SERVICE OF WORSHIP

October 28, 2018 • 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

ABOUT TODAY’S SERVICE

Once again, we hear Paul’s prayer of thanksgiving for the church. He is grateful for the “work of faith, labor of love and steadfastness of hope.” This time we reflect on hope. Hope is the source of the church’s mission. Hope inspires us, but it also shames us a bit, as God’s dreams for us are always bolder than our expectations for ourselves.
Prelude

Pastourelle (8 a.m.)
by Fela Sowande

Suite Antique: III. Aria (9:30, 11 a.m.)
music: John Rutter; Carol Dale, flute; The Village Players

Words of Welcome

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

Call to Worship

Rev. Zach Walker

Come, Christians, join to sing

**loud praise to Christ our king.**

Let all with heart and voice before his throne rejoice;

**praise is his gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen.**

*Hymn, No. 275

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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*Prayer of Confession

Lord of all hopefulness,

You have such dreams for us:

- to be the light of the world,
- to be an exhibition of the kingdom,
- to be the salt of the earth.

Forgive our timidity,

but Your dreams are bolder than our faith.

And yet, if You will keep dreaming,

by Your grace, we might do what is ours to do today,

and perhaps the world will taste a bit more salty. (Silent Prayer)
*Assurance of God's Grace

*Response (from Hymn, No. 582)

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.

*Passing of the Peace

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Call to Prayer (from Hymn, No. 450)

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
Thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

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

Suite Antique: IV. Waltz (9:30 a.m.)
music: John Rutter; Carol Dale, flute; The Village Players

Violin Duet (11 a.m.)
music: G.F. Handel; Evelyn Holmes & Destiny Ann Mermagen, violin; The Village Players
Prayer for Illumination

Dee Couch (8 a.m.)
Jean Janecek (9:30 a.m.)
Janice Gill (11 a.m.)

Scripture Reading

1 Thessalonians 1:1-3 (pg. 1075)

Sung Prayer

Why do I look away, Hope-Shaping Lord,
when I see neighbors demeaned or ignored?
Give me new vision and focus my lens
So I am able to see You in them.

Sermon

A Place for Boldness
Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn, No. 731
Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith Is Firm
REPTON

Why Village Matters
Young Adult Ministry

Offertory

How Can I Keep from Singing
music: Taylor Davis; Village Choir; Anne Sneller, oboe;
Destiny Ann Mermagen and Evelyn Holmes, violins

*Response (from Hymn, No. 609)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*Prayer of Dedication
MUSIC NOTES

Today we welcome the Village Players to the 9:30 a.m. worship service for the first time! The Village Players were founded in the fall of 2018 for instrumentalists who enjoy playing chamber music of all varieties. We are thrilled to “musically introduce” Dr. Carol Dale, Village’s music coordinator, and a highly accomplished flutist, to our congregation as she solos on John Rutter’s “Suite Antique.”

Today’s sung response to the scripture is a text that was just commissioned specifically for Village. A brand new, four stanza text has been written by renowned hymn writer John Thornburg to reflect the current sermon series, “Living Toward God’s Promised Day.” Each week we will sing the stanza written to pair with that week’s topic, concluding with a singing of the complete hymn on Nov. 4. You will notice that we are singing the new text to a familiar tune (SLANE) – that has the practical purpose of being easier to sing, but is also meant to conjure up the concepts from the more familiar text, “Be Thou My Vision.”
The following daily Bible readings were written by the Rev. 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, Oct. 29**

Matthew 28:16-20

These verses are called the “great commission” because Jesus is sending out his disciples with a mission. Notice two important things: first, he sends them out together and second, he sends them to all nations. Then, he reminds them that wherever they go, he goes with them. To be missional is to live this call of Jesus to go together into all the world shaping disciples and baptizing and teaching while knowing that Jesus is always with us.

**Tuesday, Oct. 30**

Psalm 96

This is a song of praise to God describing God’s marvelous works, greatness, and righteousness. The songwriter calls upon all people to declare God’s glory among the nations. That invitation makes this both a song of praise and a song of mission. God’s works are great and God is righteous. The missional invitation is to tell the world. To be missional is to be sent into the world for God’s glory.

**Wednesday, Oct. 31**

1 Corinthians 10:23-33

The new Christians in Corinth are debating about whether to adhere to certain cultural customs and traditions. The Apostle Paul does not get caught up in the particular debates but rather tells them that whatever you eat or drink, “do everything for the glory of God.” Some Christians object to Halloween worried that it is a satanic ritual. For most, it has become a harmless excuse to dress in costumes and eat lots of candy. Paul’s direction is helpful. Whatever you do, do all for the glory of God.

**Thursday, Nov. 1**

Hebrews 12:1-2

This is All Saints’ Day – a day when we celebrate all those who have died and gone to heaven. Tom Are reminds us that a “saint” is anyone who has been “touched by the grace of God.” So, saints are not only those who have died but includes we who are alive today and even those who will come after us. Together, all of us form that “great cloud of witnesses.” Give thanks for all the saints and for our God whose grace touches us all.

**Friday, Nov. 2**

1 Peter 2:1-10

In this letter, Peter first calls the believers to yearn for God just like newborns yearn for milk. Then, he names Jesus Christ as a “living stone” and a “cornerstone.” Finally, he reminds us who we are. Look in a mirror and tell yourself that you are “a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own.” Let that be your identity this day and every day.

**Saturday, Nov. 3**

Acts 1:6-11

Jesus has risen from the dead and appears to the disciples. They ask him if he is now going to restore the Jewish people to their kingdom, and Jesus tells them it is not for them to know but only for God to know. For now, he tells them God’s Holy Spirit will come to them, and they will be witnesses to the “ends of the earth.” That is our call today. Sustained by the Holy Spirit, we are called to share the good news of Jesus Christ with the whole world!
Meet New Youth Coordinator at Village on Mission

Please join us in welcoming Madeline Chamberlain as our new youth coordinator at Village on Mission. Madeline is an alumnus of Lee University in Chattanooga, Tenn. where she earned a B.A. in English, tutored ESL students in English and worked as a teaching assistant. She relocated to Missouri in April from Tennessee, where she danced with Unity Dance Troupe, a Christian performing arts company, and taught ballet classes for children and college students. She now lives in Grandview, Mo. with her dog and attends Kingdom Living Congregation in Shawnee. Madeline says she's excited for the opportunity to serve the youth and parents of Village Presbyterian Church.

Daylight Saving Time Ends Next Sunday, Nov. 4

Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour on Saturday night, Nov. 3. Enjoy that extra hour of sleep!
TODAY AT VILLAGE

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

THE BOY SCOUTS OF TROOP 91 will be selling holiday greenery from 8:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m. today. This annual event is the main fundraiser for the Troop. You will find the scouts located at the north and south entrances. Please stop by and choose from long lasting evergreen wreaths, garland and centerpieces. Greenery will be delivered at the church on Nov. 18 and 25. Your support is greatly appreciated.

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. Village is one church worshiping 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 or 913-671-2331.

JOINING VILLAGE CHURCH – Village receives new members every other month at a special Sunday lunch. The remaining 2018 joining date is Dec. 9. Contact cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org or 913-671-2331 for info.

ADULT EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY

Upcoming Village U classes:

A CHRISTIAN JUSTICE FOR THE COMMON GOOD – Rev. Dr. Tex Sample, pastor of Trinity United Methodist Church and professor emeritus of St. Paul School of Theology, will describe what Christian justice looks like in real world settings and will identify the skills that must be cultivated to do justice work with others—work that will create a lasting impact while extending a Christian vision for the common good. 6:30-8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 29, Room 127.

BEGINNER GOOGLE SHEETS – Learn to create spreadsheets in a web-based environment that can be accessed from any Windows or Apple device. The class will explore the components of a spreadsheet, entering data into a spreadsheet, 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, Oct. 30, OR 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 1, Room 301.

TWA MUSEUM DAY TRIP – 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 1. Additional Cost: $30.

WINTER WELLNESS AND ESSENTIAL OILS – A Young Living Essential Oils representative will help you learn about how to support your health naturally and preventatively using essential oils. You and your family can thrive through sick season! Each participant will make two products with essential oils. Additional class fee: $10. Taught by Elissa Duncan. 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 1, Room 230.

WORKING CLASS RAGE – White working-class people are poorly understood and perceived as a threat to the common good. They are sometimes seen as unintelligent, self- destructive, utterly incapable of leveraging their own privilege. In this class, we will learn of a concrete vision of social well-being befitting faithful life in Jesus and God’s vision of justice for the world. Taught by Dr. Tex Sample, pastor of Trinity United Methodist Church. 6:30-8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 5, Room 127.

INTERMEDIATE GOOGLE SHEETS – This class is recommended for those who have a basic understanding of Excel OR Google Sheets. Topics include filtering and sorting data, creating charts and graphs, and utilizing functions to easily perform mathematical and statistical calculations. 1-2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 6, OR 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 8, Room 301.

AVOIDING FALLS AND GAINING BALANCE – We all know someone whose life changed because of a fall. This session will demonstrate tips and techniques you can use to prevent falls and gain balance. Dress in comfortable clothes and be ready to join in. Taught by Mallory Mahoney, clinic director, Specialists in Sports and Orthopedic Rehabilitation. 6:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 6, Room 232.
CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

CHILD CARE FOR ALL SERVICES – Infants through 3-year-olds are welcome in Rooms 114, 111 and/or 107.

SUNDAY SCHOOL – 9:25-10:30 a.m. 2-4-yrs./Pre-K, are in Sunday School on the first floor with registration and age specific room assignments outside Room 107. K-6th graders are on the third floor with registration and grade specific room assignment outside Room 307. Info can also be seen 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.

BAPTISMS and NEW BABIES – The next baptism dates are Nov. 18 and Jan. 20. 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.

CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER – The Halloween menu is chili dogs, SW quinoa black bean bake, corn chips, Halloween dessert. The salad bar opens at 5:15 p.m.; hot food buffet 5:30-6:30 p.m. Full meal with salad bar & dessert is $7. Salad bar & dessert is $6. Children ages 4-10 are $3 and age 3 and under are free. Call 913-671-2359 or email liz.middleton@villagepres.org to make your dinner reservation by noon tomorrow.

THANKSGIVING DINNER – Our Annual Thanksgiving Dinner will be from 5:15-6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 14, in Friendship Hall at Village on Mission. Cost is $5 per person and we ask that you bring a salad or vegetable to share (enough to feed 6-8 people). Chef Emily will provide turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, dressing, rolls and dessert. Make your online reservation by noon Monday, Nov. 12, at villagepres.org/thanksgiving-dinner.

SINGLE ADULT MINISTRY – Our Friday Night Singles events have been cancelled for Nov. 2, 9 and 16. A new six-week topic focused event for singles will be offered in early 2019. Contact Cindy Wilcox at cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org if you have questions.

MISSION

THE FOOD PANTRY – Today you will receive the grocery list (to fill one Thanksgiving Basket) from the Food Pantry. Five hundred baskets will be distributed and the Pantry is hoping to receive most of the donated food next week, Nov. 4, so that the baskets will be ready for distribution ASAP. There will be a second pick-up Sunday on Nov. 11. If you are unable to shop, for a $30 donation for one basket, the Pantry will shop for you.

BLOOD DRIVE - Village will host a blood drive from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. this Tuesday, Oct. 30, in Rooms 132 and 133. To make an appointment online, visit esavealifenow.org and use sponsor code of “villagepres” or stop by our registration table in Friendship Hall from 9 a.m. and noon today. For additional details, contact Ann Colston at 913-722-0165 or acolston1113@gmail.com.

SHOP FOR A FAMILY FOR CHRISTMAS – If you wish to adopt an Operation Breakthrough family for Christmas, Village will have a bulletin board filled with family wish lists and an adoption table on Sunday, Nov. 4, and again on Nov. 11; if all families are not already adopted. 9 a.m.-noon in Friendship Hall. In addition, monetary donations to Village Church will be accepted for holiday meals. $30 will feed a family of three or less and $60 a family of four or more. Contact Ann Colston, 913-722-0165 or Marilyn Borel, 913-708-1917.

ARTS IN PRISON POETRY READING – The Arts in Prison poetry program led by Village Church member Arlin Buyert is hosting an inmate poetry reading at at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 8, at the InterUrban Arthouse at 8001 Newton Street in Overland Park. Graduates of the Lansing poetry group will read some of their works. Contact Arlin at arlinbuyert.com for more information.

VILLAGE CHURCH COOKS A MEAL AT CROSS-LINES – Friday, Nov. 9, Village will cook for and serve a meal at the Cross-Lines kitchen in Kansas City, Kan. We need volunteers from 9:30-11 a.m. for prep and from 11:15 a.m.-1:30 p.m. to serve/clean up. Cookie donations can be dropped off at the church reception desk from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 8. If you can help, you can sign up at bit.ly/cross-lines-sign-up.
MUSIC MINISTRY
SECOND THURSDAY RECITAL – Our next concert is at 12:15 p.m. Nov. 8 in the Village on Mission Sanctuary. It features violinist Destiny Ann and cellist Michael Mermagen. Join us as they perform music of J.S. Bach and Reinhold Gliere. Destiny has won numerous international competitions and performance awards, appearing at the Kennedy Center and Carnegie Hall. Michael, associate professor of cello at the UMKC Conservatory of Music, is artist-faculty at the Aspen Music Festival and School and principal cellist of the Aspen Chamber Symphony.

PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING
PASTORAL CARE LOVES OUR VOLUNTEERS – More than 375 volunteers help provide kindness throughout the year. We’d like to express our thanks at our annual Volunteer Appreciation event. Look for your invitation to come at 7 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 9; RSVP to Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org.

CRYSTAL WEBSTER – “TRAGEDY AWAKENED MY PASSION” – Join us at noon Tuesday, Nov. 6, at the Faith & Grief lunch when speaker Crystal Webster shares how her heart was healed after losing her newborn daughter. Reservations are helpful; go to faithandgrief.org or contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN
WOW LUNCH AT YAYA’s – Women of Wisdom, (WOW), invite all women to a fall lunch at noon on Tuesday, Oct. 30, at YaYa's Euro Bistro, 7021 West 135th in Corbin Park. RSVP by tomorrow, Oct. 29, to Marvie Sneegas, sneegi@kc.rr.com, 913-209-9608.

WOMEN WITH SPIRIT – Show your strength at Blade & Timberrrr with Women with Spirit. Please join us for a unique & fun axe throwing experience at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 8, at Blade & Timber (5208 W 117th Street in Leawood). For questions and to RSVP, email shelbykrumm@yahoo.com. There is no child care for this event.

SOCIAL JUSTICE
IMMIGRATION IN JOHNSON COUNTY – A panel presentation regarding the “Impact of Immigration in Johnson County” will be from 6-7:30 p.m. this Thursday, Nov. 1, in the Village on Antioch Sanctuary. Representatives from El Centro, Inc., the Olathe School District, the KS/MO Dream Alliance and an immigration attorney will discuss life for immigrants in our community. Topics include barriers experienced by immigrants, education issues, voting and perceptions of the larger community.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY
Young Adult Ministry is for all people in their 20’s and 30’s.
THEOLOGY THURSDAYS – 7 p.m. Thursday at Village Presbyterian Church (3rd floor), for “Being Presbyterian 101.” This week: Salvation! Even the most devout among us have awoken in the night, wondering whether or not this is “it.” Some things we just can’t know. But a history of collectively lived grace is a helpful rock to stand on. Let’s talk about it. Details online at VillagePresYA.org/thursdays.

YOUTH MINISTRY
Join us for any of our weekly activities beginning today – All are welcome regardless of previous Village attendance and no sign-up is required. Check villagepresyouth.org for more details.

ALPHA & OMEGA – 9:30-10:30 a.m. Sundays, for middle school (meets in the Youth Loft) and high school (meets in the Upper Room).
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, in the 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!
WINTER SKI AND DOMINICAN TRIPS ARE FULL! – Both the Jan. 18-21 (Ski) and March 9-16 (Dominican) trips are currently full and on a wait list. If you would like to be added to the wait list for either trip you can find forms on the youth website (listed above). Contact Rev. Zach Walker if you have any questions!

LEFTOVER HALLOWEEN CANDY FOR CARE PACKAGES – After Halloween is over you can donate your leftover candy to the Youth department. Each year we send out care packages to our college students; it’s a great way to let them know their church family is thinking of them as they finish first semester! You can drop it off at the reception desk and label it “Youth.”

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Election Trivia Night

6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 1, in Friendship Hall at Village on Mission. All ages are welcome for this pre-election trivia night! Pizza dinner provided. Come and learn together about the candidates and issues that will be present on the Nov. 6 midterm election ballot.

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2019 Village Commitment Campaign

We are grateful for your faithful generosity and commitment to Village Church. Your annual gifts provide the foundation for all the impactful work our mission and ministries do each day.

Sunday, Nov. 4, is Commitment Sunday, please prayerfully consider you support to Village Church for 2019 and complete your commitment card. You may bring it with you on Sunday, mail it to the church or go online to complete it.

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Christmas Night Out Reservations Open Nov. 2

Send your kids to this fun-filled night from 6-8:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7, at Village Church on Mission while you enjoy a night out. Children ages 2-10 will enjoy crafts, activities, a fun snack and the puppet show. Cost is $15 per child with a $30 maximum per family. Registration opens Nov. 2. Registration forms are available at the church and need to be notarized and turned in to the Child Care Office or the Children & Family Ministry Office. The registration deadline is Friday, Nov. 16.

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Discover Village Information Center

A place for you to connect and ask questions. You’re invited to stop by our Discover Village desk, between worship services, at the north Welcome Center entrance. Hosts will be available at the desk every Sunday morning; a place where you can share conversation and enjoy a cookie. We look forward to meeting you!
NEW SERMON SERIES

Living Toward God’s Promised Day

William Faulkner once wrote, “The past is never dead. It’s not even past.” There is wisdom in these words, as our yesterdays show up in both predictable and unexpected ways. Nevertheless, the Christian faith provides a different way to look at our day. As Christians we are not primarily defined by our past, but by a future promised day. It is a day when God makes right that which we cannot heal. Of course, we only see glimpses of it in our lives, but it is a day that is trustworthy and true. This is why Rev. Tom Are's last words to you each Sunday are “live toward God's promised day.” For we are not defined by our yesterdays, not even our grand ones, but by a tomorrow we have yet to see.

Oct. 14 This is the Place to Love
Oct. 21 The Places Jesus Shows Up
Oct. 28 **A Place for Boldness**
Nov. 4 Commitment Sunday: Doing Good vs. Doing Well

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

*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.*