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## SERVICE OF WORSHIP

February 24, 2019 • 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

### ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

You have probably seen folks standing on street corners or holding up signs at sporting events to proclaim, "Get ready! The World is coming to an end!" Whenever folks use scripture to threaten, it's best to assume they have misunderstood the scripture. The Revelation of John talks about the end of the world. But it is not a threat. Of course, there are some who might wish the world would never come to an end. But most, and anyone who knows what it is to have this world break your heart, know what we really yearn for is not just more time but transformed life. In the end, there is only God and because God is love, this is good news. So, yes, tell the broken and afraid, tell the sick and the weary, tell the grieving and the oppressed . . . rejoice, for it won't always be this way. The ways of this world will come to an end, Hallelujah!

# GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

*Chorale* (8 a.m.)  
by Ben Cornelius-Bates

*Invocation* (9:30, 11 a.m.)  
music: Joseph Schuetky; Village Brass

Words of Welcome

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

Introit (11 a.m.)

*Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel*  
music: Roger Emerson; Village Voices

Call to Worship

Rev. Len Carrell

Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,

**the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.**

With healing balm my soul is filled, and every faithless murmur stilled:

**To God all praise and glory.**

\*Hymn, No. 619 v. 1,2,4 - Congregation  
v. 3 - Choir only

*Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven*  
LAUDA ANIMA

\*Prayer of Confession

**Living God,**

**the alpha and the omega, the beginning and the end,**

**the source of all life and the reason for all hope:**

**we lift our voices in prayer because**

**the world is a mess,**

**and sometimes we are a mess.**

**There is too much that is beyond our capacity to repair,**

**so, we call on You who are merciful and just.**

**You alone are our hope.** (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!  
**To God be glory forever!**  
Alleluya, Amen! Alleluya, Amen! Alleluya, Amen!  
**Alleluya, Amen! Alleluya, Amen! Alleluya, Amen!**

\*Passing of the Peace

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Bruce Williams (8 a.m.)  
Larry Sneegas (9:30 a.m.)  
Scott Stanley (11 a.m.)

Scripture Reading

Revelation 7:9-17 (pg. 1122)

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

*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*  
arr. Roland Martin; The Village Choir

Scripture Reading

Revelation 21:1-5 (pg. 1132)

Sermon

*Do We Need The Book of Revelation?*

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

\*Hymn, No. 71 (Congregation sing refrain)

*Surely, It Is God Who Saves Me*  
FIRST SONG

Offertory

*Reflection on "Thaxted" (8 a.m.)*  
by Jeffrey Blersch

*Gospel Hymn (9:30, 11 a.m.)*  
by Chris Hazell; Village Brass

\*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. 362

*Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers*  
LLANGLOFFAN

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response

*The Lord Bless You and Keep You*  
by John Rutter; The Village Choir

\*Postlude

*Praeludium from "Suite circulaire"*  
by Carson Cooman

*\*All who are able may stand*

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# SERMON NOTES

## THE CHURCH'S BOOK (Week of February 25, 2019)

The following are daily Bible readings 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 and our mission. Pray for God's world.

### **Monday, Feb. 25**

**John 2:1-12**

What a strange story this is. John calls Jesus' miracles "signs" because they reveal the presence of God in Jesus. What is the significance of this "sign?" It's complex and there are many ways to answer this question, but read the text again knowing this: wine is a biblical symbol for joy or abundant life. It stands to reason that Jesus would have little need to be a supplier for a wedding reception gone bad; but to be the source of joy and life . . . He does that.

### **Tuesday, Feb. 26**

**Mark 1:1-13**

John is in the wilderness. It echoes the many wilderness stories of the Old Testament. Elijah waited on God in the wilderness. After the exodus the people wandered in the wilderness for 40 years. The wilderness is the place where evil is present and comfortable. It is also the place where God's people learn to trust God's faithfulness. The wilderness is the place of ministry for John, for Jesus and for us.

### **Wednesday, Feb. 27**

**Mark 14:14-20**

"After John was arrested." This phrase rings the alarm bell in Mark's gospel. John was the forerunner to Jesus, not just in time, but in ministry. This new work of God will mean that John will be arrested and eventually killed. It will be the same for Jesus. And it will be the same for those to whom he says, "Follow me." It is wise to consider our response to his constant invitation: "Follow me."

### **Thursday, Feb. 28**

**Mark 2:1-12**

One of the most basic truths of the Christian faith is that it is a faith we hold together, as a community of believers. We see why in this text Life leaves all of us paralyzed at some point or another. What we all need is a church family who can carry us in hope in our time of need.

### **Friday, March 1**

**Galatians 6:1-5**

Paul echoes the passage we read yesterday. Carry your own load, he says. We can relate to that. We have to be responsible for ourselves in this world. At the same time, Paul says, "Bear one another's burdens." That means sometimes we have to share our neighbor's burden. The most difficult part is that sometimes we have to be willing to be carried. It is Christian to do both. Give thanks to God today for the times you have had the strength to carry a neighbor; and give thanks to God for the times you have had the faith to be carried.

### **Saturday, March 2**

**Mark 2:18-22**

New wine in New wineskins. Jesus makes it clear that God can do things among us that we have not seen before. Be hopeful. Be grateful that yesterday does not define everyday. And pray that your eyes can be opened to the new possibilities of life. It is our work to pay attention to the wineskins: God will provide the new wine of life.

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Monday through Saturday.**

# VILLAGE YOUTH



**5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 27**  
**FRIENDSHIP HALL**

Tickets on sale after Sunday services in Friendship Hall and at Wednesday Night Dinner! \$10 per person (\$35 max per family)

ENTER A CHILI (traditional, non-traditional, spicy, vegetarian OR enter a crockpot dessert) and receive 2 FREE TICKETS

Entrants are also eligible to win prizes!

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2019 **MENEILLY** VISITING SCHOLAR

**Dr. Warren Carter**

**March 1-2**

**Telling Tales About an Elusive God:  
Reading the Gospels**

**Friendship Hall – Village Church on Mission**

**Admission Free!**



**Please register and get more details at  
[villagepres.org/visiting-scholar](http://villagepres.org/visiting-scholar)**

## TODAY AT VILLAGE

**WELCOME TO VILLAGE CHURCH!** Please join us every week. Refreshments are available in Friendship Hall following 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](mailto: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 April 7, June 2, Aug. 4, Sept. 29 and Dec. 8. Contact [cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org](mailto:cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org) for info.

**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

**HUNGRY? COME TO THE FEAST!** – Adult Educational Ministries is launching a new spirituality initiative called “The Feast!” The Feast begins with an overnight retreat March 8-9 and continues with four Saturday morning sessions to help you grow in your faith. If you want to deepen your spiritual life as a follower of Jesus Christ through a variety of spiritual practices, we invite you to join us at the table. Judy Cooper, Ed Dexter, Bob Fletcher, Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka, Michelle O’Neal and Susan Satterlee are the leadership team. For more information, contact Bob Fletcher at [rfletcher4@kc.rr.com](mailto:rfletcher4@kc.rr.com).

**To register for Village U classes, visit [villagepres.org/village-u-community-classes](http://villagepres.org/village-u-community-classes):**

**CREATING PRESENTATIONS** – Learn to create a presentation that can be used in the workplace, volunteer setting, or slideshow using photographs. Topics covered include creating a new presentation, editing an existing presentation, and adding pictures and video to a presentation. Windows and Apple computers are available or bring your own laptop or tablet to the class. Registration is necessary. 1-2:30 p.m. or 6-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 26, Room 316.

**SPREADSHEETS MADE EASY – BEGINNER CLASS** – This introductory class will explore how to create a basic spreadsheet that students will create during the class. Windows and Apple computers are available. Registration is required. 1-2:30 p.m. or 6-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 5, Room 316.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST AND BIBLE WITH REV. TOM ARE** – Join Rev. Tom Are for a morning Bible study and hot breakfast. Invite a friend and join the fellowship. Call 913-671-2333 to make a reservation for breakfast. Cost: \$6. Child care is not available. 7:30-8:30 a.m. Tuesdays, Feb.26 and March 5-26, Room 228.

**DAYTRIP: WWI MUSEUM** – Cost: \$30. Cost includes transportation and admission only. For more information, contact Georgia Klein at [klein0762@sbcglobal.net](mailto:klein0762@sbcglobal.net). 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Thursday, March 7.

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

**FAITH JOURNEY** – Our current study is “Mending the Divide–Creative Love in a Conflicted World” by Jon Huckins/Jer Swigart. The authors invite us to explore God’s vision for peacemaking in our world and what our part can be in bringing that vision to life. Facilitated by Kathy Ray. Room 230.

**FOUNDATIONS OF FAITH** – Rev. Dwight Tawney is teaching “Looking Towards the Heavens,” exploring a variety of cosmologies that have helped people fathom the deepest mysteries that surround them. Facilitated by Diann Markley. Room 15.



**GROWING TOGETHER** – Each week, we are growing together in faith by digging into the stories behind the 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 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** – Dr. Warren Carter will be our Visiting Scholar at Village Church on March 1 and 2, speaking on "Telling Tales About an Elusive God: Reading the Gospels." On Sunday March 3, Dr. Carter (live and in person!) will lead the class. Rooms 126 and 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.

**SUMMER BROCHURES** are here! By now, families should have received their copy of our brochure with summer offerings from Village Preschool, KDO or via mail. Visit [villagepres.org/summercamp2019](http://villagepres.org/summercamp2019) for the online brochure, registration information and forms.

**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](mailto:kate.ruecker@villagepres.org).

## CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER** – The Annual Youth Chili Cookoff will replace the regular Wednesday Night Dinner on Feb. 27. We're excited about this special opportunity to support our Village Youth Ministry. Cost is \$10. We hope to see you there!

**SINGLE ADULT MINISTRY SPEAKERS SERIES** – Single adults age 40 and up are invited to this series of presentations suited for singles at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays in Room 230. Feb.26-Brad Stratton, investment advisor, "Financial Decision Making for Singles." More info at [www.villagepres.org/single-adult-ministry](http://www.villagepres.org/single-adult-ministry).

## MISSION

**THE FOOD PANTRY** – Hearty soups and crackers are again in the forefront of the Food Pantry's wishes through the end of February. These items are such a comfort food to our clients and on a cold winter day, we all understand why. Please be generous. The Clothes Closet has a big demand for warm blankets-again we understand why. Do you have one in a closet that you're not using? Thank you.

**OUR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY MINISTRY** – On Sunday, March 3, members of the Village Church Habitat for Humanity Tuesday-Thursday Crew are hosting an information table in Friendship Hall from 9 a.m.-noon to share information about this vital mission work and answer questions about volunteering. Every year, Village Church provides funds for construction materials for several houses and the crew turns those materials into a home. No construction experience required to volunteer and scheduling is very flexible. Contact Deborah White in the Mission Office at [deborah.white@villagepres.org](mailto:deborah.white@villagepres.org) or 913-671-2369 for more info.

**VILLAGE CHURCH COOKS A MEAL AT CROSS-LINES** – Friday, March 8, 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, March 7. If you can help, you can sign up at [bit.ly/cross-lines-sign-up-2](http://bit.ly/cross-lines-sign-up-2).

**COMMUNITY GARDEN VOLUNTEERS** – With the spring thaw comes the Village Community Garden at 99th and Mission Road. Village needs volunteers to help plant, weed, water and harvest during 2019 growing season. Garden produce is donated to the Village Food Pantry. If you would like to join the community garden team, call Deborah White at 913-671-2369 or email [deborah.white@villagepres.org](mailto:deborah.white@villagepres.org).

## MUSIC MINISTRY

**BRAHMS "REQUIEM" FEATURING SPIRE CHAMBER ENSEMBLE** – 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 26, in the Village on Mission Sanctuary. Spire Chamber Ensemble is a professional choral group of local, regional and national artists from United States and Canada. These musicians travel to Kansas City to perform together, providing audiences with a rare level of choral music-making found anywhere else in the country. Tickets are \$25 general admission available at the door. Learn more at [spirechamberensemble.org](http://spirechamberensemble.org).

**BAYLOR UNIVERSITY A CAPPELLA CHOIR CONCERT** – 3 p.m. Saturday, March 9, in the Village on Mission Sanctuary. This fine college choir, under the direction of Dr. Brian Schmidt, will share an exciting program of a cappella works as a part of their spring tour. Admission is free. The Baylor A Cappella Choir is the flagship choral ensemble at Baylor University.

## PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

**A LEGACY OF RESILIENCE - WOMEN OF QUIET FAITH** – Join us next Tuesday, March 4, at the Faith and Grief lunch when Judy Paulette shares the inspiration she draws from generations of women of deep faith. The lunch meeting is from noon-1 p.m. in Friendship Hall. Register online at [www.faithandgrief.org](http://www.faithandgrief.org) or call 469-251-9612. Contact Linda Alley with any questions at 913-671-2327 or at [linda.alley@villagepres.org](mailto:linda.alley@villagepres.org).

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

**CELEBRATION OF FAITHFUL WOMEN** – Saturday, March 23, in Friendship Hall. Registration and coffee begins at 10 a.m. with the doors to Friendship Hall opening at 10:30 a.m. This year, we will celebrate together in honoring Ann Colston, Susie Dixon, and Lucy Tidwell. Our very own Rev. Jessie Light-Wells will be the keynote speaker. Reservations available online or from 9-11:15 a.m. today and Sunday, March 3, in Friendship Hall. Find more information at [www.villagepres.org/pw](http://www.villagepres.org/pw).

**AMAZING GRACES** – The tour of the Church of the Resurrection's Sacred Window is rescheduled for March 13. Join us when Amazing Graces tour the stain glass window at Church of the Resurrection (COR). Arrive at 5:30 p.m. at the south entrance. The tour starts promptly at 6 p.m. Afterwards, we'll convene at the home of Martha Tatman for refreshments.

## YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

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

**THEOLOGY THURSDAYS** – 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 28, at Village Church on Mission (3rd floor). In this era of #MeToo, we're revisiting some of our most fascinating biblical stories with female leads. This week: Hail all the Marys. More online: [VillagePresYA.org/Thursdays](http://VillagePresYA.org/Thursdays).

## 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](http://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) – 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, at Zach's house (5401 W. 77th St., Prairie Village) And yes, we give you a ride to school afterward if you need it!

**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](http://villagepresyouth.org/forms) or pick up a hard copy by the youth offices or in the Youth Loft.

**ANNUAL CHILI COOKOFF FEB. 27** – Join us for the annual Youth Chili Cookoff from 5:30-7 p.m. this Wednesday, Feb. 27, in Friendship Hall. Tickets are \$10/person and \$35/family and raise money for our mission trips each year. You can purchase tickets in Friendship Hall after morning worship services or you can purchase online: [vpcpvks.brushfire.com/youth/450753](http://vpcpvks.brushfire.com/youth/450753).

### Ash Wednesday Services - March 6

This year, we will have an early service from 8-8:30 a.m. in the Village Church on Mission Chapel. A continental-style breakfast is available starting at 7:30 a.m.

We will also have a 7 p.m. service of worship at Village Church on Mission that includes kids and the More Love Chorale singing and the Village Players as the orchestra. A 7 p.m. service will also be held at Village Church on Antioch.



Stewardship **HEART** at Work...

164 new members joined Village Church in 2018.



### Discover Village Information Center

Sunday school teachers make a difference! Stop by the Discover Village desk today to find out how your family can be a part of this wonderful children's program. Visiting Scholar representatives will also be there to answer your questions about this March 1-2 program.



## UPCOMING SERMONS

March 3     Rev. Zach Walker Preaching  
March 10    1st Sunday of Lent – Rev. Len Carrell Preaching

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### MINISTERS

All members of the congregation

### MINISTRY TEAM

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

Will Breytspraak, 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

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

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*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.*

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