



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

February 11, 2018 • 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

Seeking the truth is less an experience and more a responsibility and a discipline. But even at our best, truth will always be bigger than we can know fully. In the end, our salvation rests not so much in what we know, but in the reality that we are known.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Basse et Dessus de Trompette (8, 11 a.m.)
by Louis-Nicolas Clérambault

Meditation (9:30 a.m.)
by John Ness Beck; Morning Bells

Introit (11 a.m.)

Psalm 139
music: Allen Pote; Village Voices

Call to Worship

Rev. Len Carrell

Here in this place,
light streams in and music rings out.

**Here in this place,
friends are greeted and strangers are welcomed.**

Here among these people,
hands are held and concerns are shared.

**Here among these people,
truth is spoken and promises are remembered.**

Here in this moment,
grace is offered and hope is real.

**Here in this moment,
God is among us and we are at home.**

*Hymn, No. 392 (v. 1-4)

Jesus, We Are Here
JESUS TAWA PANO

*Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God, forgive us
when we know not what we are doing:
when we are too distracted to notice someone in need
when we repeat generalizations that have been passed down to us
when we deny that prejudice and privilege are real.**

**Merciful God, forgive us
when we know exactly what we are doing:
when we judge our neighbors rather than love them**

**when we exclude someone because they are not like us
when we are too tired for the hard work of choosing life.**

**Loving God, forgive us
and make us better than we have proven ourselves to be.** (Silent prayer)

*Assurance of God's Grace

*Response; Hymn, No. 839 (v. 1)

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

**Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.
This is my story; this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story; this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.**

*Passing of the Peace

Words of Welcome

Welcome of New Members (11 a.m.)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination Bruce Williams (8 a.m.); Hoyl Lockett (9:30 a.m.); Kim Higgins (11 a.m.)

Scripture Reading Psalm 139:1-18 (pg. 566)

Call to Prayer

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly.

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The treble staff features a melody of eighth and quarter notes, while the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment of chords and single notes.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Al-le-lu-ia!

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. It concludes with a final cadence in the treble staff, marked with a double bar line and repeat dots.

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 (9:30a.m.)

Festival Intrada
by Jeffrey Honore; Morning Bells

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 13: 4-13 (pg. 1058)

Sermon

Thank God For What You Don't Know

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn, No. 177

I Will Come to You
YOU ARE MINE

Offertory

Pilgrim's Hymn
Stephen Paulus

Even before we call on Your name
To ask You, O God,
When we seek for the words to glorify You,
You hear our prayer;
Unceasing love, O unceasing love,
Surpassing all we know.
Glory to the father,
and to the Son,
And to the Holy Spirit.
Even with darkness sealing us in,
We breathe Your name,
And through all the days that follow so fast,
We trust in You;

Endless Your grace, O endless Your grace,
Beyond all mortal dream.
Both now and forever,
And unto ages and ages,
Amen.

*Response

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn, No. 619

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven
LAUDA ANIMA

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

Endless Your Grace
Stephen Paulus

*Postlude

Fugue in G Minor, BWV 542
by Johann Sebastian Bach

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

THE CHURCH'S BOOK (Week of February 12, 2018)

The following daily Bible readings were written by Dr. Rodger Nishioka and are offered for your own personal devotion. You are invited to read the text, think about the reflection and questions and allow these to lead you in a time of prayer. Pray for your own journey of faith, pray for Village Church, pray for the community around you, and pray for all of creation.

Monday, Feb. 12

Isaiah 58:1-5

The practice of fasting is an ancient one. When you fast, you refrain from eating and in some cases drinking, for a set period. In these verses, God speaks through the prophet Isaiah to remind the people that in fasting, you do not focus on yourself. While fasting, whenever you are hungry or thirsty, you are to focus your attention on God and on those around you who are hungry or thirsty.

Tuesday, Feb. 13

Isaiah 58:6-14

These verses help us understand what happens when faithful people fast. Spiritual practices such as fasting are not only focused on the individual. These practices help connect the person to the whole world. They lead the disciple to see others in a new way. Ultimately, spiritual practices help us see both God and ourselves in a new way.

Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Acts of personal piety such as giving, praying, and fasting are important. But Jesus teaches here that these acts are for God's glory, not for the glory of the person who is doing them. For Jesus, one's heart matters so much more than any outward display of religious obedience. We are all called to give, pray and fast along with other spiritual practices. But let us do so in such a way that the attention is not given to us but to God!

Thursday, Feb. 15

Psalms 51:1-17

The season of Lent is one of contrition and humility before God. This is appropriate as we journey with the Lord to Jerusalem for Holy Week. This beautiful song pleads for God's mercy and begs for God to create a clean heart in us. As you read this Psalm, remember that mercy is up to God and forgiveness is in God's very nature. Ask for God's mercy, and you will receive it.

Friday, Feb. 16

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

Judgment is coming, warns the prophet, Joel. He is speaking to the Hebrew people and telling them of the consequences of their disobedience. He calls the people to repent. The word "repent" refers to a turning. In repenting, one turns from sin to righteousness. Even with these strong words of judgment, Joel is quick to remind the Hebrew people that God is "gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love." This is good news. Always remember to balance God's judgment with God's love.

Saturday, Feb. 17

2 Corinthians 5:20-6:10

The Apostle Paul encourages the believers in Corinth to be "reconciled" to God. The Apostle's call to reconciliation means to be brought into a right and true relationship with God. Paul reminds the believers that he and others have sacrificed and endured much. He does this not to boast but to testify to God's faithfulness and to encourage these new believers many of whom were also facing adversity.



Join us for a
Farewell Reception
for Rev. Jenny McDevitt

Following the 11 a.m service Sunday,
Feb. 18, in Friendship Hall

VILLAGE YOUTH



6-8 p.m. SUNDAY, FEB. 25

FRIENDSHIP HALL
Tickets now on sale

\$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!

TODAY AT VILLAGE

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

JOINING VILLAGE CHURCH – Today Village welcomes **new members**. We celebrate new members every other month at a special Sunday luncheon. The upcoming joining dates are March 25 and June 10. Please contact cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org for information.

NEW TO US? Village Presbyterian Church is a family of faith actively shaped by the life of Christ to love one another, provide leadership for the transformation of our communities and serve the world. We are a Presbyterian (USA) family of faith that is inclusive, generous and welcoming of all people.

TRY TAIZÉ TONIGHT – Lent begins this Wednesday. Take some time to prepare yourself for this season by coming to the Taizé service for contemplation, song, scripture and communion. Join us tonight at 6:30 p.m. at the VCCFDC at 9900 Mission Road. Taizé occurs on the second Sunday of each month.

KANSAS CITY WIND SYMPHONY CONCERT – Join us at 7 p.m. tonight in the Village Church on Mission Sanctuary. Entitled "Resurrection & Rejuvenation," this free concert features works for winds by Mendelssohn, Brahms and Mahler, as well as contemporary composers. Featured guests include the Village Chamber Choir under the direction of Matthew Shepard and soprano Alice Anne Light.

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

VILLAGE U SPRING 2018 – Registration is now open. See the website for a listing of the over 60 courses offered. Go to villagepres.org/village-u-community-classes.

DAILY PRACTICE OF YOGA – Session one continues from 10-11:30 a.m. Tuesdays, Feb. 13, 20, 27 and March 6, 13, 20. In each session, participants will be guided through breathing exercises, movement and meditation. Jack Whitaker has years of experience as a yoga instructor and is glad to offer this at Village Church. There is no charge for the classes but a donation to the church would be appreciated. Room 15.

BREAKFAST AND BIBLE WITH YOUR BUDDIES – Join Rev. Tom Are for a Tuesday morning Bible study. Chef Emily will prepare a hot breakfast, and Rev. Are will offer a reflection on passages from Scripture. To make a reservation for breakfast, contact marianne.weber@villagepres.org. Cost: \$6. Child care is not available. 7:30-8:30 a.m. Tuesdays, Feb. 13, 20 & 27; March 6, 13 & 20, Room 228.

COMMON GOOD: INTERFAITH ACTION IN RESPONSE TO VIOLENCE AND INJUSTICE – Join a fact-based, civil conversation about how faith communities can work together to respond to the violence and injustice of tragic events such as those in Charlottesville, Sutherland Springs, and in our own backyard of Overland Park and Olathe. Representatives of Islam, Judaism and Christianity will discuss the issues and take questions from the audience. 6 p.m. Reception. 6:30-8 p.m. Panel Discussion. Thursday, Feb. 15, Friendship Hall.

BEGINNER EXCEL – Topics include identifying the components of an Excel spreadsheet, entering data, formatting information, sorting data, and inserting and deleting rows and columns. Students will create a simple spreadsheet during the class to reinforce learning. 1-2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 20 OR 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 22, Room 316.

SEWING CIRCLE – If you are interested in learning to sew, or if you are already a pro, this class will allow you to work on projects of your choice. Sean Margaret Droessler will be available to help with your machine, to give advice, to teach pattern reading, to assist with putting in a zipper, etc. A materials list will be provided before the first class. 9:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesdays, Feb. 27-May 15, in Room 230.

BOOK CLUB – Join us for an interesting book discussion while your children enjoy childcare. Led by Katie Montgomery. 9:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesdays, Feb. 27, March 27 and April 24 in Room 232.

HELP! MY SPOUSE MAKES ME ANGRY! – In this workshop, Jen and Lawrence share ten styles of anger and bring these to life through their relationship. All persons get angry at their spouse. The choice you have is how you respond. Join us for this opportunity to bring more happiness and healthiness to your relationship. Singles and couples welcome. Led by Lawrence and Jen Andre. 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 28, Room 132.

SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

FAITH JOURNEY – This class is studying Dr. Marcus Borg's book, "The Heart of Christianity-Rediscovering a Life of Faith." Borg explores what he calls two paradigms for looking at our faith and how those can work together. Taught by Kathy Ray, Room 230.

FOUNDATIONS OF FAITH – This class is studying the significance of Jerusalem, the holiest city for the three Abrahamic faiths of Islam, Judaism and Christianity. Taught by the Rev. Dwight Tawney. Room 15.

VILLAGE FORUM – The class is studying American Theologies this winter as we prepare for our next Visiting Scholar who will address that topic. Currently, Dr. Leslie Smith, assistant professor of religion and director of Women and Gender Studies program at Avila University, is teaching four classes on a new book she is writing, "Compromising Positions: Political Sex Scandals and American Religion." Room 126.

GROWING TOGETHER – The class continues their reading and study of the Acts of the Apostles. Taught by Lawrence Andre, the group is reading through the entire book of Acts over this year. The study is geared for persons in their 30s and 40s. Room 124.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

BIRTH-6TH GRADE – Registration cards and classroom schedules are available at sign-in desks outside of Rooms 107 and 307.

INFANTS-TODDLERS – Child care is available for all three morning Sanctuary services and the evening Gathering in Rooms 111 and 114.

PRESCHOOLERS – Preschool Sunday School, 9:30-10:30 a.m. in Rooms 101-107.

K-6th GRADERS – Kids' Kingdom Sunday School, 9:30-10:30 a.m. in Room 309. See posted schedules for pick-up locations.

MORNING STARS CHILDREN'S CHOIRS – Prelude Choir (K-2nd) is in Room 307. Morning Stars Choir (3rd-6th) is in Room 305. Both choirs go directly from Sunday School and meet from 10:30-11 a.m.

KIDS' DAY OUT – Registration for the 2018/19 school year begins at 8 a.m. tomorrow, Feb. 12, for Village Church members, KDO alumni siblings and Preschool families. Registration for community members begins at 8 a.m. Monday, Feb. 26. Call Pam Southerland at 913-671-2352 for more information.

CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER – Our menu for Feb. 14/Valentine's Day and Ash Wednesday — teriyaki salmon fillets, veggie fried rice, mac and cheese, strawberry shortcake. 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. Contact Liz Middleton (913-671-2359) or liz.middleton@villagepres.org for reservations by noon tomorrow.

MISSION

INMATE POETRY READING – 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 20, at the Johnson County Arts and Heritage Center (8788 Metcalf Ave.). Join the Arts in Prison program for a free poetry reading by inmates and former inmates incarcerated at Lansing Prison. Contact Village Prison Ministry Coordinator Arlin Buyert at arlin85@att.net or 913-909-2915 for more information.

THE FOOD PANTRY – Thank you for your generous donations of soup for our Souper Bowl Sunday food drive. This week the Food Pantry is requesting all varieties of breakfast cereal for its clients during the month of February—hot and cold. The clients love looking for their favorites or finding something new they've never tried - and there is plenty of shelf room for your donations. The Clothes Closet is looking for umbrellas, warm scarves and hats of all kinds and will find homes for all of them. Thank you.

MUSIC MINISTRY

RICERCAR CONSORT CONCERT – The Friends of Chamber Music of Kansas City invite you to a "Music for Anna Magdalena Bach" concert by the Ricercar Consort at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18, in the Village on Mission Sanctuary. Tickets are \$35 per person; \$10 students & seniors; 17 and under are free. Artistic director Philippe Pierlot curates a collection of Johann Sebastian Bach's most tender and intimate pieces. This is music for friends, music for family, and, of course, Music for Anna Magdalena Bach. Learn more at chambermusic.org.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

WOW LUNCHEON – Women of Wisdom (WOW) will gather at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 20, for lunch at Cheesecake Factory, 6675 W. 119 St., in Overland Park. Please note the earlier start time which is necessary to reserve a table. All ladies are invited to enjoy good food and warm fellowship at this fun restaurant known for its extensive menu and signature cheesecakes. RSVP to Diane Lee, 913-432-4321 or dianelee@att.net, by Monday, Feb. 19.

2018 VISITING SCHOLAR – On March 9 & 10 come and hear Rev. Dr. Serene Jones address "What is True: Theology and the American Story." Dr. Jones is president of the 179-year-old Union Theological Seminary in New York City, the pre-eminent nondenominational seminary in the U.S. Tickets are on sale in Friendship Hall between services now through March 4 or at villagepres.org/visiting-scholar.

CELEBRATION OF FAITHFUL WOMEN BRUNCH – 10 a.m. Saturday, March 24, in Friendship Hall. Reserve your spot online at villagepres.org/pw or purchase tickets on Sundays in Friendship Hall from 9-11:15 a.m. beginning Feb. 25. This year we will be honoring Margaret Dalke, Vicki Graham and Jennifer Sawyer. Rev. Sarah D. Brouwer will speak on "Open Doors, Open Futures."

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

THEOLOGY THURSDAYS – 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday nights. In February we'll be reading about who we believe God to be with the help of Rob Bell's book, "What We Talk About When We Talk About God."

PROFESS/CONFESS – It's often easier to define ourselves by the things we aren't about, than the things we are. So what do we believe? This is a "2.0" young adult class for those who want to go deeper. Bi-weekly meetings are on Sunday evenings after The Gathering.

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 SCHOOL (middle school and high school) – 9:30-10:30 a.m. in the Youth Loft (Room 333).

SNL (high school youth group) – Sundays, 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Youth Loft (Room 333).

TWOSDAYS (middle school after school program) – Tuesdays, 4-5:30 p.m. in the Youth Loft (Room 333).

GPS (middle school youth group) – Wednesdays, 6:30-8 p.m. in the Youth Loft (Room 333).

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

SUMMER TRIP REGISTRATION IS OPEN! – Sign up for the middle school mission trip, high school Montreat and Boundary Waters adventure. Register and pay for trips online at villagepresyouth.org/forms.

GET YOUR CHILI COOKOFF TICKETS – The annual Youth Chili Cookoff is from 6-8 p.m. Feb. 25, and tickets are available in Friendship Hall. Cash, checks and credit cards are accepted; tickets are \$10/person or \$35/family. Join us as we support our youth at this annual community event!

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.

"One cannot but be in awe when one contemplates the mysteries of eternity, of life, of the marvelous structure of reality. It is enough if one tries merely to comprehend a little of this mystery each day. Never lose a holy curiosity."

—Albert Einstein



VILLAGE
COMMITMENT

Ash Wednesday Worship Service Feb. 14

7 p.m. at Village on Mission - Rev. Zach Walker is preaching

7 p.m. at Village on Antioch - Rev. Dr. Brandon Frick is preaching



Rev. Dr. Serene Jones

Rescheduled for March 9-10

At Village on Mission

What is True: Theology and the American Story



Get more information and
purchase tickets at
villagepres.org/visiting-scholar



PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN

UPCOMING WORSHIP

Feb. 18 Rev. Jenny McDevitt is preaching her last Sunday at Village Church

LENTEN SERMON SERIES

When Things Have Gone Wrong

The season of Lent is a slow walk to the cross. On one hand, the cross is shocking. On the other hand, it is expected. Things go wrong in everyone's life. Life is not fair. No one escapes suffering. Power is often used in abusive fashion. The passion of Christ did not eliminate the brokenness in our world, but he did battle it every day. He showed us the healing difference that love can make in a world that always knows pain and disappointment. The life of Christ is not simplistic or Pollyanna, but it is hope when things have gone wrong.

Feb. 25	The Heart Has a History?
March 4	Rev. Dr. Brandon Frick, site pastor of Village on Antioch, preaching
March 11	When God is In The Room
March 18	Is it Easier if You Know Who to Blame?
March 25	(Palm Sunday) Business as Usual or Not?
April 1	Easter

MINISTERS

All members of the congregation

MINISTRY TEAM

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

Will Breytspraak, director of music ❖ Rev. Len Carrell, 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. Jenny McDevitt, pastor of pastoral care ❖ Dr. Rodger Nishioka, senior associate

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 connectational ministries ❖ Ellen Wootton, interim director of children and family ministry

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 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.