



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

September 19, 2021 • 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

The maintenance of divine worship is the third great end of the church. Worship can seem like an experience, like the satisfaction of sharing a good meal, or the relaxation of taking a walk through a park, or even the rush of riding a roller coaster. But experiences don't require maintenance. This great end teaches us that worship, even more than an experience, is a practice, a discipline, an act of reminding ourselves what life is for.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Be Thou My Vision (8 a.m.)
by Franklin D. Ashdown; Dr. Elisa Bickers, organ

Be Thou My Vision (9:30 & 11 a.m.)
by Kay Lovingood; Village Brass

Words of Welcome

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

Call to Worship

Rev. Zach Walker

O come, let us worship and bow down,

let us kneel before the Lord our maker.

For the Lord is our God,

and we are the people of God's pasture,

the sheep of God's hand.

*Hymn, No. 4

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

*Prayer of Confession

God of mercy,

We know our deeds of faithfulness please you.

We know our lack of faithfulness grieves you.

But hardest of all must be how casual we can be

with the time you have given us.

Open our eyes to the gift of life in your presence. (Silent prayer)

*Assurance of God's Grace

*Sung Response (Sing twice)

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,

and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,

and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Time with the Children

Brooke Brundige

The Sacrament of Baptism

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.**

Anthem (9:30 & 11 a.m.)

Alleluia
by Claude T. Smith; Village Brass

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Isaiah 6:1-8

Sermon

The Maintenance of Divine Worship

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn, No. 287 (v. 1-4)

Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading

Offertory Anthem

Praise His Holy Name
by Keith Hampton; Village Choir

*Sung Response

**Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow!
Praise Christ, All Creatures here below!
Praise Holy Spirit evermore! Praise triune God, whom we adore! Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn, No. 757 (v.3 choir only)

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples of the Lord

Congregational Meeting (9:30 a.m.)

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

**Keep us fervent in our witness,
unswayed by earth's allure.
Ever grant us zealous fitness,
which you alone assure.
Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.
Come, come, come Holy Spirit, come.**

*Postlude

Tocatta in F, BuxWV 156
by Dieterich Buxtehude

**All who are able may stand*
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TODAY'S VILLAGE CHOIR GOSPEL ANTHEM

Keith Hampton's "Praise His Holy Name" was chosen for today's third "Great Ends of the Church" banner, which displays arms raised in praise and thanksgiving. The text of the anthem begins, "Sing till the power of the Lord come down," and continues with verses giving thanks for God's amazing grace, and also our individual responsibility to carry the faith forward. We hope you are inspired by this anthem of praise!

Welcoming Langston Hemenway and the Village Brass Ensemble

We are thrilled to welcome the Village Brass Ensemble and their new director, Dr. Langston Hemenway, to worship today. Dr. Hemenway is the conductor of the Kansas City Wind Symphony, which rehearses and performs frequently at its home Village Church. Langston is also associate director of music and director of instrumental studies at William Jewell College and conductor of the Liberty Symphony Orchestra. If you or someone you know would like to play with the Village Brass Ensemble, contact Langston at langston.hemenway@villagepres.org.

Six Great Ends of the Church

The "Great Ends of the Church" are a set of six mission statements that define the life and work of the Presbyterian Church (USA). For decades, these axioms have helped establish the course for mission and ministry, and present basic works to our denomination that are the heart of who the church is and what the church is called to do. In celebration of these important and holy duties, and as reminders of the same, Presbyterian churches across the country created banners to display in their houses of worship. Make sure to visit the Welcome Center to see Village's own banners of "The Six Great Ends of the Church." The Third Great End is the maintenance of divine worship.

Congregational Meeting Today

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting today. This meeting will take place at both campuses immediately following the 9:30 a.m. worship services. The purpose of the meeting is to elect new church officers for the positions of elder, elder/trustee and deacon.

Food Truck Festival Today

5-7 p.m. in the Village on Mission north parking lot. Bring your family and lawn chairs and enjoy music from the Aaron Linscheid Trio and kids' activities. Purchase food from four gourmet food trucks. Sponsored by Connectional Ministries Committee. Call 913-671-2331 with questions.

Come Claim Stillness and Peace at Taizé

You are invited to a service of Taizé at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 21, in the Village on Mission Sanctuary. Here we will sing, pray, be still and celebrate the Lord's Supper. During the push and pull of busy and stressful days, this time of quiet will be a balm to your soul! Contact Dr. Elisa Bickers at elisa.bickers@villagepres.org if you have any questions.

WELCOME TO VILLAGE CHURCH

We're so happy to have you worshipping with us today! Visit villagepres.org to learn more about Village Church, including upcoming events, ways to connect and serve, how to give and more.

NEW TO US? Village Presbyterian Church is a Presbyterian Church (USA) family of faith that is inclusive and welcoming of all people. We are one church worshipping at two campuses. Our Overland Park Campus is located at 14895 Antioch Road. If you would like a tour of Village Church on Mission, contact Cindy Wilcox at cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org or 913-671-2331.

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL TODAY are given to the Glory of God in memory of Jackie White by Duane White & family.

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM TODAY – Welcome these newest members into our faith community. **8 a.m.:** John Gerard Lakebrink (Hannah & Kirk Lakebrink), Scarlett Jane Sturgeon (Jenny & Scott Sturgeon). **9:30 a.m.:** Henry Stephen Robert Houghan (Alli & Stephen Houghan), Grace Hadley Schneider and Aspen Patricia Schneider (Megan & Dan Schneider). **11 a.m.:** Palmer Lillian Gilman (Sarah & Seth Gilman), Barbara Carroll Kistner and Thomas Michael Kistner (Madison & McLean Kistner), John Grayson Laffey (Lauren Mansfield & Matt Laffey) and Wyatt Alan Rainer (Erin & Paul Rainer).

THE GATHERING – Join us for The Gathering for an alternative style of worship at Village Church, 5 p.m. Sundays in Friendship Hall at Village on Mission. Learn more at vpcthegathering.org.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

INTRODUCTION TO THE APPLE COMPUTER – 1-2:30 p.m. & 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 21, Room 316 and via Zoom. Class topics will include getting acquainted with the Apple Desktop graphical interface, the web browser (Safari), the file structure and Apple keyboard commands. Email deecouch@kc.rr.com for info.

ELECTRIC CAR SHOW – 4:30-7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 29, south parking lot of Village on Mission. See all-electric and plug-in hybrid/electric vehicles. Email Al Pugsley at apphs58@yahoo.com for more info.

FREEING JESUS: REDISCOVERING JESUS AS FRIEND, TEACHER, SAVIOR, LORD, WAY, AND PRESENCE – Taught by Rev. Dr. Meredith Holladay, 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 5, 12, 19 & 26, Room 126. How has your experience of Jesus changed over the years? Theologian Diana Butler Bass sought to answer that question in her most recent book.

GALATIANS: CRISIS IN THE CHURCH – Taught by Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka, 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27, Rooms 132 & 133, and via Zoom. What does the letter to the Galatians have to say to us today? How do we deal with conflict and disagreements? We will explore what the Holy Spirit is saying to the church now.

A THEOLOGY IN OUTLINE: AN OVERVIEW OF CHRISTIAN THEOLOGY – Taught by Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka from 11 a.m.-noon Thursdays, Oct. 7-Nov. 18, & Dec. 2, 9, via Zoom. Participants must purchase this book and will covenant to read one chapter before each class.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

FIRST FLOOR-CHILD CARE AVAILABLE – 9:30 & 11 a.m. services and 5 p.m. Gathering service-Infants to 4-year-olds are welcome in Rooms 114, 111 and/or 107. Starting Sept. 26, child care will be offered at 9:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. services only.

PRESCHOOL AND ELEMENTARY LIGHTHOUSE – Check in at south playground at 9:30 a.m. service.

CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES

GET YOUR FLU SHOT – 1-3 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 29, in Rooms 132 & 133 at Village on Mission. No appointment necessary. Wear a mask as you enter the building to check in.

WEDNESDAY FAMILY MEALS – Order \$5 meals by noon Mondays at villagepres.org/ wednesday-family-dinners. Curbside pickup is from 4:30-5:30 p.m. at the north entrance of Village on Mission. Or dine in from 5:30-6 p.m. in Friendship Hall. We ask that you be fully vaccinated if you dine in. Email cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org or call 913-671-2331 with questions.

MISSION

FOOD PANTRY – Thank you for the donations last week on Peanut Butter Sunday. This week we need: jelly, salad dressings, ketchup, cooking oil, barbecue sauce, salt/pepper, etc. NO glass items, please. The Clothes Closet is asking for back-to-school clothes and light jackets for kids of all ages—clean and lightly used.

TOURS OF KANSAS CITY NON-PROFITS – The Mission Committee has arranged to tour several Kansas City nonprofits. Tours are New Century Detention Center (minimum security helping with society reentry), 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 30 (141 Mission Parkway near Gardner, Kansas) and Hillcrest Transitional Housing of Johnson County, 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 1 (9306 Bluejacket, Overland Park). Call 913-671-2369 for more info.

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE (PDA) ADDRESSES RECENT CRISES – Hurricanes, Floods, Earthquakes...PDA enables Village Church to care for communities adversely affected by crises and catastrophic events. You can assist in their efforts with a financial contribution. Go to pda.pcusa.org for more info.

MUSIC

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE – Sing or play in one of our ensembles. All of our musical groups have just begun rehearsing and sharing the great gift of music, and we would love for you to join our musical family. Email any member of our music team including our music coordinator, Carol Dale, at carol.dale@villagepres.org.

PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

CLASSIC CITIZENS CELEBRATION – Join us for fun and fellowship at the Classic Citizens Celebration from 1:30-3 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 23, in the Sanctuary and Welcome Center. If you are unable to come in person, join us online at villagepres.org/online. RSVP to Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org.

GROWING THROUGH GRIEF - The last session of Growing Through Grief for 2021 will meet at 9:30 a.m. on five consecutive Wednesdays, Oct. 6-Nov. 3. This class has helped many who are dealing with grief. This class is free and open to all; registration is required by contacting Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY **For all 20's and 30's**

YA WELCOME NIGHT – 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 30. After a long (and continuing) season of pandemic, we need to see each other, and explore our new (almost furnished) YA Room! We'll have some snacks and reconnect after a season of being scattered. Come and see! Sign up online: VillagePresYA.org/fall.

THEOLOGY THURSDAY – Theology Thursday: Begins Oct. 7, 6-7:30 p.m. Fall series, "Wilderness." Wilderness is a theme in scripture, and in our lives. Often, it's a place we journey alone, but in these strange days we're having a sort of shared wilderness experience. Read more and sign up online: VillagePresYA.org/fall.

MORNINGS WITH MOMS AND MINIS – Begins Oct. 12, 9:30-11 a.m. Friends and faith for the journey are important. Mamas, bring your little ones or come alone. We'll have some breakfast together, and enjoy devotions and conversation. All young adult moms welcome! Sign up online: VillagePresYA.org/fall.

PARENTS NIGHT – 8 p.m. this Wednesday, Sept. 22, online. Hey parents! Let's connect online before trying some in-person things this fall. Put the kiddos to bed, grab your favorite beverage, and join us on Zoom for conversation and prayer. Sign up for Zoom link at VillagePresYA.org/fall.

YOUTH MINISTRY

JOIN US FOR ANY OF OUR WEEKLY ACTIVITIES – All are welcome regardless of previous Village attendance, no sign-up is required, masks required while in the building. Check villagepresyouth.org for more details.

SKI TRIP INFO MEETINGS – Learn more about the 2022 Middle School and High School ski retreats. Join us online via Zoom at 10:45 a.m. or 5:15 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 26. Email youth@villagepres.org for the Zoom link.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC MISSION TRIP INFO MEETING – Learn about the 2022 High School Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic. Join us via Zoom at 10:45 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 3. Email youth@villagepres.org for the Zoom link.

CURRENT SERMON SERIES

The Church: An Already/Not Yet People

What is a church good for? Why did God decide the world that God loves needs a church? Well, there are several responses to such questions. A few centuries ago, the Presbyterian Church identified some grand purposes to describe what the church is for. These purposes are called the “Great Ends of the Church.” There are six Great Ends. They describe the life of the church as it is, at least to a point. But they also are aspirational and describe what the church should be. In that sense, they describe the church as it already is, while at the same time, they describe the church as it has yet to become. Rev. Are explores each of these ancient statements. They are hopeful. They are challenging. They are relevant, perhaps more relevant today than they were when they were drafted centuries ago. Of course, these were written in language that sounds more like Thomas Jefferson than the way we talk today; but there is still wisdom to be found in these old words. And when the church chooses to live toward these Great Ends or Great Purposes, there may be no other place you would rather be in/among these already/not yet people.

Sept. 5	The Proclamation of the Gospel for the Salvation of Humankind
Sept. 12	The Shelter, Nurture and Spiritual Fellowship of the Children of God
Sept. 19	The Maintenance of Divine Worship
Sept. 26	The Preservation of the Truth
Oct. 3	The Exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the World
Oct. 10	The Promotion of Social Righteousness

MINISTERS

All members of the congregation

MINISTRY TEAM

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

Will Breytspraak, director of music ❖ Brooke Brundige, director of children and family ministry

Laura Davis, director of marketing and communications ❖ Rev. Melanie Hardison, pastor of pastoral care

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

Dr. Joshua Maize, associate director of music ❖ Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka, senior associate pastor

Robert Rumold, director of information technology ❖ Bob Sperry, director of giving and endowment

Jim Tilden, senior director of business operations ❖ Rev. Zach Walker, pastor of youth ministries

Deborah White, director of mission ❖ Cindy A. Wilcox, director of connectional ministries

Rev. Sally S. Wright, pastor of pastoral care ❖ Rev. Dr. Robert H. Meneilly, founding pastor, 1947-1994

Large print bulletins are available in the Narthex. Ask an usher to bring you one.

Streaming video of Sunday services is available at villagepres.org/online.

The Sanctuary worship service is broadcast the following week at 8 a.m. on 1660 AM KMBZ, The Business Channel and on our worship service phone line 913-203-1301.

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