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## SERVICE OF WORSHIP

November 25, 2018 • 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

### ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

The prophet said, "Here am I, send me." Peter said, "Tell me to come to You on the water." Being sent or being called ... it's all the same. Trusting this God will require a journey which at times will demand all we have to give. And it is a journey that will, in the end, give us ourselves.

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## GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (LOBE DEN HERREN)*  
by Wayne L. Wold

Words of Welcome

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

Call to Worship

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

Lord God,

when we are weak,

**be our strength.**

When we are weary,

**renew our spirits.**

When we are broken,

**gently mend us.**

When we are afraid,

**comfort us.**

When we are sinful,

**redeem us.**

**You alone are our God. Let us worship You with all that we are.**

\*Hymn, No. 37

*Let All Things Now Living*  
ASH GROVE

\*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

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\*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

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Time with Children

Prayer for Illumination

Diann Markley (8 a.m.)

Isabella Scammahorn Vaz (9:30 a.m.)

Wyatt Mayor (11 a.m.)

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 6:1-8 (pg. 622)

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.

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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.**

Scripture Reading

Matthew 14:22-33 (pg. 892)

Sermon

*Keep Walking*

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

\*Hymn, No. 722

*Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak*  
CANONBURY

Offertory

*Lord, Make Me an Instrument of Thy Peace*  
music: John Rutter; Village Choir

\*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. 686

*God of Our Life*  
SANDON

\*Benediction

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\*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

*Carillon*  
by Louis Vierne

*\*All who are able may stand*

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## THE CHURCH'S BOOK (Week of November 26, 2018)

The following daily Bible readings were written by the Rev. Len Carrell 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. 26**

**2 Samuel 23:1-7**

The description here of living in right relationship with God is one that shines light after a storm and brings new life after the rain. Our relationship with God starts with Christ our King who shows us that God is our salvation.

### **Tuesday, Nov. 27**

**Mark 12:41-44**

This is called Giving Tuesday. It is an invitation to join many across the globe in a day devoted to giving. After we have survived the chaos of Black Friday and Cyber Monday we are asked to show the image of Christ as the poor widow does in giving all that she has...her only two coins.

### **Wednesday, Nov. 28**

**Psalms 132**

This psalm commemorates King David and his descendants as the anointed rulers of Zion. What does it mean to know that God is with us from generation to generation and for generations to come?

### **Thursday, Nov. 29**

**Revelation 1:4-8**

This prayer is a nice one to be thankful for. Our prayer is that every eye will see something Christ-like in the world today, even if we are the ones who have pierced him.

### **Friday, Nov. 30**

**John 18:33-37**

Pilate wants to know if Jesus is a king. Jesus says, "My kingdom is not from this world." Jesus says that if he were of this world his followers would be in the fight that he is in. As followers of Christ, how can we be in the same fight he is in? A battle for equality, for no more poverty and no more sickness, for enough food for everyone to be fed, for caring relationships. How can we get a little more of Christ's kingdom in our world?

### **Saturday, Dec. 1**

**Hebrews 10:11-18**

As we enter this Advent season, we are sure to hear the words that Jesus is the Word of God that took on flesh. Well, that same Word has also been written on your heart and mind. How do we live more as God's Word written upon our lives?

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# ADVENT FAMILY WORKSHOP



**3-5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1**

**FRIENDSHIP HALL • VILLAGE ON MISSION**

Crafts for all age levels, cookie decorating and more!  
Free and open to the community

## **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.

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

**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

### 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. Facilitated by Kathy Ray. Room 230.

**FOUNDATIONS OF FAITH – MARY'S STORY** - The prophet Isaiah proclaimed: "A young woman shall conceive and bear a son and shall call his name Immanuel!" Christian tradition identified that young woman as Mary, the mother of Jesus. This class, led by Rev. Dwight Tawney, will explore the rich outgrowth of Christmas stories that surround Mary and the family of Jesus. Dec. 2, 9 and 16. 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** – Dec. 9 and Dec. 16, Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka will teach about the Spirituality of Aging. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, in May of 2017 there were 47.8 million Americans age 65 and older comprising 15 percent of the total population. By 2060, the Census Bureau projects 25 percent 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? On Dec. 23, Maryanna Adelman will lead a discussion on contemporary Jewish holiday practices, focusing on the weekly celebration of Shabbat and the "minor" holiday of Hanukkah. Room 126.

### 10:45 a.m. Adult Sunday classes:

**SPECIAL ADVENT ADULT CLASS** – Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka will teach on the Advent passage preached each morning. Dec. 2 – Mark's gospel. Dec. 9 – Matthew's gospel. Dec. 16 – Luke's gospel. Rooms 132-133.

## CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

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

**NO SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY** – All children are invited to worship with their families.

**MORNING STARS CHOIRS – NO MORNING STARS** today due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

**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).

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**PUPPET SHOW BY PICCADILLY PUPPETS** – Join us in the Sanctuary at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7, for a family-friendly show, full of holiday goodness as sweet as sugar. The show features Belinda Baker, who makes a special wish and bakes a boy made of gingerbread. Then, “The Gingerbread Boy” makes himself a sister and silliness ensues. Catch them if you can! Free and open to the public.

**ADVENT FAMILY WORKSHOP** – Join us from 3-5 p.m. this Saturday, Dec. 1. Don’t miss our annual family activity in Friendship Hall. Make your own gifts for Christmas. There will be crafts for all age-levels and, of course, cookie decorating, popcorn and festive music. Free and open to the community.

**DIAPERS IN DECEMBER** – Children & Family Ministry is once again collecting disposable diapers throughout the month of December to benefit the Food Pantry. The Pantry is in greatest need of Newborn and Size 1 infant diapers and Size Large/XL Adult diapers. Drop off your diapers under the Hat and Mitten trees at the South Entrance or in the Welcome Center. There is also a crib outside the Second Floor Children’s library for diaper donations.

**PRESCHOOL INFORMATION COFFEE** – Please join Village Church on Mission Preschool Director, Sarah McKee, for a Preschool Information Coffee from 10-11:15 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 11, in Room 133. Come learn more about Village Church on Mission Preschool in preparation for the 2019-20 school year. Child care will be provided. Contact Marjean at 913-671-2322 or [marjean@villagepres.org](mailto:marjean@villagepres.org) to make child care reservations.

## CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER** – The menu for Nov. 28 is baked tilapia, baked chicken breast, Athenian orzo (tomatoes, spinach, feta cheese), vegetable. 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](mailto:liz.middleton@villagepres.org) to make your dinner reservation by noon tomorrow.

## MISSION

**THE FOOD PANTRY** – The Food Pantry would like to convey the thank yous from the 500 clients who received a Thanksgiving basket from you. The volunteers heard their warm thank yous and saw their appreciative smiles - they wish you could have seen them also. The Pantry and Clothes Closet are now accepting Christmas decorations (NO trees), warm winter clothing and blankets. Thank you for making this mission such a success.

**HOLIDAY STORE** – Did you miss your opportunity to adopt a family this Christmas? You can still help by donating to Operation Breakthrough’s (OB) Holiday Store. OB also need toys for children who do not attend the daycare but still live in the same urban community. Pre-registered parents come and pick out gifts for each of their children with a volunteer. Toys can be delivered to the OB truck at Village Church on Mission on the morning of Sunday, Dec. 9. Pick up a shopping list at the VOM reception desks.

## MUSIC MINISTRY

**TE DEUM CHAMBER CHOIR PRESENTS “PEACE & JOY” - 7 P.M. MONDAY, DEC. 3** – Join us in the Village on Mission Sanctuary for a thoughtfully planned selection of a cappella gems that are fresh, festive and beyond the seasonal standards. The program includes settings of carols by Jocelyn Hagen, Susan LaBarr and Sofia Söderberg, as well as works by Walton, Poulenc, Tavener and Pärt. Tickets are \$15 per person. (available at the door or at [www.te-deum.org](http://www.te-deum.org)).

**THE SNOW GLOBES HOLIDAY CONCERT-7 P.M. THURSDAY, DEC. 6** – In Friendship Hall at Village on Mission. The Kansas City-based trio The Snow Globes (Lindsey Jones, Barclay Martin and Rick Willoughby), offer a new twist on traditional carols and classic songs of the Christmas season. Join us for a night of good holiday cheer and a special appearance by Barnaby Bright! Admission is free. More information is available at [www.thesnowglobes.com](http://www.thesnowglobes.com).

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## PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

**REMEMBRANCE SERVICE IS NEXT SUNDAY** – Join us at 4 p.m. next Sunday, Dec. 2, in the Village on Mission Sanctuary to remember and give thanks for those we deeply miss. The Remembrance service includes time for quiet reflection, candle lighting, prayers, song and the proclamation of God's holy Christmas promise that there's a light in this world the darkness will never overcome.

**POINSETTIAS PROVIDE CHRISTMASTIME CHEER** – If you would like to take a poinsettia to a member who cannot make it to church during the Advent season, please come to the Welcome Center any time between services on Sunday, Dec. 9. Choose a card with a name and address, pick up a poinsettia and deliver it between Dec. 9-12. Delivering more than one is absolutely more fun!

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

**ALL NEW ADVENT CELEBRATION** – On Tuesday, Dec. 11, we will welcome Rev. Clare Lozano, Heritage Presbyterian in Olathe, as our featured speaker at Village on Mission. The theme is "Using All Our Voices to be One Voice in Christ." Come! Bring your mothers, sisters, aunts and friends as we prepare spiritually for the coming of the Christ child. Enjoy fellowship & heavy hors d'oeuvres at 5:30 p.m. with the program to follow in Sanctuary. Purchase reservations for \$16 at VOM & VOA between all services today; online at [www.villagepres.org/pw](http://www.villagepres.org/pw) through this Tuesday, Nov. 27. For child care, email Pam at [pam@villagepres.org](mailto:pam@villagepres.org) or call 913-671-2352 no later than Dec. 4.

## 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** (middle and high school Sunday mornings) – will not meet today due to Thanksgiving Break. We will resume next Sunday, Dec. 2 at 9:30am.

**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 donated supplies in the designated baskets located by the north and south entrances today!

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## Village Commitment

Help Village Church continue the work God asks us to do. Your commitment can make a difference in the lives of so many here in our church, our community and in our world.

Please consider your commitment to Village Church for the 2019 year. Complete your commitment card and return to the church or go online to [villagepres.org/giving](http://villagepres.org/giving), and click "Continue to Commitment Form," complete and click "Send." Thank you.



## Support Us When You Shop This Christmas!

As you sit down to do your shopping online, check out, [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com). When you log in, choose United Presbyterian Church in the USA Village United Presbyterian Church. You'll get great deals and Amazon will send us a donation.



## Rezound Concert

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

## Christmas Poinsettia Memorials Reserve by Dec. 7

Celebrate the Advent and Christmas season by purchasing a poinsettia in memory of a loved one. Make your \$10 check payable to Village Church, clearly printing the memorial name with your donation. Send to the church, Attn: Janice Gill, by this Friday, Dec. 7. Call 913-671-2362 for more information.

## Winter Weather Advisory

If the weather forecast is to have 4 inches or more snowfall during Saturday night, the 8 a.m. worship service at Village on Mission will be cancelled.

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# ADVENT SERMON SERIES

## Gospel Writers Tour of Homes

Part of the power of the celebration of Christmas is found in tradition. You, no doubt, return to familiar observations of the season. There are decorations, foods and other traditions that we revisit year after year. It's part of what makes it Christmas. This Advent we will consider how each Gospel writer might celebrate this season. How might Matthew decorate his home, or what carols would be most important to Luke? Each writer speaks of Jesus in a different way, so if we look closely, we will find that each Gospel writer celebrates this season in his own way. So, let's take a Gospel Writers Tour of Homes this Advent. It will no doubt bring to sharper focus what will be important to celebrate in our homes this Christmas.

- Dec. 2 Christmas at Mark's House
- Dec. 9 Christmas at Matthew's House
- Dec. 16 Christmas at Luke's House
- Dec. 23 Christmas at John's House
- Dec. 24 Christmas Eve: Welcome Home, Little One

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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](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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