



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

January 15, 2017 • 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

In the Christmas season, we are glad to name Jesus Christ as the Prince of Peace. So it comes as a startling surprise when in today's scripture reading, Jesus says that he brings not peace but rather a sword. Further, he says that he comes to set family members against one another and to bring conflict to each household – that for his true followers, they must turn away from their own family. Some Bible scholars say this is simply “hyperbole” and a “rhetorical tool.” Yet others say Jesus is not exaggerating but rather is echoing the words of the prophet Micah who writes that the “faithful have disappeared from the land” and so the “son treats the father with contempt, the daughter rises up against her mother” and “enemies are members of your own household” (Micah 7:6). Whether dismissed as empty rhetoric or taken seriously, these are challenging words for us all and somehow, we must hear what Jesus has to say to us today.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Waterlife
set by David Christiansen

Call to Worship

Rev. Jenny McDevitt

We gather together as the family of God,
Each one of us a child of God, and all of us children of God.

We gather together as the family of God,
Each one of us and all of us brothers and sisters in God's family.

We gather together as the family of God,
A family that extends beyond form and time and place.

As the family of God, let us worship God.
We worship the God who created us as family and calls us to worship.

*Hymn, No. 307

God of Grace and God of Glory
CWM RHONDDA

*Prayer of Confession

Rev. Len Carrell

O God,

You are mother and father to us all.

You are the loving parent who truly wants the best for us. Yet we disobey you and ignore your guidance and direction for us even when we know that your way is best.

O Jesus,

You are brother to us all.

You are our best companion, confidante, and advocate. Yet we admit that we do things to hurt you. We argue and fight when we should listen and care.

We are mean when we should love.

O Spirit,

You are weaver to us all.

You create the threads that connect our families in whatever forms that kinship takes. Yet we damage the connections with our sisters and brothers and our parents and children and harm the families that you weave together.

Forgive us, Mother-Father God, Brother Jesus, Weaver Spirit. Help us to be the family you desire us to be. (Silent prayer)

*Assurance of God's Grace

*Response

Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia!
Response: Alleluia, Alleluia!

*Passing of the Peace

Words of Welcome

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Call to Prayer (11 a.m.)

Take, O take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall be;
set your seal up-on my heart and live in me. heart and live in me.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (11 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 (8, 9:30 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

Dee Couch (8 a.m.); Hoyl Lockett (9:30 a.m.); Pam Hanson (11 a.m.)

Scripture Reading

Matthew 10:34-39 (pg.886)

Sermon

Family Matters and the Cost of Following Jesus

Dr. Rodger Nishioka

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn, No. 825

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot
SWING LOW

Offertory

Come To The Water
arr. Howard Helvey; Village Choir

*Response

**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.488

I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry
WATERLIFE

*Benediction

*Response

**I was there to hear your borning cry; I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.**

*Postlude

Cwm Rhondda
set by Paul Manz

**All who are able may stand*

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VILLAGE ON ANTIOCH – A NEW MISSION VENTURE FOR 2017

Last Sunday, our Village Church Session approved our budget for 2017, which included funds to establish a satellite congregation in the Presbyterian Church of Stanley building at 148th Street and Antioch Road. It will be called "Village on Antioch." We hope it will be an incubator for extending the mission of Village Church.

Rev. Hallie Hottle, our pastor of Young Adult Ministry, will be splitting her time between Village on Mission Road and serving as the interim onsite pastor at Village on Antioch until a permanent onsite pastor is called later this year. The 2017 budget included the addition of a coordinator for Young Adult Ministry to assist Hallie in maintaining the momentum of growth in our Young Adult Ministry program at Village Church.

We hope to seed the Village on Antioch congregation with some members from Village here on Mission. If you would like to be part of this new forming congregation, please email Rev. Tom Are at tom.are@villagepres.org. What is asked of those who participate is to commit to worship and service in the new congregation for 2017, to help them get established. They will join with the current members of the Presbyterian Church of Stanley who invited Village Church to establish this new satellite congregation.

There will be further discussion of this new mission venture at our Annual Congregational Meeting and Dinner at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 31, in Friendship Hall. Rev. Are will provide a review of 2016 and plans for 2017. The Session will present the budget for 2017. If you plan to attend, please advise Marsha Hansen by this Friday, Jan. 20. Call 913-671-2341 or email marsha.hansen@villagepres.org. Thank you!

THE CHURCH'S BOOK (Week of January 16, 2016)

The following daily Bible readings were written by Dr. Rodger Nishioka and are an offering 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 and our mission. Pray for God's world.

Monday, Jan. 16

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

These words are recited daily by Jewish worshippers throughout the world. Jesus recites these words in the Gospels when he is asked, "Which commandment is the most important of all?" Following the command to love God first, we are told to "keep" these words in our hearts by telling them to our children. Telling our children about our faith in God is key to building a foundation of faith. It is not enough to act faithfully. We must talk about our faith as well.

Tuesday, Jan. 17

Proverbs 6:16-22

Among the wisdom writings from Proverbs is this list of "six things that the Lord hates" and "seven that are an abomination" to God. One who sows discord in a family is considered an abomination. In this book of wisdom, God greatly values peace within the family. "Peace" here is much more than the absence of conflict. Peace is the presence of wholeness and health. The Proverbs remind us that we are called to be persons who bring health and wholeness to our families.

Wednesday, Jan. 18

1 John 4:7-21

These words have been likened to the Apostle Paul's beautiful description of love in 1 Corinthians 13. In these verses, John reminds us that love comes from God because God is love. In verse 20, he writes that those who say they love God but hate their brothers and sisters are liars. You cannot profess your love for God and then hate your family. As an adolescent, when I was being mean to my brothers, my mother would pull me aside and say, "Rodger, people tell me how nice you are outside the home, but if you do not show love at home, none of it matters." The writer of 1 John would agree with her.

Thursday, Jan. 19

Isaiah 49:14-18

The Jewish people feel that God has abandoned them in their exile in Babylon. But God reassures them that they are neither forgotten nor forsaken. By way of explanation, God asks if a woman can forget her nursing child or the child in her womb. This is one of a number of instances in the Bible where God uses mother imagery to illustrate God's relationship to us. In this way we are reminded that God is mother to us all.

Friday, Jan. 20

Ephesians 6:1-4

Many children have heard this one – "obey your parents in the Lord for this is right." This comes from the fifth of the ten commandments in Exodus 20:12 and Deuteronomy 5:16. But too often, the recitation ends without the last verse here in Ephesians. In verse four, there is a word to fathers (really to parents) not to provoke their children to anger. These verses illustrate how parents and children are to treat one another. For the family to be the family, each one has a responsibility to and for the other.

Saturday, Jan. 21

Psalms 103

In this sacred song, we are told that the Lord is like a father who has compassion for his children. We are told that the Lord's love is steadfast from everlasting to everlasting and his righteousness is to our children and to our children's children. Remember that families come in all shapes and sizes. Some families are bound by biology, others by adoption and others by invitation and choice. However your family is constructed, let this song of praise and promise rest and abide in you as you pray for your family.

All-Church Winter

BOWLING

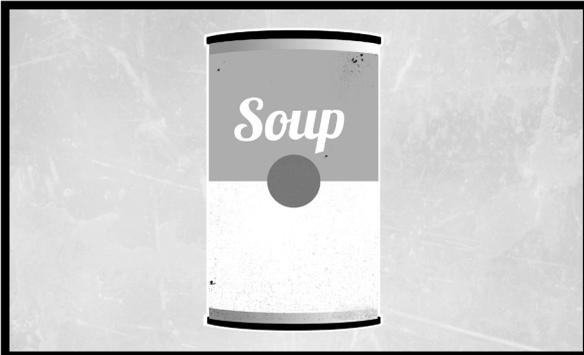
Event

2-4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 29
Ward Parkway Lanes at 89th & Stateline
\$5 per person (includes shoes)
RSVP to liz.middleton@villagepres.org or call 913-671-2359



SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY

FEBRUARY 5



THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING
VILLAGE FOOD PANTRY
WITH CANS OF HEARTY SOUPS.

THE FOOD PANTRY is asking for Hearty soups and crackers. Each household takes home at least two cans of soup and crackers with each monthly visit and with over 500 households shopping each month, there is a great need for your donations. If you are not able to shop before Sunday, Feb. 5, cash and check donations are gratefully accepted.

TODAY AT VILLAGE

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

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM TODAY - Please welcome these newest members into our faith community as we celebrate the baptisms of the following children. **8 a.m.:** Malachi Ayuk Agbor (Valentine Agbor and Jennifer Moyer-Agbor, parents) and **9:30 a.m.:** Rush Pearson Atterbury (Lauren and David Atterbury, parents); Everett Alister Hoppa (Sarah and Patrick Hoppa, parents); Olivia Marie Ruecker and William Evan Ruecker (Kate and Raymond Ruecker, parents).

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

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

PRESCHOOL CHURCH SCHOOL – Parents may check in their preschool-age child on the first floor in the Preschool wing. Church school classes are available at 9:30 and 11 a.m.

KIDS' KINGDOM – K–1st GRADES new curricula! Kindergarten meets in Room 311. First Grade meets in Room 303. 9:30-10:30 a.m. **2nd–5th GRADES** – Sign-in elementary (2nd-5th) aged students on the 3rd floor. Check the large bulletin boards located in the Children and Family wing for each grade's class location. 9:30-10:30 a.m. **Club V6 (6th Grade)** – Relevant discussions for today's 'tweens. Room 302. 9:30-10:30 a.m.

VILLAGE PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT - Enrollment for the 2017-18 school year at Village Church Weekday Preschool begins next week. Current preschool families and Village Church members may enroll Jan. 17-20. Enrollment opens to community families on Jan. 23. Forms are available on villagepres.org. Contact Terri Gaeddert at 913-671-2338 for more information.

VILLAGE KID'S DAY OUT ENROLLMENT - Enroll your 2-3 yr. olds for the 2017-2018 school year! Church members, KDO families and alumni may enroll at 8 a.m.-noon on Feb. 6. Community enrollment is from 8 a.m.-noon on Feb. 13. Contact: Marjean Lindquist 913-671-2322 or marjean@villagepres.org.

ADULT EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY

SPRING 2017 VILLAGE U REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR CHURCH MEMBERS - Check out the Spring 2017 Village U course offerings and register at <http://www.villagepres.org/village-u-community-classes.html>. Registration for community members opens this Tuesday, Jan. 17.

Upcoming Village U classes include:

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY - 6:30-8 A.M. TUESDAYS, YEAR ROUND, ROOM 230 - A group of members and non-members meet weekly. Child care is not available. Led by Dave Greenlee.

EXERCISE FOR SENIORS - 9:30-11:30 A.M. TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS, ROOM 333 - All classes include aerobics, strength training, flexibility and balance exercises. The 9:30 a.m. class is more aerobics, and the class ends with floor exercises. The 10:30 a.m. class on Tuesday and Thursday is more range of motion, less strenuous aerobics; and we do not include floor exercises. If you are not sure of your ability to do floor work, start in the 10:30 a.m. class on Tuesday and Thursday. Led by Margaret Tlapek. Cost: \$5 per class.

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION, 2-3:30 P.M. TUESDAYS, NOW THROUGH MAY 2, ROOM 127 - 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. We gather on the first Tuesday of each month. Child care is not available. Led by Betty Long.

EXERCISE FOR SENIORS, 9:30-10:30 A.M. MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS AND FRIDAYS, ROOM 333 - All classes include aerobics, strength training, flexibility and balance exercises. The 9:30 a.m. class is more aerobics, and the class ends with floor exercises. Margaret Tlapek has been teaching exercise classes for 25 years; and she knows you will feel better and gain more energy, strength and balance if you give the classes a try. Led by Margaret Tlapek. Cost: \$5 per class.

FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES BIBLE STUDY, 7:30-8:30 A.M. WEDNESDAYS, YEAR ROUND, ROOMS 132 & 133 - A group of members and non-members meet weekly. Led by Newton Graves. Child care is not available.

PATH WITH HEART, 10-11:30 A.M. MONDAYS, YEAR ROUND, ROOM 305 - The group will select books of interest through the semester from a wide variety of authors. Participants develop quality friendships and explore new insights. Prospective new members are welcome to try the Path. Led by Marcene Borthwick.

THE JESUS FATWAH: LOVING YOUR (MUSLIM) NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF, 6:30-8 P.M. WEDNESDAYS, NOW THROUGH FEB. 8, ROOM 124 - For Muslims, a "fatwah" is a ruling or directive from a scholarly leader or figure. In this five-week course, Dr. Gus Breytspraak, Village member and coordinator of the Sunday morning Adult Forum class, will use a DVD-based curriculum of the same title to explore the basics of Islam, the fastest growing religion in the world. Session titles include: Islam 101, Misconceptions about Islam, Islam in America, and Making Connections between Muslims and non-Muslims.

FEBRUARY COMPUTER TECH NIGHTS - Tech nights address specific questions regarding Word, Excel, and email using a MICROSOFT WINDOWS computer. Members of the Computer Ministry are available to provide individual assistance. Specific questions on the new Windows 10 operating system are also welcome. Please feel free to bring your laptop or tablet. Desktop computers will also be available. 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Feb. 1-22. Room 316.

Adult Sunday Morning Classes have resumed. Please check villagepres.org for more details.

BEGINNING FEB. 5, DR. RODGER NISHIOKA WILL LEAD A NEW ADULT CLASS, THE ANCIENT PRESENT FUTURE CHURCH. The class will meet for twelve Sunday mornings (except Easter) to study the Acts of the Apostles in the New Testament. The Acts of the Apostles is the story of the new movement of followers of Jesus that eventually became the Church. Together, we will discover how the ancient church has shaped our present church and what this all means for the future church! 10:45-11:45 a.m. Feb. 5 through April 30. Rooms 126-127.

CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER JAN. 18 – Beef stew, vegetarian stew and mini corn dogs. Each Wednesday, price is \$7 for full buffet, \$6 for salad bar and dessert. \$3-children ages 3-10. Children under 3 are free. Reservations are required by noon on the Monday preceding the Wednesday Night Dinner you wish to attend. Call 913-671-2359 or email liz.middleton@villagepres.org or go to villagepres.org/wednesday-dinners to make a reservation.

SINGLE ADULT MINISTRY DINNER THIS FRIDAY, JAN. 20 - All single adults (age 40 and up), are invited to gather together for a meal at Red Snapper Pan-Asian Restaurant at 8430 Ward Parkway in Kansas City, Mo. from 6-8 p.m. this Friday, Jan. 20. Three classic Red Snapper menu items (vegetarian, chicken and beef) will be available for a special cost of \$9 per person (payable at the event). The priority for this gathering will be to determine the level of interest for a Single Adult Ministry. Contact liz.middleton@villagepres.org or call 913-671-2359 to RSVP.

ALL-CHURCH WINTER BOWLING EVENT JAN. 29 - Connectional Ministries is sponsoring an "ALL-Ages" Bowling Event for our Village Church family from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 29, at Ward Parkway Lanes at 89th & State Line. Cost is \$5 per person (includes shoes!) for two hours of play. RSVP to liz.middleton@villagepres.org or call 913-671-2359.

MISSION

THE FOOD PANTRY – Feb. 5 is SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY, the first Food Drive of 2017 for the clients of the Food Pantry. The requests are for Hearty soups and crackers and, hopefully, your donations will fill up the stock room with soup and crackers to last months. Hearty soups are nutritious, easy to prepare and comforting - and nothing goes better with soup than crackers. The Clothes Closet needs blankets, warm coats, hats, gloves and scarves.

BLOOD DRIVE - Village will host a blood drive from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 24, 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. and noon today and Jan. 22. For additional details, contact Ann Colston at 913-722-0165 or acolston1113@gmail.com.

PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

FREE BLOOD PRESSURE READINGS – The Village Nurses are happy to check your blood pressure anytime between services in the Bride's Room.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

WOMEN WITH SPIRIT'S CAFE & CREPES, LE TOUR - 9:45 A.M. FRIDAY, JAN. 20, AT THE ROASTERIE – What better way to kick the New Year off right than with a warm cup of joe with your sisters from Village?! Join us for a tour as we see, smell & taste how The Roasterie's won the hearts of KC for nearly 25 years! Immediately following we'll head over to Chez Elle for the perfect pairing... crepes! To RSVP, email Carol Solenberger at carol4977@yahoo.com.

WOW! LUNCH AT TATSU'S – All ladies are warmly welcome to join WOW (Women of Wisdom) for lunch at Tatsu's French Restaurant, at noon on Wednesday, Jan. 18. Tatsu's, ranked as one of the top five restaurants in KC, is located at 4603 W. 90th, near 90th and Roe. Join us for January fun and fellowship. RSVP by noon this Tuesday, Jan. 17, to Marvie Sneegas, sneegi@kc.rr.com, 913-209-9608.

AMAZING GRACES - Join us at the Nelson Atkins Museum Bloch building lobby from 5-6 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 9, for small plates and drinks and a docent guided tour of "Love in Art." Your \$10 check by Jan. 25 is your reservation. Send to Kathy Collins, 4716 W. 86 St., Prairie Village, KS 66207. Drinks are an additional charge, and museum parking is \$8.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

THURSDAY NIGHT SMALL GROUP - Resumes at 7 p.m. on Jan. 18. Faith is a practice. It cannot be something we learn, or search for, or think about. It must be something we do, and do regularly enough that the lines between sacred and secular are blurred by eyes that can't help but to see the holy. We'll start reading Barbara Brown Taylor's *An Alter In The World* and practice having new eyes in this new year, together. Bring \$5 for a book! All 20s and 30s invited. Pizza provided.

YOUTH MINISTRY

HIGH SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES – Will meet at 9:30 a.m. in the Youth Loft Room 333/332.

PROGRAMS ON BREAK THIS WEEK; RESUME JAN. 22 – Although Sunday School meets today, all other programs are on break while we are in Winter Park for our annual Ski Retreat, and then recovering from the retreat. Our full program schedule resumes on Jan. 22. You can view the schedule at villagepresyouth.org.

Remember Village . . .

Giving to the church through your will or trust is the most common way to continue your support beyond your lifetime. When your estate is prepared, consider a gift to the church.

The Meneilly Society honors members and friends who, through their estate planning, have chosen to remember and support the future of Village Church. For more information contact Molly Sirridge, 913-671-2325.



**Village Church will be closed tomorrow, Jan. 16,
in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.**

Annual Congregational Meeting/Dinner

This year's Annual Meeting follows dinner in Friendship Hall on Tuesday, Jan. 31. Rev. Tom Are will provide a review of 2016 and plans for 2017. The Session will present the budget for 2017. Dinner begins at 6 p.m. Seating is limited. If you plan to attend, **please advise Marsha Hansen no later than this Friday, Jan. 20.** Call 913-671-2341 or email marsha.hansen@villagepres.org.



WINTER WEATHER ADVISORY - If weather is predicted to have 4 inches or more snowfall during Saturday night, the 8 a.m. service will be cancelled.

Thoughts from Village Commitment

The Season of Giving: Jan. 1 - Dec. 31

—Thank you for your generosity.



VILLAGE
COMMITMENT

SERMON SERIES

I Know That's What It Says, but That's Not What It Means!

The Bible is a complicated book, written over hundreds of years in various context and diverse circumstances. And then, it is read 2,000 years later in a world and culture the Biblical writers could not have imagined. Given all of that, it's easy to misunderstand the Bible. When it is misunderstood the good news can often sound like bad news for some folks. When it is misunderstood it can often make the Bible more difficult to trust. In this sermon series, we will take just a few passages that have often been confusing and see if there is a life-giving word for us.

- Jan. 1 The Story of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation
- Jan. 8 "Women Keep Silent?" This Doesn't Sound Like Good News
- Jan. 15 Family Matters and the Cost of Following Jesus**
- Jan. 22 "Divorce" – Why the Church has Read This Text to the Wrong People
- Jan. 29 "You Must be Born Again!"
- Feb. 5 "Jesus is the Only Way to Salvation." This is Not About You. This is About God.
- Feb. 12 Be Perfect as Your Heavenly Father is Perfect." Intimidated Yet?
- Feb. 19 The Only Safe Place for Hatred
- Feb. 26 Pray Without Ceasing

MINISTERS

All members of the congregation

MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Thomas L. Are, Jr., senior pastor ❖ Dr. Elisa Bickers, principal organist ❖ Rev. Len Carrell, pastor of pastoral care
Cheryl Couch-Thomas, director of children and family ministry ❖ Rev. Hallie Hottle, pastor of young adult ministry
Marjean Lindquist, director of child care ❖ Kathy Lueckert, director of finance and administration
Ryan Main, interim director of music ❖ Rev. Jenny McDevitt, pastor of pastoral care
Dr. Rodger Nishioka, director of adult educational ministry ❖ Matthew C. Shepard, associate director of music
Molly Sirridge, director of stewardship & 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

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

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

Large-print Bibles and hymnals are available for worship. Ask an usher if you need these items.

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.