124. This class is open to all; registration is required. Contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org to register.
LET US KNOW IF YOU OR A LOVED ONE IS HOSPITALIZED – Village Church is here for you. Please have a family member or the hospital chaplain call the Pastoral Care Department at 913-671-2327 and tell us the name of the hospital, the room number and other pertinent information. After hours call the church’s main number 913-262-4200. A pastor will come and visit, listen and offer comfort and prayers.

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. 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 – Join us at 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) 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.

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.

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 this 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.

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

A Service of Taizé
6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 14
Village on Mission Chapel
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.