



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

August 28, 2016 • 9:30 and 11 a.m.

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

Each summer our youth visit a variety of locations in order to serve and grow spiritually. As they lead us in worship and share their experiences, we are reminded of our call to be in service to others. Join us in celebrating the amazing ways God is at work, not only in the lives of those we serve, but also in us as we respond to the call of service.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Call to Worship (adapted from Psalm 81)

Jake Fay and Eli Fay (9:30 a.m.)
Kathleen Stanley and Sam Fay (11 a.m.)

Sing aloud, shout for joy to God our strength.

Anthems from the choir, music from the band, sweet sounds from the horns.

It is a day of celebration, for God takes the world off our shoulders.

We worship the God who rescues, who heals, who saves.

God meets us in places we expect – places like sanctuaries, dinner tables with loved ones, and in acts of kindness.

And God meets us in places we don't expect – in a helpless child, in our deepest need, and in the brokenness of the cross.

Let us worship the God who is faithful, showing up no matter who we are and where we go.

*Hymn, No. 15 (st.1-4)

All Creatures of Our God and King
LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*Prayer of Confession

Graham Nunnelee (9:30 a.m.)
Maggie Schutt (11 a.m.)

God who seeks and searches, find us when we are adrift.

**Sometimes we feel so overwhelmed in this world,
lost to our own hearts and desires instead of seeking after yours.**

**There are times when we are certain we know the way without you,
so we strike out on our own, convinced we can be our own guides.**

**There are even times when we have led others astray,
convincing them we know where we are going.**

**Yet, even when we feel misplaced, you show up.
Forgive us, gracious God.**

**Show us your guiding light once again,
reveal your paths so we might walk in your presence.**

**Help us point others not to ourselves,
but to your wisdom, your love, and your grace.** (Silent prayer)

*Assurance of God's Grace

Nick Orr (9:30 a.m.)
Emma Barickman (11 a.m.)

*Response

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

*Passing of the Peace

Words of Welcome

Rev. Zach Walker

Why Village Matters

Time with the Children (9:30 a.m.)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Call to Prayer

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

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

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Kennedy Krumm and Henry Kartsonis

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

Afrika Kyrrie

music: Simms and Beck; Village Voices

Prayer for Illumination

Brian Liu (9:30 a.m.)

Grant Lorenzen (11 a.m.)

Scripture Reading

Acts 9:1-19 (pg. 1000)

Sermon

The Places We Meet God

David Parks and Lauren Dornbusch (9:30 a.m.)

Robbie Veglahn and Lizzy Fredrick (11 a.m.)

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn, No. 300

We Are One in the Spirit

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

Offertory

When the Saints

arr. by Kevin Dolan; Village Voices and the Youth Band

*Response

Lord of All Good

TOULON

**Lord of all good, our gifts we bring to you;
use them your holy purpose to fulfill,
tokens of love and pledges brought anew,
that our whole lives are offered to your will.**

*Prayer of Dedication

Ben Colvin (9:30 a.m.)

Colin Webb (11 a.m.)

*Hymn

We Are Marching in the Light of God

SIYAHAMBA

We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God (x2)

We are marching, ooooooh, we are marching in the light of God (x2)

We are singing...

We are praying...

We are marching...

*Benediction

*Response

And they'll know we are Christians by our love,

by our love;

yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

*Postlude

**All who are able may stand*

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THE CHURCH'S BOOK (Week of August 29, 2016)

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, Aug. 29

Luke 8: 26-39

It's a strange story of the demon possessed man. No one could control the demons in him, but Jesus could. Sometimes when Jesus shows up, it can be unsettling.

Tuesday, Aug. 30

Luke 10: 25-37

The Good Samaritan is perhaps the most often used Scripture when talking about how to treat a neighbor. Reading this story through a lens of how we are to treat strangers is also valuable. But it is also valuable to read it as us being the stranger on the road, rescued by the one we rejected.

Wednesday, Aug. 31

1 Kings 19: 1-15

These verses speak of a time when Elijah was on the run, and desperately seeking God's presence. There are times in any week when we are in need of that mighty, yet still, small voice that is God's presence.

Thursday, Sept. 1

Psalms 42

There's a worship song inspired by this Psalm, a powerful reminder what it is to cry for God to come. Search "All Who Are Thirsty - Vineyard" on YouTube to hear the song.

Friday, Sept. 2

Acts 16: 11-15

Paul, among many other things, was a traveler. He had a passion for going to new places and encountering new people for the sake of Christ. While we aren't all adventurous travelers like Paul, how do you encounter new and different people in your day-to-day travels? And how do you bring the Good News of love and compassion into their lives?

Saturday, Sept. 3

Matthew 26: 26-30

You could argue that we should read these verses everyday and reflect on them. But more than that, we should strive to live them every day, inviting others to break bread with us, and to lean into the humility of what Christ has done and continues to do for us.

Seeking PW Honorary Life Member Nominations

On April 8, 2017, Presbyterian Women of Village Church will celebrate and honor the gifts and talents of women in our church at the Celebration of Faithful Women Event. If you would like to nominate a woman you know who:

- supports the mission of the church
- nurtures your faith
- works for peace and justice
- promotes an inclusive community through service and leadership

Contact Jennifer Sawyer at jrsawyer1947@gmail.com or 913-488-6370.
Names will be accepted through Oct. 15.



THE GATHERING

AN ALTERNATIVE APPROACH TO WORSHIP

Now permanently at 5 p.m. Sundays in Friendship Hall.

New Hours for the Village Cup Starting Sept. 6

We're expanding our hours in the Village Cup Coffee Shop starting Tuesday, Sept. 6. Please spread the word about our new business hours:

Sunday	8 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Monday	8 a.m.-7:30 p.m.
Tuesday	8 a.m.-1 p.m.
Wednesday	8 a.m.-7:30 p.m.
Thursday	8 a.m.-1 p.m.
Friday	8 a.m.-noon
Saturday	Closed



We will offer cold lunches Monday through Thursday, with the addition of hot soup (October through April) on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We look forward to seeing you in the Cup!

TODAY AT VILLAGE

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

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

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP - At our 9:30 a.m. service, all children are invited to sit with their families for the start of worship. We'll have a "Time for Children," both to engage our kids in worship, and also to remind us all that Jesus made special time for his youngest followers; and we should, too. After the Time for Children, they are invited to meet teachers at the back of the Sanctuary to continue on in Sunday School, or to stay and keep worshipping with their families. (Or see other options below.)

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.

BROADLY-GRADED ELEMENTARY SUNDAY SCHOOL - Children who have completed grades K-5 meet from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in Room 203 (Creation Station) for a totally fun way to look at favorite Old Testament stories.

NO CHURCH SCHOOL LABOR DAY SUNDAY, SEPT. 4 - There will be no Church School for the elementary grades or preschool ages on Sunday, Sept. 4. This allows our volunteer staff to have a day to worship with their families. Nursery and toddler care will be provided.

ADULT EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY

FALL ADULT SUNDAY CLASSES RESUME SEPT. 11. Check villagepres.org for more details.

UPCOMING VILLAGE U CLASSES:

EXERCISE FOR SENIORS - All classes include aerobics, strength training, flexibility and balance exercises. Cost: \$5 per class. Margaret Tlapek, instructor. 9:30-10:30 a.m. Monday through Friday year round beginning Sept. 1. Room 333. 10:30-11:30 a.m. class on Tuesday and Thursday is more range of motion, less strenuous exercise.

WILLIAM FAULKNER: A LIGHT IN AUGUST - We continue our exploration of William Faulkner and will be using the following: *A Light in August*, William Faulkner, ISBN-10: 0679732268 ISBN-13: 978-0679732266. For the first class, please read the first three chapters. Kelly Fast & Michael Sanem, instructors. 6:30-8 p.m. Thursdays, Sept. 1-Oct. 6. Room 232.

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION - If you are interested in reading selections that stimulate your critical thinking, the Great Books Group will welcome you on the first Tuesday of each month. 2-3:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 6, Oct. 4, Nov. 1 and Dec. 6. Room 127.

GABRIEL'S REVELATION - In 2008, scholars reported on a new archaeological discovery near the Dead Sea — a three-foot high stone tablet inscribed with 87 lines of Hebrew text, composed just before the time of Jesus. This class will explore the controversy that one scholar has claimed "might shake our basic view of Christianity." Rev. Dwight Tawney, instructor. 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 7-28. Room 127.

ESPECIALLY FOR WOMEN - BECOMING WISE: AN INQUIRY INTO THE MYSTERY AND ART OF LIVING by Krista Tippett - Krista has interviewed the most extraordinary voices examining the great questions of meaning for our time. In *Becoming Wise*, Tippett distills the insights she has gleaned from this luminous conversation ... and the enduring question of what it means to be human. Rev. Diane Quaintance, instructor. 9:30-11 a.m. Fridays, Sept. 9-Dec. 16, Room 132.

VERY BASIC COMPUTER CLASS-DAYTIME AND EVENING - The Very Basic Computer class allows students with limited computer experience to become comfortable with Microsoft Word, the internet and email. These classes are free. Class limit: 12. Dee Couch, instructor. 1-2:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 13-Oct. 4 and 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 14-Oct. 5, in Room 316. The computers have recently been upgraded to the Windows 10 operating system. Seating is limited. To register, contact Marianne Weber at 913-671-2333 or mail to: marianne@villagepres.org.

TASTE OF MOPS - Are you a M.O.P. (mother of a preschooler including newborns through kindergarten)? We are hosting "Taste of MOPS" for you to have an opportunity to get to know what MOPS is all about and to get excited about the start of the group in the fall. Bethany Ramsey, instructor. 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 14. Room 126.

CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS RESUME SEPT. 7 - Wednesday church dinners will resume at 5:15 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 7. Our menu is a fried chicken picnic, baked beans (GV), potato salad, macaroni & cheese (V). Each Wednesday, Chef Emily will prepare a full, hot buffet with salad bar for \$7, salad bar & dessert for \$6. And children age 3-10, \$3. Children under 3 are free. Reservations are required by noon every Monday. Just call Liz at 913-671-2359, email liz.middleton@villagepres.org or go to villagepres.org/wednesday-dinners.html.

ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION - On Thursday, Sept. 1, Christians around the world will join together to pray and act for the care of God's good creation. Pope Francis, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew of the Orthodox Churches and all major Protestant Churches are encouraging Christians worldwide to celebrate our love and care for all creation. Village Church's Environmental Action Committee will gather to worship at the Guardian Angels Roman Catholic Church in Westport for Mass at 8:15 a.m. All are invited to attend. Contact Nicola Juricak at nicolajuricak@yahoo.com for more information.

ELECTRIC CARS AT VILLAGE SEPT. 14 - Local electric car enthusiasts will display their vehicles (including a Tesla!), answer questions and get you revved up to consider whether an electric car would fit into your lifestyle. Cruise through the South parking lot from 4:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 14 (and enjoy the weekly dinner while you're there?). The Environmental Action Committee sponsors this annual event during National Drive Electric Week. Contact Al Pugsley at aphs58@yahoo.com for more information.

MISSION

THE FOOD PANTRY - The Food Pantry thanks everyone for their donations of cereal, and are hoping that you will continue donating. The Pantry cannot have too much cereal! FYI: Peanut Butter Sunday is Sept. 18 - three weeks to look for peanut butter sales. The Clothes Closet is looking for "Back to School" clothes - the ones that no longer fit your children, can be put to good use - clean and gently used.

BATON ROUGE RELIEF - In the aftermath of catastrophic flooding in the Gulf region, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is providing assistance to the Presbytery of South Louisiana and reaching out to the Presbytery of Mississippi. If you are interested in giving to help those suffering in Baton Rouge and the Gulf Coast, you can do so at <https://pda.pcusa.org/situation/gulf-flooding-2016/> or call 800-872-3283 and reference "Gulf Flooding DR000191."

POT AND PAN DRIVE FOR HOMELESS MINISTRY - Hillcrest Transitional Housing of Kansas is seeking donations of new and gently used kitchenware, especially pots, pans and casserole dishes. Hillcrest provides homeless families temporary housing and case management so they may become self sufficient. Village sponsors one of Hillcrest's 28 family apartments and 10 teen apartments in Wyandotte and Johnson County. Drop off donations at the Village Church Reception Desk at the south entrance. Contact Deborah White in the Mission Office at 913-671-2369. Donations are needed by Sept. 15.

MUSIC MINISTRY

SECOND THURSDAY RECITAL SEPT. 8 – Join us at 12:15 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 8, in the Village Chapel for a 30-minute recital featuring Kristee Haney, mezzo-soprano, accompanied by Natalia Rivera on piano. The performance is free and open to the community.

CHILDREN'S MUSIC MINISTRY - Morning Stars is changing times on Sunday mornings from 10:30 to 11 a.m., immediately following Sunday School. We are also working with Children and Family Ministry to incorporate a singing time for all 4-6th graders toward the end of the Sunday School hour. Every Sunday morning at 10:15 a.m., the 4-6th grade Kids Kingdom classes will combine to join in singing with Jenny Hull and our new interim music director, Ryan Main. Contact Jenny Hull at 913-671-2385 for more information.

JOIN THE VILLAGE MUSIC MINISTRY - Do you have a musical gift to share? The music ministry at Village provides opportunities for musicians of all experience and comfort levels to grow through music in worship. Reach out to us by phone, email or in person. We would love to have you join us! Contact Ryan Main at 913-671-2345 or ryan.main@villagepres.org for more information, or visit villagepres.org.

PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

FAITH AND GRIEF LUNCH SEPT. 6 - Members and those in the community who have lost a loved one are invited to the Faith and Grief lunch from noon-1 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 6, in Friendship Hall. You'll receive comfort and resources. A box lunch will be provided. Register online at faithandgrief.org or call 469-251-9612. If you have questions, contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org.

INTERESTED IN A DIVORCE SUPPORT GROUP? - Divorce isn't easy. The Divorce Support Group will meet from 6:30-8 p.m. every Tuesday, Sept. 6-Oct. 25 in Room 206. Dr. Dave Ehman, a licensed psychologist, will be the facilitator. This group can offer understanding and support. Child care is available by advance request; if you would like child care, please let Pam Southerland know by Tuesday, Aug. 30, 913-671-2352 or pam.southerland@villagepres.org. To sign up for this support group, contact Linda Alley, 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org.

GROWING THROUGH GRIEF – NEW SERIES STARTS SEPT. 14 - If you have lost a loved one or know of someone who is grieving, please know that you are not alone. Growing Through Grief, a five-week class, is designed to help discover God's graceful healing presence during this difficult time. The next session of Growing Through Grief will be from 5-6:15 p.m. every Wednesday, Sept. 14-Oct. 12, in Room 124. If you're interested in being a part of this group, contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

PW FALL EVENT - Join us from 9:30-11 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 14, for Crepes and Conversation in Friendship Hall. Women of all ages are welcome to enjoy fellowship and wonderful crepes. This is a great time to learn about the many activities of PW. RSVP by Sept. 7 to Jennifer Sawyer at jrsawyer1947@gmail.com or 913-642-6370. Child care is available with advance reservations. Contact Pam at pam.southerland@villagepres.org or 913-671-2352 for your reservation.

THOUGHTS FROM VILLAGE COMMITMENT

And he would answer and say to them, "The man who has two tunics is to share with him who has none; and he who has food is to do likewise." – Luke 3:11

AMAZING GRACES FALL KICK-OFF EVENT - Mark your calendar for the 2016 AG Fall Kick-off event from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 21, at the Sherry Forsee home (4943 Central, Kansas City, Mo.). Limited to 70. Tickets are \$10 and on sale in Friendship Hall Sunday mornings, Sept. 4 and 11, or contact Kathy Collins at kathy.collins@hrblock.com or 913-706-3511. Look for more information in the *Good News*.

MISSION SEWING – Fall is here, and it's time to think knitting and crocheting and sewing. We need hats, all sizes; mittens, all children's sizes; baby hats (we have special yarn for these); and scarves, child and adult sizes (we have yarn for these). We also have at home projects such as cutting out items, sewing items, etc. Stop by the sewing room any Tuesday from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. For more information, call Edie Hultman at 913-432-3515.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY is a new ministry of Village Church for all 20s and 30s. Connect with us: [Facebook.com/VillagePresYA](https://www.facebook.com/VillagePresYA), Twitter @VillagePresYA.

SERVE: HOMELESS CONNECT KC, TUESDAY, SEPT. 13 - Homeless Connect KC is a one-day event that brings community partners into one building so those experiencing homelessness can access the resources they need most. As volunteers we'll walk side by side with our homeless neighbors to help them navigate the day. There is no other volunteer opportunity like this, that allows us to not just serve, but connect with those we're serving. Ask your workplace for a day off to serve your city! See more at projecthomelessconnectkc.com, and sign up by emailing Rev. Hallie, hallie.hottle@villagepres.org.

YOUTH MINISTRY

HIGH SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES - meets in the Youth Loft at 9:30 a.m. Room 333.

PROGRAM BREAK – All of our summer programming has come to a close and we will be on a small break until Cheer and GPS kick off on Sept. 11 and 14!

A FRIENDLY REMINDER

During the summer months, when so many of you are on vacation and busy with children's activities, inevitably the church's attendance and income slows down. So this is a friendly reminder to please take a moment, check the balance of your account, and consider making a gift now toward fulfilling your commitment. The church's coffers could use a little help to keep our mission and ministries on task.



REGULAR SANCTUARY WORSHIP SCHEDULE RETURNS SUNDAY, SEPT. 11

Friends, we will return to our regular Sanctuary worship schedule on Sunday, Sept. 11. Worship services will be at 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Our 8 a.m. Sunday radio broadcast on 1660 AM KMBZ The Business Channel will also return to a live broadcast on Sept. 11.

The Gathering, our alternative worship service with music led by Becky and Nathan Bliss, will now be held permanently at 5 p.m. Sundays in Friendship Hall. Thank you!

NEW SERMON SERIES

Love Your Neighbor and Other Spiritual Truths

When Europe was falling apart in the 1940's, Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote a little book called *Life Together*. It was an exploration of the fundamental "neighborly" or communal aspect of Christian faith. Sometimes we say that the love of Christ shows up in our hearts. A better way to say that is the love of Christ shows up in our relationships. We are part of many communities: family, church family, national community...the list goes on. Paying attention to this fundamental truth of Christian faith is what gives our faith energy and hope. But, because people are people, it is also why we need to time and again remind ourselves that Jesus calls us to love our neighbor.

Sept. 11	It is Not Good That the Human is Alone
Sept. 18	We Keep Bumping Into All Those Other Followers of Jesus
Sept. 25	For Once, It's All About You
Oct. 2	Don't Be A Goat
Oct. 9	Blind Spots
Oct. 16	A More Perfect Union

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 9:30 a.m. Sanctuary worship service is broadcast the following Sunday morning
at 8 a.m. 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.*