



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

November 20, 2016 • 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

Today we celebrate baptism in worship. In our baptismal liturgy, we are all asked to be a community where those children, and all of God's children, can come to know that they are loved by God. That is not a momentary deed. It is a long journey. Most of the things that matter in our lives are too big to fit into a single moment. Our faith journey is a long, sometimes difficult journey. But to live God's love in all that we say and do... it is a sweet walk.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Allegro from Sonata in G
music: W. A. Mozart (8 a.m.)

Capriccio: Enter God's Gates with Thanksgiving
music: Michael Helman; Village Ringers (9:30 a.m.)

Adagio
music: W.A. Mozart, arr: Malcom Wilson; Morning Bells (11 a.m.)

Call to Worship

Rev. Jenny McDevitt

People of God, lift up your heads!
Look at the sun and the moon and the stars,
and remember that the God who created light
leads us throughout our lives.

**The journey is long, but God's faithfulness is longer.
The road is fraught with peril, but we walk it together.**

When we need refreshment and renewal,
we remember the waters of baptism.

**We are the inheritors of promises
made long ago to our ancestors.**

Therefore we raise our voices in thanks and praise,
for the music of heaven cannot be stopped.

*Hymn, No. 267

Come, Christians, Join to Sing
MADRID

*Prayer of Confession

written by Thomas Merton, 1915-1968

**My God,
I have no idea where I am going.
I do not see the road ahead of me,
and I cannot know for certain where it will end.**

**Nor do I really know myself,
and the fact that I think I am following your will
does not mean that I am actually doing so.**

**But I believe that the desire to please you
does in fact please you.**

**I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing.
 I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire.
 And I know that if I do this,
 you will lead me by the right road,
 though I may know nothing about it.
 Therefore I will trust you always,
 though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death.
 I will not fear, for you are ever with me,
 and you will never leave me to face my perils alone. (Silent prayer)**

*Assurance of God's Grace

*Response

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!
 Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*Passing of the Peace

Words of Welcome

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Sacrament of Baptism (9:30, 11 a.m.)

Hymn, No. 482 (9:30, 11 a.m.)

Baptized in Water

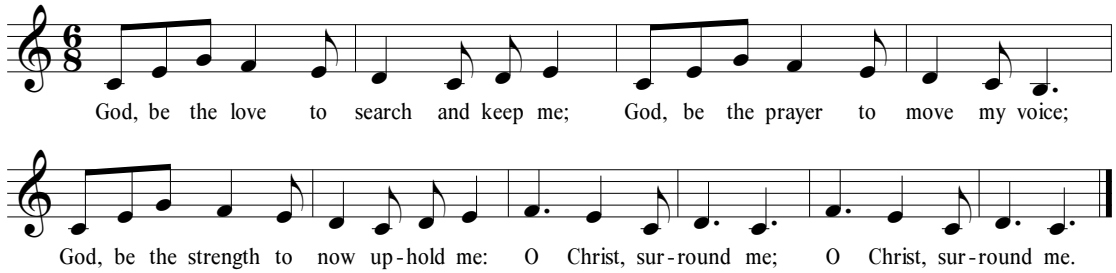
**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, Marked with the sign of Christ, our King;
 Born of the Spirit, we are God's children, Joyfully now God's praises we sing.**

Prayer for Illumination Bruce Williams (8 a.m.); Kathy Lueckert (9:30 a.m.); Scott Stanley (11 a.m.)

Scripture Reading

Mark 1:1-8 (pg.910)

Call to Prayer (8 a.m.)



God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to move my voice;
God, be the strength to now up-hold me: O Christ, sur-round me; O Christ, sur-round me.

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.

Anthem

Fight the Good Fight With All Thy Might
music: John Gardner; Village Choir

Scripture Reading

Mark 16:1-8 (pg. 929)

Sermon

Forever Living Toward God's Promised Day

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn, No. 37

Let All Things Now Living
ASH GROVE

Offertory

Lobe Den Herren (Praise to the Lord, the Almighty)
arr. Daphnia Portier (8 a.m.)

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise
arr. Cathy Moglebust; Village Ringers (9:30 a.m.)

Simple Gifts
music: Douglas Wagner; Morning Bells (11 a.m.)

*Response

**For thyself, best gift divine, to the world so freely given;
For that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

*Prayer of Dedication

**Generous God, we give you our thanks indeed.
All that we have, comes from you.
All the love we know, comes from you.
Take the gifts we offer back to you now
and use them for your holy work in this beautiful but broken world.
We are creatures of your own making,
and you have entrusted us with sacred responsibility.
So make us instruments of your peace,
witnesses of your presence,
and reminders of your grace.
We ask this in the name of your son, Jesus Christ, who redeems us all. Amen.**

*Hymn, No.619

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven
LAUDA ANIMA

*Benediction

*Response

Village Choir

*Postlude

Canzonetta
by Dieterich Buxtehude

**All who are able may stand*

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HYMN NOTES

Today is an historic day for Village Presbyterian Church. Our long awaited organ will, for the first time, lead us in singing praise to God. This is just the beginning, as the organ has just six stops working today (348 pipes out of c. 3,800). As we lift our voices in praise, we join with God's children of every age. When God's children passed through the red sea, they sang. When they crossed into the promised-land, they sang. From the distant lands of exile, and from the shepherd's fields at mid-night, in an upper room and near an empty tomb, they sang.

So, with this new organ we join the song and our first words will be "Alleluia!" as we sing, *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*. It is a hymn celebrating the Lordship of Jesus Christ. Because Christ is our King, our words are always "Alleluia! Amen!"

Let All Things Now Living was penned by Katherine K. Davis in 1925. This hymn of thanksgiving dances with the joy as it bears witness to the good news that creation is the faithful and gracious work of God, and as God's creatures we belong to the one who leads us from "light into light." How could our song be anything but hosanna and praise!

Our final hymn this morning *Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven*, is a paraphrase of Psalm 103. It is appropriate to sing a psalm, as the psalms were the first hymnal. Hymn #619 is an adaptation of the original text, which is found on page #620. The poetry has been thoughtfully revised to move beyond gendered limitations in reference to God and God's people. The church is always seeking to find more faithful language to describe God's love for all. As we begin this service, we end the service singing "Alleluia."

It is right that we also celebrate baptism this Sunday. The children will need to learn the hymns of the faith. For they, and their children and ongoing generations to come will gather in this sanctuary to praise the God of heaven.

FUND the operating budget

Yes, we have an operating budget to maintain just as each household in our church community does. Every year the leadership of Village Church reconciles how they will account for all our needs. Your increased gift to the annual commitment campaign will help meet our church's needs as well as a vision for the future.

You can make a difference with your increased commitment. We need you.

Please consider a 15% increase in your commitment for 2017.

Complete your commitment card and return it to church. It is very important for us to receive your commitment card! Our leaders rely on this information to be able to plan for the new year.

~Your Village Commitment Committee

THE CHURCH'S BOOK (Week of November 21, 2016)

The following daily Bible readings were written by Matthew Shepard and are an offering 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 and our mission. Pray for God's world.

Monday, Nov. 21

Galatians 6:1-10

We are offered a clear, but challenging explanation on living a faithful life. Do not choose shortcuts. Honor your mentors. But perhaps the strongest word from Paul tells us how we are to interact with others. Do you find value or success in your work only in comparison to your peers? Do you allow the harmful choices of others to lead you to make a similar choice? Be gentle with one another.

Tuesday, Nov. 22

Luke 18:35-43

The blind man was not the only one whose sight was restored. The witnesses saw the merciful act of Jesus and praised him. Where in your life have you seen the grace and mercy of God offered to another? Have those moments strengthened your faith, or have you been too busy or self-focused to notice?

Wednesday, Nov. 23

Psalms 134

James offers us strong language to warn against cheating and defrauding. It's not wealth itself that is corrupt, but how the wealth is earned and used. Be mindful that to whom much is given, much is expected. Do not be arrogant, but be open to God moving in your life.

Thursday, Nov. 24

James 4:13-5:6

One of the shortest Psalms in the bible, Psalm 134, works as a fill-in-the-blank of your gratitude list. Offer God thanks and praise for your blessings.

Friday, Nov. 25

Romans 15:7-13

Paul reminds the Romans that Jesus was not just savior of the Jews, but also the Gentiles. Paul quotes from the Old Testament to drive home his point. It seems that all societies have their "chosen ones," but the love and grace of Christ is not limited. It is for all.

Saturday, Nov. 26

Luke 19:41-48

We hear the frustration in Jesus' voice. His teachings have been focused on peace, and he arrives at the city and finds the priests and other leaders acting against God's will and word. However, Jesus doesn't end at frustration. His response is to keep teaching, every day. And in so doing, the people began to listen.

TODAY AT VILLAGE

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

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.

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL TODAY are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Jay Higdon by Ken and Mary Higdon and in loving memory of Edna Bear by Carroll Burger, children and grandchildren.

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM TODAY - Please welcome these newest members into our faith community as we celebrate the baptisms of the following children: **9:30 a.m.:** Lael Mae Turner (Margot and Michael Turner, parents); Clive Gregory Guerra (Jessica and Stefan Guerra, parents); Jane Katherine Killough (Emily and Jed Killough, parents); William David Robinson (Katherine and Mark Robinson, parents); Graham Andrew Lagerstrom (Alison and Andrew Lagerstrom, parents).

11 a.m.: Ruth Schindler Gray, (Owen and Grace Gray, parents); Hattie Claire Kruse, Kate Elizabeth Kruse and Caroline Grace Kruse (Carrie and Brad Kruse, parents) and Jack Alexander Williamson (Christina and Paul Williamson, parents).

JOIN US IN WELCOMING the following little ones into our church family: Harry Darby Pfeiffer, born to Libby and Ryan Pfeiffer and Ruth Schindler Gray, born to Owen and Grace Gray. The roses on the Communion Table today honor each new baby. If you have a new addition to your family, please call the Children and Family Ministry office to let us know.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

PRESCHOOL CHURCH SCHOOL – Parents may 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 curriculum! Kindergarten meets in Room 311. First 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. **Club V6 (6th Grade)** – Relevant discussions for today's 'tweens. Room 302. 9:30-10:30 a.m.

VILLAGE CHURCH WEEKDAY PRESCHOOL – Preschool Director Terri Gaeddert will host a "Preschool Information Coffee" for those considering enrollment in the 2017-18 school year at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 29, in Room 132. Join in to learn more about our program and the HighScope Curriculum. For child care reservations, please email pam@villagepres.org by Tuesday, Nov. 22.

ADULT EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY

Upcoming Village U classes:

THE KINGS VS. THE SHEPHERDS - The gospels of Matthew and Luke tell different stories about the birth of Jesus. The wise men only appear in Matthew and the shepherds only appear in Luke. Why is that? In these three sessions, Dr. Rodger Nishioka will examine both the familiar and perhaps the unfamiliar components of these two stories comparing and contrasting them with one another. 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Dec. 7-21. Room 127.

GOD IN THE ARTS: HAMILTON AND RENT - *Hamilton* is a story of our founding fathers told in a urban musical style with the entire cast being of mixed race and ethnic diversity. Before *Hamilton* another show, *Rent*, took the nation by storm twenty years earlier. Both address the challenges and the terrors of their time. Rev. Len Carrell will look at each of these shows and the theological marks they have left on our world. 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Dec. 14 & 21. Room 126.

ADULT SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES meet at 9:45 and 11 a.m. Check villagepres.org for more details.

VILLAGE FORUM SUNDAY MORNING CLASS - Words of faith and scripture have significance beyond their dictionary definition. Join Dr. John P. Borden today in a discussion of "Words of Faith and Scripture" and how their meaning and significance is shaped by the various lens of beliefs, world-views, theologies and cultures. Beginning Nov. 27, Dr. Rodger Nishioka will teach an Advent series that will conclude on Dec. 18. Facilitated by Gus Breytspraak. 9:30 a.m. Rooms 126 and 127.

MISSION

THE FOOD PANTRY – Thank you from the Food Pantry for your generous donations of food to fill Thanksgiving baskets for 500 families who shop the Food Pantry. You made it possible for these families to have a joyful and delicious dinner - and they were so THANKFUL. Your donations make the Food Pantry the successful mission that it is!

DRMP NEEDS YOU - Want to answer Jesus' call to love our neighbors? Want to use your skills to positively impact the lives of impoverished families in the Dominican Republic? Come see how you can participate with Village's DRMP, even if you aren't a medical professional or can't travel abroad. Check out information tables in Friendship Hall today, and join us at 6 p.m. tonight after The Gathering to learn more.

MUSIC MINISTRY

SECOND THURSDAY RECITAL - Join us at 12:15 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 8, in the Village Chapel for our next Second Thursday Recital. Pianist Karen Kushner will play a 30-minute program of Chopin. Karen Kushner is active as a piano soloist and chamber musician who has toured and performed internationally.

PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE – Join us to honor a loved one who is deeply missed at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 4, in the Sanctuary. The service includes prayers, music, reflection, candle lighting and the proclamation of God's holy promise: there's a light in this world that the darkness will never overcome. If your loved one passed away during 2016 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 by noon tomorrow Nov. 21.

NEEDED: POINSETTIA DELIVERERS – Bring some Christmas cheer to someone who cannot attend church by delivering a poinsettia to him or her on Sunday, Dec. 4. If you would like to know more, contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

ADVENT CANDLELIGHT DINNER DEC. 6 SOLD OUT - If you are interested in being a server for the dinner (free meal included) or need to make changes to your reservation, contact Sarah McKee at 913-439-0035.

MISSION SEWING - All Christmas caps need to be turned in by this Tuesday, Nov. 22, as we will be closed the month of December. Call Edie Hultman at 913-432-3515 for more information.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

BIER AND BIBLE - No meeting this week! Enjoy Thanksgiving!

MORNING PRAYER AND BIBLE FOR MOMS! No meeting this week! Enjoy Thanksgiving!

YOUNG ADULT CHRISTMAS PARTY – 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 12, at KC Bier Company. Our favorite brewery is reserved for an epic community Christmas party! Wear your best Christmas sweater and brush up on your Christmas trivia. Admission requires one package of diapers, to be donated to Happy Bottoms (provider of free diapers to those in need!). Child care available at Village Church with reservation by Dec. 5. Signup.com/go/VillagePresYA.

YOUTH MINISTRY

HIGH SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES – Will meet at 9:30 a.m. in the Youth Loft Room 333/332.

CHEER – High school youth group tonight from 6:30-8:30 p.m. All are welcome for a night of discussion, amazing people and a great time!

GPS – Middle school youth group will not meet this week due to the Thanksgiving break!

TWOSDAYS – will not meet this week due to being on break for Thanksgiving!

Gifts of Stocks, Securities and IRA Distributions

At year end, many of you make a gift to Village Church through a transfer of stocks, securities or IRA Distributions. It is very helpful to know about the transfers in advance, and to know how to credit the gift. For any information and to share with us your gift plan, please call Molly Sirridge, 913-671-2325, or Kathy Lueckert, 913-671-2365.



5 p.m. Sundays in Friendship Hall.
Please note that next Sunday, Nov. 27,
The Gathering will be held in the Sanctuary.

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Christmas Poinsettia Memorials

A poinsettia that decorates the church this Advent season may be purchased in memory of a loved one. Make your check (\$10) payable to Village Church, clearly printing the memorial name with your donation. Send to the church, Attn: Janice Gill, by Friday, Dec. 9. Call 913-671-2362 for more information.

Thanksgiving Holiday Closings

Village Church will be closed Thursday and Friday, Nov. 24 and 25, for Thanksgiving. The Village Cup will close at noon on Wednesday, Nov. 23, and will be closed all day Nov. 24 and 25 for the Thanksgiving holiday. The Cup will be open regular hours on Sunday, Nov. 27.
Have a blessed Thanksgiving!



UPCOMING VILLAGE CHURCH ADVENT ACTIVITIES

ADVENT FAMILY WORKSHOP - 3-5 P.M. NEXT SUNDAY, NOV. 27, IN FRIENDSHIP HALL

Don't miss our traditional family activity. Make your own Advent Wreaths and 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. Everyone is welcome to join us for The Gathering at 5 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

MESNER PUPPET THEATER - 6:30 P.M. FRIDAY, DEC. 2, IN THE SANCTUARY

Mesner Puppet Theater presents "Sing Along the Road Again." Join traveler John Paul George (puppeteer Mike Horner) and his singing dog Ringo on an interactive, musical road trip! Sing, clap and stomp along as John and Ringo sing favorites like *BINGO*, *The Wheels on the Bus* and *Do Your Ears Hang Low*. Even a dancing chicken tries to get in on the act! Call 913-671-2355 for more information. Admission to the puppet show is free.

**KINGS
VS
SHEPHERDS**

6:30 P.M. WEDNESDAYS, DEC. 7-21

Dr. Rodger Nishioka examines the familiar and unfamiliar components of these two stories about the birth of Jesus.

ADVENT SERMON SERIES

What Are You Waiting For?

The Advent season is a season of waiting. We will wait in lines and we will wait in traffic. That's part of the season. But the spiritual waiting that we do is different. The waiting we do as people of faith is determined by our hope. And waiting in line is passive, but Christian waiting is active. It takes all you have. So, what are you waiting for? For what do you hope?

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| Nov. 27 | What Are You Waiting For? |
| Dec. 4 | It Is the Little Things that Matter |
| Dec. 11 | A God Who Knows Your Name |
| Dec. 18 | A God Who Knows Their Name |
| Christmas Eve | So, this is what we look like |
| Christmas Day | The Songs of Christmas |

MINISTERS

All members of the congregation

MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Thomas L. Are, Jr., senior pastor ❖ Dr. Elisa Bickers, principal organist ❖ Rev. Len Carrell, pastor of pastoral care
Cheryl Couch-Thomas, director of children and family ministry ❖ Rev. Hallie Hottle, pastor of young adult ministry
Marjean Lindquist, director of child care ❖ Kathy Lueckert, director of finance and administration
Ryan Main, interim director of music ❖ Rev. Jenny McDevitt, pastor of pastoral care
Dr. Rodger Nishioka, director of adult educational ministry ❖ Matthew C. Shepard, associate director of music
Molly Sirridge, director of stewardship & 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

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 8 a.m. Sanctuary worship service is broadcast live on 1660 AM KMBZ, The Business Channel.

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

Large-print Bibles and hymnals are available for worship. Ask an usher if you need these items.

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.