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## SERVICE OF WORSHIP

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

### ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

"Getting Real" is our new sermon series on serious matters: sin, grace and a mature life. We don't talk about sin in our everyday conversation, but sin is a part of every day. One way sin has been described is to "miss the mark." To be off a bit. To fall short. We all do it. It would make a bad thing worse if when we miss the mark, we were not able to confess it.

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## GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

*Passacaglia in D Minor, BuxWV 161*  
by Dieterich Buxtehude

Words of Welcome

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

Call to Worship

Rev. Len Carrell

The Lord waits to be gracious to you;

**Christ will rise up to show mercy to us all.**

The Lord is a God of unending love;

**Blessed are those who wait for the Lord.**

\*Hymn, No. 338

*O Beautiful for Spacious Skies*  
MATERNA

\*Prayer of Confession

**God of Mercy,**

**sometimes our sin is evident in our thoughts.**

**Sometimes it is our emotions that we struggle with the most.**

**But of greater consequence is what we do:**

**so, for the things we have done that we should not have done,**

**and for the things we have left undone that we should have done,**

**forgive us.** (Silent Prayer)

\*Assurance of God's Grace

\*Response (from Hymn, No. 839)

**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

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# PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

## Call to Prayer



Gra-cious Spir - it, heed our plead - ing; fash - ion us all a - new.  
It's your lead - ing that we're need - ing; help us to fol - low you.  
Come, — come, — come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

## 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

*If Ye Love Me* (9:30 a.m.)

music: Philip Wilby; Village Voices

*Walk With Me, Lord* (11 a.m.)

music: Rosephanye Dunn Powell; Alegria Young Adult Choir

## Prayer for Illumination

Jim Borthwick (8 a.m.)

Larry Sneegas (9:30 a.m.)

Lisa Ball (11 a.m.)

## Scripture Reading

Isaiah 6:1-8 (pg. 622)

## Sermon

*There's a Little Maxwell Smart in Everybody*

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

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## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

\*Hymn

*God's Dream is Like a Haunting Song*

RESIGNATION

Solo: God's dream is like a haunting song, its music faintly heard.  
It wakes an echo deep within where yearning hearts are stirred.  
A distant drum beat lures our feet and sounds the promised cue  
for grace to bid us join the dance to help God's dream come true.

**Congregation: War's weapons shall be melted down for tools to till and tend,  
And gardens grown from killing fields will blossom once again.**

**When vines are dressed and flocks are fed, earth's barren days will cease,  
As on God's holy mountainside, all creatures dwell in peace.**

**No more shall greed abuse in trade the gift beyond all price:  
For ev'ry person bodies forth the living form of Christ.**

**One weeping child makes clear our call to wipe away each tear, till children all may laugh  
and love, set free from hurt and fear.**

**God, keep your dream alive in us when tempted to despair.**

**Inspire our tender, aching hearts to courage and to care.**

**Let freedom's drum beat draw us on and strains, once faint, grow strong,  
Till justice, welcome, hope, and praise fill all the world with song.**

Why Village Matters

Father Justin Matthews, Thelma's Kitchen

Offertory

*Pilgrims' Hymn*

music: Stephen Paulus; Village Choir

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.

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\*Response (from Hymn, No. 697)

**Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store;  
Take myself and I will be ever, only, all for thee,  
Ever, only, all for thee.**

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn, No. 69

*I, the Lord of Sea and Sky*  
HERE I AM LORD

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response

**Guide our thinking and our speaking done in your holy name.  
Motivate all in their seeking, freeing from guilt and shame.  
Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, Come.  
Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, Come.**

\*Postlude

*Ein Toccata*  
by Girolamo Frescobaldi; Bob Sperry, organ

*\*All who are able may stand*

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

The following daily Bible readings were written by the Rev. Tom Are, Jr. 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, Nov. 12**

**Luke 14:15-24**

The parable ends harshly... "none of those invited will taste my dinner." The truth of this parable is that some moments come and once they pass we cannot get them back. Consider this particular day as an invitation from God. How will you respond to this day?

### **Tuesday, Nov. 13**

**Psalms 19**

The heavens are telling! The Psalm begins by praising God for the beauty of creation. The changing of seasons is a glorious reminder of God's creativity. Then the Psalm turns to scripture: "The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul." We need more than nature to know God. Scripture speaks of God's involvement in the human story. What is your favorite scripture text? What about it "revives the soul?"

### **Wednesday, Nov. 14**

**Luke 15:1-10**

Which one of you? The answer is "none of us." Leaving 99 to search for one lost sheep is extravagant behavior. We would cut our losses; but God doesn't. God's love cannot let go of us. God's heart calls us by name. Read this again as a story of God's love for you.

### **Thursday, Nov. 15**

**Luke 15:11-32**

Has anyone ever waited for you? For how long? Do you remember finding that person waiting, "I can't believe you are still here... still waiting?" Love is like that.

### **Friday, Nov. 16**

**James 1:1-15**

All this talk about temptation. Temptation is not the dessert tray or some such thing. The temptation for Christians is to forget we are Christians. When trouble comes, when disappointment comes, when testing comes... and it always comes... remembering that we are loved by God and called by God makes all the difference.

### **Saturday, Nov. 17**

**Psalms 139**

God knows you. This psalm speaks of God's intimate knowledge of God's children. God knows everything about us. At first that may seem unsettling; but this full knowledge results from God's love, even God's fascination with God's children. When members join the church we always ask, "Do you acknowledge yourself as a child of God, a person loved by God." The answer is always, "Yes."

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Community Sing:

# Draw THE Circle WIDE

**3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17**  
**Village on Antioch Sanctuary**

**A free concert featuring the  
Village on Antioch Choir and More Love Chorale**

The Village Church on Antioch Choir and More Love Chorale invite the community to join in singing together with Dr. Jan Kraybill on organ, and directors Ryan Main and Will Breytspreek leading. A free-will offering will benefit Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Kansas City.

## **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!



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## TODAY AT VILLAGE

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

**THELMA'S KITCHEN** – Today we learn more about the Village Church Signature Mission for 2018-2019, Reconciliation Services (RS) Thelma's Kitchen. You can continue to hear how RS is changing lives by subscribing to their regular Reveal Strength video update and stories at [rs3101.org/news](http://rs3101.org/news).

**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 today; if all families are not already adopted. 9 a.m.-noon in Friendship Hall. Contact Ann Colston, 913-722-0165, or Marilyn Borel, 913-708-1917. If you wish to buy just one or more gift(s) for the OB Holiday Store, you can pick up a shopping list at the VOM reception desks.

**NEW PW ADVENT CELEBRATION-RESERVATIONS NOW OPEN** – On Tuesday, Dec. 11, we will welcome Rev. Clare Lozano, Heritage Presbyterian in Olathe, as our featured speaker at Village on Mission Friendship Hall. Enjoy fellowship & heavy hors d'oeuvres at 5:30 p.m. with the program to follow in Sanctuary. You may purchase reservations for \$16 between all services today and Nov. 18 or online at [www.villagepres.org/pw](http://www.villagepres.org/pw) through Nov. 27. Email [pam@villagepres.org](mailto:pam@villagepres.org) or call 913-671-2352 for child care reservations no later than Tuesday, Dec. 4.

**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 worshipping 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](mailto: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](mailto:cindy.wilcox@villagepres.org) or 913-671-2331 for info.

## ADULT EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY

### Upcoming Village U classes:

**MAIL MERGE** – Learn how to utilize an Excel spreadsheet to format and print address labels. A sample spreadsheet will be available for use. 1-2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 13, OR 6:30–8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 15, Room 316.

**MEDICARE 101 AND MEDICAID 101** – This basic overview also will touch on Veteran's benefits and scams related to all of these programs. Presenter Rachel Monger is a Kansas licensed attorney specializing in elder care issues, vice president of government affairs for LeadingAge Kansas and a lobbyist for non-profit senior services at both the state and federal levels. 6:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 13, Room 232.

**READING PAUL'S LETTERS WITHIN JUDAISM AND WHY THAT MATTERS TODAY** – Paul is one of the most influential figures in the Christian church, even in Western society, but throughout his life he identified as Jewish, not Christian (a term he never used). Yet his letters have not been read as Jewish correspondence. In this series of classes, Dr. Mark Nanos will help us revisit Paul as a leader of a movement within Judaism before it became Christianity. 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Nov. 14, 28 & Dec. 5, Room 127.

**WREATH MAKING CLASS** – Join us for this instructor-led course that will teach students how to create a fresh wreath for the holiday season. Taught by Katherine Taylor. Additional cost: \$25. 9:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 27, Room 133.

**HOW TO FIND THE RIGHT CARE FOR YOUR LOVED ONE** – If you or a loved one needs care for medical needs beyond what routinely can be managed at home or in another living situation, it can be a daunting task to find and evaluate the available choices. This presentation will offer you guidance for making these choices, including when limited income is an issue. Taught by Rachel Monger. 6:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 27, Room 232. Sponsored by The Education Group.

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### 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday classes:

**FAITH JOURNEY** is now studying “You Are What You Love- The Spiritual Power of Habit” by James K. A. Smith who says that who and what we worship fundamentally shapes our hearts. And while we desire to shape culture, we are not often aware of how culture shapes us. We will explore the formative power of culture and the transformative possibilities of Christian practices. Room 230.

**FOUNDATIONS OF FAITH** offers challenging discussion of a wide range of topics based on presentations by visiting teachers or video-discussion format. Class members are singles & couples, ages 50+, who enjoy participating in discussion and exploration of new ideas while welcoming a diversity of perspectives. Room 15.

**GROWING TOGETHER** invites you to join us in New Testament Bible study. We look for the stories in the Bible and make connections using the What? So What? Now What? framework. We are growing together in faith, which makes us stronger Christians and enables us to have a greater impact. This year, we will be looking at the stories that emerge from Paul’s letters. Facilitated by Lawrence Andre. now-May in Room 124.

**VILLAGE FORUM** – Today Village Church’s Social Witness and Advocacy Task Force will lead us in a discussion of Christian Responses to Immigration. Dec. 9-16, Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka will teach about the Spirituality of Aging. According to the US Census Bureau, in May of 2017 there were 47.8 million Americans age 65 and older comprising 15% of the total population. By 2060, the Census Bureau projects 25% or one in four Americans will be age 65 and older. So, as we age, how do we experience the presence of God? How do our spirituality and religious practice change over time? Room 126.

## 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 to 4-year-olds/Pre-K** - Preschool Sunday School meets on the first floor. Registration and age specific room assignments are posted outside Room 107. **K-6th grade**—Kids’ Kingdom Sunday school meets on the third floor. Registration and grade specific room assignments are posted outside Room 307. Room information is also posted 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 Jan. 20 and March 17. 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](mailto:kate.ruecker@villagepres.org).

**FAMILY WORSHIP SUNDAY** – All children are invited to participate in worship on Nov. 25. Child care is available for ages newborn-3 years. **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL** scheduled due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

**CHRISTMAS NIGHT OUT RESERVATIONS NOW OPEN** – 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 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. **Registration deadline is Nov. 16.**

## CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES

**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 tomorrow, Nov. 12, at [villagepres.org/wednesday-dinners](http://villagepres.org/wednesday-dinners).

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## MISSION

**THE FOOD PANTRY** – Thank you from the Food Pantry for all your donations to fill the 500 Thanksgiving Baskets being assembled for the clients of the Pantry. If you forgot your donations today, you may drop them off at the Pantry or with your \$30 donation the Pantry will shop for you and provide a family with a wonderful Thanksgiving meal. Many prayers of thanks will be given around the Thanksgiving table this year - from the givers and the receivers.

## MUSIC MINISTRY

**KANSAS CITY WIND SYMPHONY CONCERT** – Join us for the next KC Wind Symphony concert at 7 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 18, in the Village Church on Mission Sanctuary. The program will open with an exciting tribute to Leonard Bernstein with his "Overture to Candide" and "Four Dances from West Side Story" and will conclude with Morton Gould's epic "Symphony No. 4." Admission is free.

## PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

**TAIZÉ IS TUESDAY** – In this season of gratitude, take a moment to reflect on the blessings in your life. Taizé worship includes time to reflect, moments of silence, candlelight and communion. We look forward to seeing you at the chapel at 6:30 p.m. this Tuesday, Nov. 13.

**REMEMBRANCE SERVICE WILL BE HELD SUNDAY, DEC. 2** – This special service remembers loved ones who are deeply missed. If your loved one passed away during 2018 and Village Church was informed, his or her name will be included in the program. If you would like to include any other names, contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2367 or [linda.alley@villagepres.org](mailto:linda.alley@villagepres.org) by Friday, Nov. 16.

**250 POINSETTIAS NEED TO BE DELIVERED** – Are you able to take a poinsettia or two to members who are unable to attend church during Christmastime? If you can, come to the Welcome Center anytime between services on Sunday, Dec. 9 - poinsettias and instructions will be waiting for you.

## 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: All that we've learned in this series gets us here - how we organize ourselves as a church, and why. Our obsession with committees isn't accidental. We believe in the wisdom of the whole. Some might call it, democratic (the system, not the party). Details online at [VillagePresYA.org/thursdays](http://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](http://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!

**DONATIONS FOR DOMINICAN REPUBLIC** – The Youth Department is collecting school supplies (paper, backpacks, pencils, notebooks, pens, etc.) to bring with us to the Dominican Republic over Spring Break. Please place the supplies in the designated baskets located by the north and south entrances on Nov. 25.

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## Border Ministry Trip

Today we lift a prayer for 14 members of our community who left yesterday morning for the U.S./Mexico border to volunteer alongside the leadership of Frontera de Cristo border ministry: Carol Are, Rev. Rick Behrens (Grandview Park Presbyterian), Rob Carlson, Andrea Chamblin, Jim Galliher, Lora Garrison, Dr. John Hall, Rev. Hallie Hottle, Fred Logan, Jaimee Shireman, Samm Skare, Trenton Smith, Jenna Soltys and Dianne Stanley. You'll hear all about their experience in the Jan. 2 "Good News."



## Thank you for your commitment to the 2019 annual campaign!

To those who have sent in their commitment cards, thank you. Your commitment helps ensure that the life of this church continues to grow. If you have not made your commitment yet, please complete your pledge card and mail it to the church. Pledge cards can be found in the Narthex and north and south reception desks.

You can also go online to [www.villagepres.org](http://www.villagepres.org), click on "Giving" and then click on "Continue to Commitment Form," complete and click "send."

## REZOUND

Experience the lively and seasonal sounds of REZOUND, Kansas City's premiere bell ensemble! Join us at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30, in the Village on Mission Sanctuary. Admission is free.

## "The Road Home"

### WWI Armistice Commemoration Worship Service 3 p.m. today, Atonement Lutheran Church

Please join the greater Kansas City community at Atonement Lutheran Church, 9948 Metcalf Avenue in Overland Park, for a special worship service held on the 100th anniversary of the armistice ending World War I. As the home of the National World War I Museum and Memorial, Kansas City will be a focal point of this commemoration. Featuring the renowned Störling Dance Theater and Te Deum Chamber Choir (a member of the Village Church Arts Alliance), the worship service weaves together letters from soldiers on the front written to their loved ones back home, lovely music, powerful dance depicting life at the end of the war, scripture, reflections and prayer. Admission is free.

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## NEW SERMON SERIES

### Getting Real

We, at Village, are good people. We really are. But we are not perfect. There would not be a one of us who has escaped feelings from time to time of guilt or disappointment. So, how do we deal with failure? How do we deal with burdens that can weigh heavy at times? In this sermon series we will explore the realities of sin, grace and what to do with a second chance, or third, or however many we might need.

**Nov. 11**    **There's a Little Maxwell Smart in Everybody**

Nov. 18    Grace is the Whole Story

Nov. 25    For Your Progress and Joy

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## MINISTERS

All members of the congregation

## MINISTRY TEAM

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

Will Breyspraak, 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](http://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.*

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