



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

September 17, 2017 • 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

The story of Jesus being tempted in the wilderness is familiar to us. It is no accident that the temptation of Jesus immediately follows his baptism. Baptism is about identity—he is the Son of God. The temptations we face in life are about our identity. Just as Jesus faced struggle, we too will face struggle. Sometimes we learn most clearly who we are in times of trial.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Be Thou My Vision
arr. Paul Manz, Chris Leaver, organist

Introit

Take Me to the Water
African American Spiritual, Village Choir

Call to Worship

Rev. Len Carrell

Bless the Lord, my soul! Bless God's holy name!

**For the life God gives us and the promise of each new day.
For the light that shines on us and guides our way.**

For the forgiveness of sins and the hope of resurrection.
For the angels that hover and the demons that slink away.

**For grace freely given and faith fervently sought.
For water that blesses and bread that sustains.**

For all that we know of holiness and all that is still beyond us.
For love that is strong and holds on forever.

Bless the Lord, my soul! Bless God's holy name!

*Hymn, No. 619

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven
LAUDA ANIMA

*Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God,
In the earliest morning hours,
when all the world is quiet except for you,
we know who we are.
But as the day wears on,
and other voices, expectations, and mistakes creep in,
we forget who we belong to and what we were made to do.
We confess that our confidence in our identity
is more fragile than we would like to think,
and our trust in your claim on our lives
fades long before night falls and sleep comes.
Stay with us, O God, even when we struggle to stay with you. (Silent prayer)**

*Assurance of God's Grace

*Response

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!
Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

*Passing of the Peace

Words of Welcome

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

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

Anthem (9:30 a.m.)

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah
arr. Gordon Young; Village Voices

Prayer for Illumination

Jim Borthwick (8 a.m.)
George Beaumont (9:30 a.m.)
Sharolyn Molle (11 a.m.)

Scripture Reading

Luke 4:1-13 (pg. 936)

Sermon

Satan and the Unending Questions

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn, No. 749

Come! Live in the Light!
WE ARE CALLED

Offertory

Here I Am, Lord
by Schutte; 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. 733

We All Are One in Mission
ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN

*Benediction

*Congregational Response

**We are called to act with justice;
we are called to love tenderly;
we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.**

*Postlude

O God Beyond All Praising
arr. Eric E. Thiman

**All who are able may stand*
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SERMON NOTES

THE CHURCH'S BOOK (Week of September 17, 2017)

The following daily Bible readings were written by Dr. Ron Patton 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. 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, Sept. 18

John 8:21-32

Jesus continues to talk in terms that the crowds do not understand. Is the fault in the tongue of Jesus or in the ears of the crowds? Vision from 2000 years in the future may seem to be quite clear, but if we place ourselves in the time of the Jesus, would we have a better understanding? In fact, do we understand the relationship between Jesus the Savior and God the Creator any better than they did?

Tuesday, Sept. 19

John 8:33-47

Jesus now challenges the crowds regarding one of their greatest sins – pride in being the children of Abraham. They rely on their DNA as the connection to Abraham. But, Jesus pointedly says their DNA does not match their obedience to the “law” of Abraham. And for pointing out their sin and their continuing to live in that sin, they persist in their movement to murder Jesus.

Wednesday, Sept. 20

John 8:47-59

The argument escalates. They accuse Jesus of having a demon, and even worse, of being a Samaritan. Then the subject turns to death, where the crowds cannot separate physical death from whatever God has for human beings on the other side of death. But, no matter how much Jesus tries, their minds remain clouded and they decide to end the discussion right there – with stones. Once again Jesus escapes.

Thursday, Sept. 21

John 9:1-17

To begin the story of the healing of the blind man, Jesus is asked whose sin caused the blindness – the parents or the child. Jesus refuses for get caught in this argument on sin and turns to taking action to cure the blindness. After the man receives sight, there continues to be a reluctance to recognize Jesus as the Son of God. Even as they are questioning the man, the Jewish authorities are split. Some want to emphasize that the healing took place on the Sabbath. Others see, in the healing, that Jesus could very well be the Messiah.

Friday, Sept. 22

John 9:18-41

Jesus caused a blind man to see. But the religious authorities seek to discredit the healing. They ask the parents: “Is this really your son who was blind and now sees?” Yes. “Who did this?” They answer; “He’s an adult. Ask him.” They try to get the healed man to say Jesus is a sinner, but he will not make such a judgment. Finally, the healed man is expelled, but Jesus accepts him as the religious authorities wonder about their own blindness.

Saturday, Sept. 23

John 10:1-18

Using the imagery of the day – sheep herding – Jesus speaks of two major aspects of his ministry. First, he forecasts his own sacrificial death (on the cross) for his followers and his resurrection (taking up his life again). Secondly, he very directly states that his sacrifice is for all—Jews and Gentiles.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

Dedicated
Pipe Organ
Recital

World-renowned organist
Douglas Cleveland
3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 24
Village on Mission

JOIN US FOR A **FREE CONCERT** WITH
KANSAS CITY JAZZ SINGER

**ANGELA
HAGENBACH**

**7 P.M. FRIDAY
OCT. 6
VILLAGE CHURCH
ON MISSION**

TODAY AT VILLAGE

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

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL TODAY are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Sherin Higdon Custer by Ken Higdon.

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM TODAY – Please welcome these newest members into our faith community as we celebrate the baptisms of the following children, at **9:30 a.m.**: Oliver James Gamble (Lindsay and David Gamble, parents); Charlotte Marie Kirwan (Jaclyn and Caleb Kirwan, parents); Wells Christopher Larsen (Allison and Chris Larsen, parents); Harry Darby Pfeiffer (Libby and Ryan Pfeiffer, parents); and Jackson Jude and Lincoln Lawrence Zarecor (Amy and Justin Zarecor, parents).

11 a.m.: Colin Robert Sargent (Laura and Patrick Sargent, 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 should 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 Grade new curricula! Kindergarten meets in Room 311. 1st 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. **Connect with 6th Grade** – Fun and relevant discussions for today's 'tweens. Room 302.

ADULT EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY

AARP 55 ALIVE DRIVING CLASS will be held from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Oct. 12 and 13, in Room 133. Classes will be taught by veteran instructor, Terry Barker. The cost is \$20 (\$15 if you are an AARP member) per person payable to AARP. To enroll, call Marianne, 913-671-2333.

Fall 2017 Village U registration is open. Visit villagepres.org – or call Marianne at 913-671-2333.

UPCOMING CLASSES INCLUDE:

INTERMEDIATE EXCEL – DAYTIME OR EVENING – This two-week class is recommended for those who have a basic understanding of Excel OR have taken the Beginner Excel class. Topics include filtering and sorting data, working with functions and using Excel to create charts. Spreadsheets will be used to reinforce learning. 1-2:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 19 and 26, Room 316, or 6:30-8 p.m. Thursdays, Sept. 21 and 28, Room 316.

BIBLE 101: HOW THE BIBLE CAME TO BE – “All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching ...” (2 Timothy 3:16) So given that all scripture is inspired by God, how did the Bible come to be in its current form? This is a basic course designed especially for persons who are new to the Bible. Taught by Dr. Rodger Nishioka. 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 20-Oct. 11, Rooms 232 and 233.

HOSPITALITY TO STRANGERS: CARING FOR THE UNDOCUMENTED – Village Church's Social Witness & Advocacy Task Force is currently engaged in study and action around the challenges facing undocumented persons living in the area. In partnership with the Rev. Rick Behrens and members of the Grandview Park Presbyterian Church in KCK, the task force will help us understand how and why these “strangers” are here in Kansas City and the challenges they face. 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 20-Oct. 4, Room 230.

THE REFORMATION THAT CHANGED THE WORLD – The 500th anniversary of Martin Luther's presentation of 95 theses challenging key points of the theology and governance of the Medieval Church will be observed on Oct. 31, 2017. This course will explore how the European Renaissance laid the groundwork for the Reformation and how the pillars of the Roman Catholic Church cracked under Luther's theological assault. Taught by Rev. Dr. Lonnie Lee. 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 20-Oct. 25, Room 127.

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT CLASSES: 9:30 a.m.

FAITH JOURNEY – The class will study the book, *The Witness of Religion in an Age of Fear*, by Michael Kinnamon. We live in a world driven by fear. But should we allow fear to play such a large role in our lives? According to the religions of the world, the answer is no. In this helpful and illuminating book, the author challenges readers to consider why. Led by Kathy Ray. Room 230.

FOUNDATIONS OF FAITH: WHEN EGYPT WAS IN ISRAEL'S LAND – Long before the Kingdom of Israel arose in the land of Canaan, Egyptian influence colored the lives of the peoples who populated the land. Biblical tradition holds that ancient Israel was unique and distinct from these other peoples and nations. Rev. Dwight Tawney will lead the class to explore the impact that Egypt exercised on the religion and culture of the emerging community of Israel. Now-Oct. 29. Room 132.

VILLAGE FORUM: THE SEARCH FOR GOD - EVOLVING FROM SEARCH INTO THEOLOGY – This series continues series led by John Borden in the spring. Today's class covers the key questions of theology, and the Sept. 24 class will look at various current theologies. Oct. 1-15 class will view a biopic documentary on Martin Luther. Discussion will draw on materials prepared by various Lutheran groups for this excellent film. Led by Gus Breytspraak and various instructors. Room 127.

CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER – Our menu for Sept. 20 is pork fajitas GF, vegetable fajitas V&GF, flour and corn tortillas, Mexican rice V&GF, beans, vegetable and dessert. 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.

ANGELA HAGENBACH JAZZ CONCERT - Join us at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 6, for a free concert by the Angela Hagenbach Quartet in the Village on Mission Sanctuary. Singer/songwriter Angela Hagenbach, a native Kansas Citian, is widely known as a masterful interpreter of great songs. Seating is on a first-come basis. A retiring offering will be collected to benefit La Paz House, an after-school program for school age children, offered through Grandview Park Presbyterian Church in Kansas City, Kan. Email cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org with questions. This concert is sponsored by Connectional Ministries of Village Presbyterian Church.

MISSION

THE FOOD PANTRY – The Food Pantry is in need of a volunteer helper to ride along with a trained driver on the Food Pantry Truck, picking up from grocery stores, on average of two Fridays per month. The volunteer, who must be able to lift 50 pounds, would meet at the Pantry at 7:30 a.m. and be done by 11 a.m. If interested, please call Susan Webb at 913-645-2691.

HURRICANE IRMA DONATIONS – Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is standing by with resources and National Response Team members ready to deploy when it is safe to do so. If you wish to help Florida and Puerto Rican families impacted by Hurricane Irma, you can support PDA's emergency respond with a gift online. Click on <https://pma.pcusa.org/donate/make-a-gift/gift-info/DR000194/#>. To give by phone, call 800-872-3283. To send a check, please designate where you want your gift to go on the memo line and mail to: Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.

MUSIC MINISTRY

OPUS 22 RECITAL SEPT. 24 - Internationally acclaimed concert organist, Douglas Cleveland, will perform on Opus 22 at 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 24. This concert is jointly offered by the Village Presbyterian Church Music Ministry and the Greater Kansas City Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. No tickets or reservations required!

PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

CLASSIC CITIZENS CELEBRATION – Come and celebrate at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 5, as we kick off this year's gathering for those who are 75 or more years young. There'll be good food, great music and the best company! Rev. Tom Are will talk about all the latest at Village. Transportation is provided if requested. Contact Linda Alley if you are coming at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org.

MEMORIES IN THE MAKING – Become a volunteer for this new ministry that helps people with Alzheimer's express their inner expressions through painting. Volunteers are needed to sit with participants as they paint; you yourself don't need to be an artist. Sessions will begin this Wednesday, Sept. 20, one hour, twice a month on Wednesdays. This ministry is in collaboration with the Alzheimer's Association. Contact Rev. Len Carrell at len.carrell@villagepres.org to find out more.

BECOME A VILLAGE VISITOR VOLUNTEER – If you enjoy visiting and talking with others, consider becoming a Village Visitor. Help bring Village to those members who cannot physically join us at church. This ministry begins this fall. If you would like to be one of the 15-20 volunteers, contact Rev. Len Carrell at len.carrell@villagepres.org.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

FALL SESSION, OPERATION BREAKTHROUGH READING PROGRAM – No experience necessary! Partner with a preschool reading buddy, Wednesdays, 9:30-11 a.m. Sept. 20-Oct. 25. Orientation coffee will be at 9 a.m. Sept. 20 in the Youth Loft. Contact Cindy Whitham at ciwhitham@aol.com or 913-262-3062 for information. Need child care? Call Pam at 913-671-2352 to make a reservation by the Wednesday prior to your volunteer day.

WOMEN WITH SPIRIT DINNER IN WESTPORT – 6:15 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 21, at Sweet Siam, 4130 Pennsylvania Ave., Kansas City, Mo. Invite a girlfriend or two and join us as we gather for conversation, dinner and drinks. RSVP to shelbykrumm@yahoo.com and for child care (6-8:30 p.m.) email pam.southerland@villagepres.org.

AMAZING GRACES FALL GATHERING will take place from 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 5, at the home of Kathy Palmer, 16 LeMans Court in Prairie Village. Dr. Rodger Nishioka will be our special guest speaker. Please make \$10 check payable to Presbyterian Women of Village Church and mail by Sept. 28 to Deb Spalding, 300 W. 22 St., Kansas City, MO 64108. Limited to 60 reservations; carpools are recommended.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

ADULTING WITH JESUS – 6:30 p.m. Thursday nights at rotating locations - check the Village Church website for a list of places and dates. This fall we'll be looking at some of our most common young adult questions, but from a Christian perspective. All invited. Pizza provided.

RACE AND RACISM INTENSIVE READING GROUP – 6-8 p.m. Wednesdays beginning Sept. 20. Sign up by emailing hallie.hottle@villagepres.org.

YOUNG ADULT US/MEXICO BORDER TRIP – There is lots of talk about our US/Mexico border these days. What are we actually talking about? Let's go find out. We'll spend 3 days exploring life on our southernmost border with Frotera de Cristo, a PC(USA) ministry in Douglas, Ariz. and Agua Prieta, Mexico. All young adults are welcome. Nov. 10-13. Price is \$450. To reserve a spot, email becky.bliss@villagepres.org.

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).

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 and Meredith's house at 5401 W. 77th St., Prairie Village.

TRIPS – Registration forms are available for our annual January Ski Trip and the Spring Break Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic! Come pick up a form in the Youth Loft or go online.



What's that new card in the pew card holder? Something about Text to Give...

You now have the opportunity to give a gift to Village Church's annual fund by using your smart phone. All you need to do is text your gift amount to 913-270-3436. Your gift will go directly toward your annual commitment or if you have no outstanding pledge, the gift supports the Village Church annual fund. Check out the "Text to Give" info in the pew card slot in front of you and see how easy it is to make a gift to your annual fund commitment!

Please Welcome Ellen Wootton Interim Director of Children & Family Ministry



Ellen Wootton began serving as interim director of Children & Family Ministry at Village on Mission on Sept. 7. Ellen recently returned to the area. She is working part-time in Children & Family Ministry on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday and is teaching in the Village on Mission Preschool on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Ellen has extensive experience in Children & Family Ministry, especially related to education and the arts.

"Ellen brings with her extensive experience in Children & Family Ministry, especially related to education and the arts," said Dr. Rodger Nishioka, senior associate. "She possesses a gracious and welcoming spirit and genuine love for Jesus Christ, Christ's church and children and families."

SERMON SERIES

It Takes a Village

We sometimes assume that Jesus, by the time he was old enough to talk, was fully aware that he was the Christ and knew just how to live as God's son in human history. But there are moments in the Gospel story when Jesus encountered others who seemed to teach him who he was or at least how to live as God's son. It's not too much to say that in some of these encounters Jesus learned how to be Jesus. There is not a one of us who comes to a life of faith and faithfulness without the mentoring of others. That seems to be true for Jesus as well. Perhaps we can learn from those who taught him.

- Sept. 10 Mary and the Hour
Sept. 17 Satan and the Unending Questions
Sept. 24 Joseph: When Righteousness Doesn't Come Easily
Oct. 1 World Communion Service: Dr. Nishioka Preaching
Oct. 8 John the Baptist and Disappointment
Oct. 15 A Canaanite Woman, Dogs and Gentiles in General
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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. Hallie Hottle, pastor of young adult ministry and bridge site pastor of Village on Antioch
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
Ellen Wootton, interim director of children and family ministry

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.