



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

January 20, 2019 • 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

You, the Village Family, have offered wonderful suggestions to assemble the sermon series we begin today. Over the next few weeks we will speak of topics ranging from the suffering in the world, to heaven, to the "end times." We begin this series with a theological sermon on predestination. I imagine some have learned you go to a Presbyterian Church and they have said, "You Presbyterians believe in predestination!" And you thought, "I don't even know what predestination is?" Well, by lunch time today you will know a bit of what it is. Believe in predestination or not, you are still welcome as a Presbyterian.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude	<i>Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow</i> arr. Mark Hayes
Words of Welcome	Rev. Tom Are, Jr.
Introit (11 a.m.)	<i>Take Me To The Water</i> music: Traditional; Spencer Ruwe, tenor
Call to Worship	Rev. Hallie Hottle

The promise of our baptism is this:

**We are children of God,
and nothing will ever change that.**

God has called us to worship because we belong to God;

and knowing that we belong is the best reason to worship.

*Hymn, No. 475

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
NETTLETON

*Prayer of Confession

**God of love and loyalty,
It is by Your grace that we are claimed as Your children.
We admit that often we forget that we belong to You.
Forgive us for our casual attitudes about Your love.
And know this: we yearn to live a life of gratitude and faithfulness,
for You are our God, and we are Your children.** (Silent prayer)

*Assurance of God's Grace

*Response

Peruvian Folk Song

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
To God be glory forever!
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Alleluya, Amen! Alleluya, Amen! Alleluya, Amen!
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*Passing of the Peace

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Call to Prayer (from Hymn, No. 288) (8, 9:30 a.m.)

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 (8, 9:30 a.m.)

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.

The Sacrament of Baptism (11 a.m.)

Hymn, No. 482

Baptized in Water

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, Marked with the sign of Christ, our King;
Born of the Spirit, we are God's children, Joyfully now God's praises we sing.

Prayer for Illumination

Sandy Linson (8 a.m.)
Jeff Busche (9:30 a.m.)
Janice Gill (11 a.m.)

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 1:3-14 (pg. 1064)

Sermon

Predestination: Does That Sound Like Good News To You?

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn, No. 177

I Will Come to You

YOU ARE MINE

Offertory

Christus Paradox

music: Alfred Fedak; Village Choir

You, Lord are both Lamb and Shepherd.

You, Lord, are both prince and slave.

You, peacemaker and swordbringer of the way you took and gave.

You the everlasting instant; You, whom we both scorn and crave.

Clothed in Light upon the mountain, stripped of might upon the cross,
shining in eternal glory, beggar'd by a soldier's toss,

You, the everlasting instant; You, who are both gift and cost.

You, who walk each day beside us, sit in power at God's side.

You, who preach a way that's narrow, have a love that reaches wide.

You, the everlasting instant; You, who are our pilgrim guide.

Worthy is our earthly Jesus!

Worthy is our cosmic Christ!

Worthy your defeat and vict'ry.

Worthy still your peace and strife.

Alleluia, praise to you, who are our death and our life!

*Response (from Hymn, No. 694)

Great God of every blessing, of faithful, loving care,

You are the fount of goodness, the daily bread we share.

How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start:

Sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn, No. 822

When We Are Living
SOMOS DEL SEÑOR

*Benediction

*Benediction Response (from Hymn, No. 547)

**Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.**

*Postlude

Allegro Moderato from KV 330
by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

**All who are able may stand*
© A-705103 for all hymns

Discover Village Information Center

A place for you to connect and ask questions. You're invited to stop by our Discover Village desk, between worship services, at the north Welcome Center entrance. Hosts will be available at the desk every Sunday morning; a place where you can share conversation and enjoy a cookie. We look forward to meeting you!



THE CHURCH'S BOOK (Week of January 21, 2019)

The following daily Bible readings were written by Rev. Becky Chamberlain 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. 21

Matthew 3:13-17

Besides nudges from the Holy Spirit, have you ever had one of those moments when you knew God was speaking to you? Was it a voice from heaven? A song in your heart? A word conveyed through another person? Was it a word that offered comfort? Instruction? Invitation? Rebuke? How did you respond?

Tuesday, Jan. 22

Matthew 10: 40-42

What role has hospitality played in your life? Have you ever received a welcome when you felt like an outsider? What did that welcome mean to you at the time? Who in your neighborhood, church or community may be in great need of "a cup of cold water?"

Wednesday, Jan. 23

Matthew 13:31-33; 44-52

Which of these similes work best for you in thinking about the kingdom of heaven? What are the similarities among them? What are the differences between them? Now that you've reflected on these similes, can you think of a modern day simile that might whet someone's appetite for God's alternative kingdom?

Thursday, Jan. 24

Matthew 18:15-20

Do you have grudges you are allowing to fester and that may be eating away at you? What relationships in your life would benefit from an honest conversation about a moment when one of you wronged the other? Could this be the time for you to do something about a relationship that is in need of some honesty and healing?

Friday, Jan. 25

Matthew 18:21-35

How does this passage have relevance for today's culture of bullying, for adults as well as children? Have you ever bullied someone in this way? Or been the victim of bullying? What lesson can be learned from this passage of scripture? Is it an easy lesson or a hard one for you? Why?

Saturday, Jan. 26

Matthew 28:16-20

Which of the persons of the Trinity are you most comfortable with? The "big," creating God; the personal, suffering Jesus, or the persuasive and sustaining Spirit? Has this always been true for you or has it changed at certain times in your life? Which person of the Trinity is hardest for you to identify with? How do the three-in-one each and all affect your life?



Village Church Single Adult Ministry

2019 Special Speakers Series | 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Feb. 5-March 5

- Feb. 5 Starting a Hobby with Carol Tucker
- Feb. 12 Traveling Single with Lisa Ball
- Feb. 19 When Grief Gets the Best of Us with Rev. Jay McKell
- Feb. 26 Financial Decision-Making for Singles with Brad Stratton
- March 5 Real Estate for Singles in KC with Susan Younger

Learn more about each presentation at villagepres.org/single-adult-ministry
Contact cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org with questions.

TODAY AT VILLAGE

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

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL TODAY are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Dorothy and Ken Thein by their family.

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM TODAY – Please welcome these newest members into our faith community as we celebrate the baptisms of the following children, at **11 a.m.**: Lily Madeline Cole (Stacey Wright and Josh Cole, parents); Raymond Wells Elrod (Alice and Tim Elrod, parents); Caroline Isabelle Houghan (Allison and Stephen Houghan, parents).

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.

NEW TO US? Village Presbyterian Church is a family of faith actively shaped by the life of Christ to love one another, providing leadership for the transformation of our communities and serving the world. We are a Presbyterian (USA) family of faith that is inclusive, generous and welcoming of all people. Village is one church worshipping at two campuses: Village on Mission (6641 Mission Road in Prairie Village) and Village on Antioch (14895 Antioch Road in Overland Park). If you would like a tour of Village on Mission, contact Cindy Wilcox at cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org or 913-671-2331.

JOINING VILLAGE CHURCH – Village welcomes **new members** every other month at a special Sunday luncheon. Join us Feb. 3, April 7, June 2, Aug. 4, Sept. 29 and Dec. 8. Contact cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org for info.

ADULT EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY

Registration is now open for Village U. Upcoming Village U classes include:

BREAKFAST AND BIBLE WITH TOM ARE – Join Rev. Tom Are for a morning Bible study where he reflects on passages from scripture. Chef Emily will prepare a hot breakfast. Invite a friend and join the fellowship on Tuesday mornings. To make a reservation for breakfast, call 913-671-2333. Cost: \$6. Child care is not available. 7:30-8:30 a.m. Tuesdays, Feb. 5-26 and March 5-26, Room 228.

ART WORKSHOP – Did you love art classes in high school or college? Would you like to renew those skills with other creative people? Then unpack your pastels, paints or pencils and join us for an 8-week workshop. There will be no formal instruction - just encouragement, laughter and sharing of talents and techniques. Facilitated by Susan Webb. 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Feb. 6-March 27, Room 233.

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION – If you're interested in reading selections that stimulate your critical thinking, come discuss many of the great authors and their ideas which support our western civilization. Books are ordered from The Great Books Foundation. You will be welcomed on the first Tuesday of each month. Led by Jane Abildgaard. 2-3:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Feb. 5, March 5, April 2 and May 7, Room 127.

EXERCISE FOR ADULTS – All ongoing classes include aerobics, strength training, flexibility and balance exercises. The 9:30 a.m. class is aerobics with floor exercises. The 10:30 a.m. class on Tuesday and Thursday is more range of motion, less strenuous aerobics and no floor exercises. If you are not sure of your ability to do floor work, start in the 10:30 a.m. class. Facilitated by Margaret Tlapek, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Room 333. Cost: \$5 per class.

9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday classes include:

FAITH JOURNEY – In January Walt Grainger has agreed to lead the discussion for "Vanishing Grace" (Whatever happened to the good news?) Author Philip Yancey explores the desperate need our world has for grace, and how Christians can truly make the gospel good news again when research shows that favorable opinions of Christianity have plummeted drastically—and opinions of Evangelicals have taken even deeper dives. Facilitated by Kathy Ray. Room 230.

FOUNDATIONS OF FAITH offers challenging discussion of a wide range of topics based on presentations by visiting teachers or video-discussion format. Class members are singles and couples, who enjoy participating in discussion and exploration of new ideas while welcoming a diversity of perspectives. Facilitated by Diann Markley. Room 15.

GROWING TOGETHER – Each week, we are growing together in faith by digging into the stories behind Apostle Paul’s letters. We seek to understand the relationship he had with the letter’s recipient. We seek to understand the mindset he had when he wrote the letter. And we seek to discover the story that the letter tells us about early Christianity. You are invited to drop in at 9:30 a.m. in Room 124 for a mixture of video content and group discussion as we bring alive the stories of the New Testament. Facilitated by Lawrence Andre. Room 124.

VILLAGE FORUM welcomes Dr. Leslie Smith, professor at Avila University, for Sundays in January. She will be helping us understand current theory and issues regarding gender and race. Today: Intro to Race Theory; Jan. 27: What Do I Do Now? Organizing an Ethical Response? Room 126 & 127.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:25-10:30 a.m. – **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. **K-6th grade**—Kids’ Kingdom Sunday school 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 203; Prelude Choir (K-2nd grade) meet in Room 201; Hallelujah Choir (3rd-6th grade) meet in Room 204. Pick up for all children is on the 2nd floor.

BAPTISMS and NEW BABIES – The next baptism dates are March 17 and May 12. An education class is offered for members who are new to Village baptism. Share news of your new baby so we can welcome and commemorate the new family member’s arrival. Call 913-671-2350 or email kate.ruecker@villagepres.org.

VILLAGE ON MISSION PRESCHOOL enrollment for the 2019-2020 school year opens to the community on Tuesday, Jan. 22. Enrollment forms can be found on the Village Church website. Contact Sarah McKee with questions: 913-671-2338 or sarah.mckee@villagepres.org.

KIDS DAY OUT – The Child Care Department is pleased to offer our Kids Day Out program for the 2019-2020 school year. This program is for children ages 2-3 yrs. (may be 2 yrs. by Dec. 1). KDO is offered on Thursdays from 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. September-May. Our goal is to provide a safe, nurturing environment where your child can grow and learn. We provide your child with many opportunities to explore and be creative while making new friends. We have a loving, energetic staff that will make your child’s experience a positive one. Spring enrollment is from 8 a.m.-noon Monday, Feb. 11, for Village Church members, KDO Alumni siblings and Village Preschool families. Enrollment for community members is from 8 a.m.-noon Monday, Feb. 25. See villagepres.org for full information. Contact Marjean at 913-671-2322 with any questions.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING – Throughout January, children and families are encouraged to bring cans of soup to Kids’ Kingdom and Preschool Sunday School. This mission project shows kids they can make a positive difference in the world.

CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER – Our menu for Jan. 23 is tuna noodle casserole, chicken cacciatore over quinoa pilaf. The salad bar opens at 5:15 p.m.; hot food buffet is open 5:30-6:30 p.m. Full meal with salad bar and dessert is \$7. Salad bar and dessert is \$6. Children ages 4-10 are \$3 and children age 3 and under are no charge.

AGE SPECIFIC DINNER FOR 70S+ LUNCH AT SALSA GRILL – You are invited to meet at the Mexican restaurant Salsa Grill to enjoy lunch with Village Church friends. We'll gather at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 24, at the restaurant at 6508 Martway in Mission. Enjoy the fellowship of friends and a wonderful meal! Each person pays for their meal. RSVP to Liz Middleton at 913-671-2359 or liz.middleton@villagepres.org.

"ALL-CHURCH" BOWLING EVENT – Join us from 2-4 p.m. next Sunday, Jan. 27, at Ward Parkway Lanes, 1523 W. 89 St. (89th & State Line). We have lanes specifically reserved for Village Church at a special rate of \$5 per person (includes shoes!) for two hours of play. Indoor fun for all ages in the midst of winter. RSVP to Liz Middleton at liz.middleton@villagepres.org or call 913-671-2359.

MISSION

THE FOOD PANTRY – Two weeks until Souper Bowl Sunday, the first Food Drive of 2019. The Food Pantry is hoping everyone will bring at least one can of hearty soup with them to church on that day. The goal is to have enough cans of hearty soup to keep the shelves stocked during the winter months. During this month of January, the Pantry is requesting donations of rice, dried beans and boxed dinners. The Clothes Closet is asking for bath and kitchen towels. Thank you.

BLOOD DRIVE – Village will host a blood drive from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. this Tuesday, Jan. 22, in Rooms 132 and 133. To make an appointment online, visit esavealifenow.org and use sponsor code of "villagepres" or stop by our registration table in Friendship Hall from 9 a.m.-noon today. Contact Ann Colston at 913-722-0165 or acolston1113@gmail.com for more information.

HOW DOES OUR GARDEN GROW? The Village Church Community Garden is looking for a volunteer to help coordinate the seasonal maintenance of our garden at 99th and Mission Road. This coordinator would communicate with a team of volunteers to schedule watering and harvesting of crops during the growing season. Takes less than one hour per week. All produce goes to our Food Pantry. Contact Deborah White in the Mission Office at 913-671-2369 or deborah.white@villagepres.org.

ACCEPTING LOCAL COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATIONS – The Village Church Mission Committee is now accepting applications for local community grants in the areas of homelessness, hunger, and adult education (ages 16 and older). Grant sizes range from \$2,500 to \$5,000. More information on the grants is available on the application form on the Village website under Mission in the menu bar. The deadline is Feb. 28. For more information, contact Deborah White at 913-671-2369 or deborah.white@villagepres.org.

MUSIC MINISTRY

COME MAKE MUSIC WITH US – Are you interested in singing, ringing or playing in one of our many music ensembles in the new year? Or would you like to volunteer with the music ministry in other ways that reach out to the community? If so, contact any of the music staff including Will Breyspraak, director of music, at william.breyspraak@villagepres.org and Carol Dale, music coordinator, at carol.dale@villagepres.org.

PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

GROWING THROUGH GRIEF BEGINS IN FEBRUARY – If you have lost a loved one, consider coming to Growing Through Grief, a five-week class where you'll know that God is with us even through our hardest moments. This session is from 4:45-6 p.m. every Wednesday, Feb. 13-March 13, in Room 124. There is no cost, but registration is required-contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org for more information or to register.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

TOUR CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION'S SACRED WINDOW – Join us Feb. 6 when Amazing Graces tour the stained glass window at Church of the Resurrection. Arrive at 5:30 p.m.; the tour starts promptly at 6 p.m. Afterwards we'll convene at the home of Martha Tatman for refreshments. Tickets are on sale between services every Sunday through Feb. 6, or you may send your \$10 check, payable to Presbyterian Women, to Dee Gound, 8208 Cherokee Circle, Leawood, KS 66206 by Feb. 1.

WOMEN WITH SPIRIT FEBRUARY EVENT – WWS is gearing up for some old fashioned fun at Pawn & Pint at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 8. It's an evening of youthful spirit as we eat, drink, and merry-make together – a plethora of games on hand for those who'd like to play! Feel free to bring a friend, spouse, or significant other. \$5 coverage charge. Food and drinks are available for purchase. For questions and RSVP, email Sandra Stephens at imnotsandrad@gmail.com.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

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

THEOLOGY THURSDAYS – 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 24, at Village Presbyterian Church (3rd floor). We begin this new year with Her Story. In this era of #MeToo, we're revisiting some of our lesser-known, most fascinating biblical stories with female leads. This week: Prostitutes or Protectresses? Tamar, Rahab, and Rizpah. More online: VillagePresYA.org/thursdays.

LOVE YOUR CITY SATURDAY – 9:30 a.m.- noon Saturday, Jan. 26, at Nelson Art Museum. Let's start the new year with some artistic inspiration! We'll meet at Quay Coffee at the Nelson at 9:30 a.m., then tour the museum together. RSVP online: VillagePresYA.org/saturdays.

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.

ALPHA & OMEGA (middle and high school Sunday mornings) – 9:30 a.m. today, Youth Loft (Room 333).

SNL (high school youth group) – **No SNL tonight** due to our annual Ski Retreat. SNL returns next week.

LOFTERNOONS (middle school after school program) – **No Lofternoons this week** due to our annual Ski Retreat. Lofternoons returns next week.

GPS (middle school youth group) – **No GPS this week** due to our annual Ski Retreat. GPS returns next week.

EARLY TABLE (morning devotional for high schoolers with food) – 7:30-8:15 a.m. Thursdays, at Zach's house (5401 W. 77th St., Prairie Village) And yes, we give you a ride to school afterward if you need it!

VILLAGE YOUTH SKI TRIP – On Friday morning, 118 students and 22 adults boarded three buses at Village on Mission to head to Winter Park, Colorado for the annual Ski Retreat. Please pray for their safety on the slopes and their safe return home.

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION – Our 2019 Confirmation Class begins on Jan. 27. If you would still like to sign up your student (9th grade and above), email youth@villagepres.org. Schedules and registration forms can be found on the youth website: villagepresyouth.org/forms.

SUMMER TRIPS REGISTRATION OPEN – You can now register for all of our summer trips: San Francisco, a local KC trip, HS Montreat, and the MS Float Trip! Just head to villagepresyouth.org/forms or pick up a hard copy by the youth offices or in the Youth Loft.

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.

UPCOMING SERMON SERIES

I Wish the Preacher Would Talk About . . .

In December the church family was invited to share topics to be included in a sermon series. Hundreds of responses were received. The following sermons have been taken from the most frequently requested topics. Other suggestions will, no doubt, be helpful in formulating future sermon series at Village, but for now the most commonly submitted topics were these:

Jan. 20	Predestination: Does That Sound Like Good News To You?
Jan. 27	The World is a Mess. Why Doesn't God Do Something?
Feb. 3	Can We Really Trust that We Will Go to Heaven?
Feb. 10	The Earth is the Lord's (a Word about Climate Change)
Feb. 17	Why Did Jesus Talk So Much About Money? (Doesn't He Know that Makes Us Uncomfortable?)
Feb. 24	Do We Need The Book of Revelation?

MINISTERS

All members of the congregation

MINISTRY TEAM

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

Will Breyspraak, director of music ❖ Rev. Len Carrell, pastor of pastoral care

Rev. Becky Chamberlain, interim pastor of pastoral care ❖ Rev. Dr. Brandon Frick, site pastor of Village on Antioch

Rev. Hallie Hottle, pastor of young adult ministry ❖ Marjean Lindquist, director of child care

Kathy Lueckert, director of finance and administration ❖ Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka, senior associate pastor

Matthew C. Shepard, associate director of music ❖ Molly Sirridge, director of stewardship and endowments

Rev. Zach Walker, pastor of youth ministries ❖ Deborah White, director of mission

Cindy A. Wilcox, director of connectional ministries ❖ 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.

Click the home page link "Live Sermon and Sermon Archives."

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.