



CHRISTMAS EVE

December 24, 2017 • 7 and 9 p.m.

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Prelude

Crown Brass Quintet

Welcome

Rev. Jenny McDevitt

Procession of the Christ Candle

*Hymn No. 133

O Come, All Ye Faithful
ADESTE FIDELES

**O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant;
O come ye; O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come, and behold him, born the King of angels!
O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him,
Christ, the Lord!**

**Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation;
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!
O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him,
Christ, the Lord!**

**Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!
O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him,
Christ, the Lord!**

Responsive Prayer

Rev. Len Carrell

Mighty God,
Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace,
Swaddled, crying, hungry baby:

**You came when our need was greatest.
You came not in majesty but in a manger.**

**You came when it was dark,
not the friendly darkness
as when sleep rescues the weary;
but the frightening darkness,
as when people lose their hope,
and hearts break into pieces,
and hatred starts to seem reasonable.**

You came when the world was dark,
looking so much like one of us,
and yet calling us to be like you.

**You came as light,
a kind of light we had never seen before,
the kind of light that made us realize,
perhaps for the first time,
just how dark the darkness had become.**

But on this holy night,
even we who have walked in darkness
have seen a great light.

**Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God,
Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace,
Swaddled, crying, hungry baby,
born to rescue people who walk in the dark.
We worship and adore you,
our light,
our life,
God's living Word become flesh. Amen.**

Anthem

My Lord Has Come
Will Todd

*Shepherds, called by angels, called by love and angels; no place for them but a stable.
My Lord has come, My Lord has come, My Lord has come.*

*Sages, searching for stars, searching for love in heaven; No place for them but a stable.
My Lord has come, My Lord has come, My Lord has come.*

*His love will hold me, his love will cherish me, love will cradle me.
Lead me, lead me to see him, sages and shepherds and angels; no place for me but a stable.
My Lord has come, My Lord has come, My Lord has come.*

Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Jenny McDevitt (7 p.m.); Rev. Zach Walker (9 p.m.)

Scripture Reading

Matthew 1:18-25 (pg. 877)

Meditation

Rev. Tom Are, Jr.

You Do Not Have to Be Afraid Anymore

*Hymn No. 134

Joy to the World
ANTIOCH

**Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king;
let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.**

**Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

**No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.**

**He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.**

Offertory

Birthday Carol
David Willcocks

*Rejoice today with one accord, Alleluia,
This is the birthday of our Lord. Alleluia.
Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis, Gloria, Gloria Deo!*

*Shepherds abiding in the field, Alleluia,
To them God's glory was reveal'd. Alleluia.*

*And to the shepherds sore afraid, Alleluia,
An angel said, 'Be not dismayed,' Alleluia.*

*'Tidings of joy to you I bring,' Alleluia,
'Today is born a heav'nly King.' Alleluia.*

*'And ye shall find in manger laid,' Alleluia,
'The Babe in swaddling clothes arrayed.' Alleluia*

*A host of angels fill'd the sky, Alleluia,
Thus singing praise to God on high. Alleluia.*

*Now join we all the angel throng, Alleluia,
And let our voices swell the song: Alleluia.*

*Hymn of Response

Angels, from the Realms of Glory
REGENT SQUARE

**All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son,
evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One:
come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king!**

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn No. 119

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
MENDELSSOHN

**Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king.
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies;
With angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"**

**Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold him come, offspring of the virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail incarnate deity,
Pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"**

**Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
Born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"**

*The Light of Christ

Candle Lighting Procedures

When passing the flame, always keep your lit candle upright while the next person tilts his or her unlit candle to yours. Candles can be extinguished following the Benediction and returned to the Narthex.

**Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright,
Round yon virgin mother and child!
Holy infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.**

**Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing "Alleluia;
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born."**

**Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.**

**Silent night, holy night!
Wondrous star, lend thy light;
With the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.**

*Benediction

*Postlude

Crown Brass

Trumpet - Erik Hulse
Trumpet - Alex Caselman
Horn - Devin Cobleigh-Morrison
Trombone - Chris White
Tuba - Ryan Snell

Staff Choir

Elisa Bickers
Jake Bleything
Will Breytspraak
Jee-Yeun Kim
Anthony Perkins, Jr.
Roslinde Rivera
Spencer Ruwe
Matthew Shepard

ADULT EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY

VILLAGE U SPRING 2018 – Village Church offers over 60 courses through the Village U program. The Spring 2018 catalog will be available Jan. 2. New classes in the spring include: A Study of Art with the Nelson-Atkins Museum, A Study of the Doctrine of the Trinity, How One Dies Well, Sustaining Your Spirit in Troubling Times, Early Christianity and the Beginnings of the Church, and Jewish Triune Theology. For more information, contact marianne.weber@villagepres.org.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs." Matthew 19:14.

CHILD CARE IS AVAILABLE for children in Room 107 during the 7 p.m. service.

PRESCHOOL AND KIDS' KINGDOM SUNDAY SCHOOL do not have class Dec. 31.

MORNING STARS CHILDREN'S CHOIRS do not have rehearsals Dec. 31.

VILLAGE PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT - Enrollment begins Tuesday, Jan. 16 for Village Church members and current Village Preschool families. Community enrollment begins Monday, Jan. 22. All enrollment forms can be found online at villagepres.org under Connect>Children and Families>Preschool. Village Church Weekday Preschool is a part-time, school-year program for three-, four-, and five-year-old children. Contact Preschool Director Sarah McKee at sarah.mckee@villagepres.org or 913-671-2338 for more information.

BAPTISM – The first Baptism Sunday for 2018 is scheduled for Jan. 21. A Baptism Education class is offered for all families new to Village Baptism on Jan. 10. Contact Kate Ruecker in the Children and Family Ministry office at 913-671-2350 or kate.ruecker@villagepres.org for more information.

MISSION

THE FOOD PANTRY – Many thanks for all the beautiful Christmas decorations donated by you and very much appreciated by the clients of the Clothes Closet. Bibles and inspirational books and warm coats are still being requested. The Food Pantry is continuing to ask for canned fruit, a favorite of the clients. The Food Pantry, Clothes Closet and their clients wish you all a Merry Christmas.

JOY OFFERING AND CHRISTMAS PROJECT OFFERING TODAY – The Joy Offering provides support to current and retired church workers in need (50%) and to students attending Presbyterian related racial ethnic schools and colleges (50%) and the Christmas Project offering provides assistance to local social service agencies who help others with holiday and emergency assistance needs (100%). Green envelopes for this offering have been placed in the hymnal slot in the pew in front of you.

PRAYERS FOR VPC'S GLOBAL MISSION – DRMP: Between now and March, the DRMP has four medical and educational trips heading to La Romana. While there, teams will assist our partner organizations with medical, surgical and educational support. **HAITI:** Village members Maria Kindred, Layne Stowers, Dr. Darryl Wallace and Dr. Ted Higgins head to Fonds-Parisien, Haiti in January for a surgical trip at Higgins Brothers Surgicenter for Hope. **PCUSA BORDER MINISTRY / FRONTERA DE CRISTO:** Contact Lora if you are interested in learning more about Village's growing relationship with Frontera de Cristo and participating on a Village delegation. Contact Lora Garrison, director of international mission, at lora.garrison@villagepres.org or 913-671-2390 for more information.

CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES

CHURCH BOWLING EVENT – Join us for a bowling event for our Village Church Family from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 28, at Ward Parkway Lanes, 1523 W. 89 St. (89th & State Line). We have lanes specifically reserved for Village Church at a special rate of \$5 per person (includes shoes!) for two hours of play. RSVP to Liz Middleton at liz.middleton@villagepres.org or call 913-671-2359.

PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

GROWING THROUGH GRIEF – If you lost a loved one, consider coming to the next Growing Through Grief, held from 4:30–5:45 p.m. every Wednesday, Jan. 10–Feb. 7, in Room 124. Registration is required; to find out more or to register, contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org.

TRY TAIZÉ – Experience a reflective service held every second Sunday of the month (Jan. 14) at 6:30 p.m. at the Village Church Child and Family Development Center (VCCFC) at 9900 Mission Road. Taizé worship includes prayer, reflection, song and communion.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

WOW LUNCHEON – Women of Wisdom (WOW) invites all women to kick off the new year with lunch and warm fellowship at Café Provence at noon Wednesday, Jan. 10. Located in the PV Shopping Center at 3936 W. 69th Terr., this charming restaurant serves authentic French cuisine in a cozy setting with a quiet ambiance. RSVP to Diane Lee, 913-432-4321, or dianelee@att.net by Monday, Jan. 8.

VISITING SCHOLAR – Join us on March 2 and 3 to hear Rev. Dr. Serene Jones discuss “What is True: Theology and the American Story” at Village on Mission. Jones is the first woman president of the 179-year-old Union Theological Seminary in New York, the pre-eminent non-denominational seminary in the United States. Tickets are available online at villagepres.org/visiting-scholar.

YOUTH MINISTRY

PROGRAMS RETURN ON JAN. 7 – All of our regular programs are on a short break due to the Holidays! Weekly programs will start back on Sunday, Jan. 7, with Sunday School (9:30 a.m.) and SNL (high school youth group, 6:30-8:30 p.m.), Twosdays (middle school after-school program, Tuesdays 4-5:30 p.m.), and GPS (middle school youth group, Wednesdays 6:30-8 p.m.). Check the youth website at villagepresyouth.org for more information.

NEW SERMON SERIES BEGINS JAN. 21

How Do You Know?

Pontius Pilate asked Jesus, “What is truth?” It’s an important question, but there is another question to answer first. How do you know the truth is genuinely true? How do you know that there are 300 sextillion stars in the universe or that you are made of atoms? How do you know that Columbus “discovered” America? How do you know that Jesus is Lord? How do you know that Muhammad is not? There is likely disagreement on any of these truth claims. In this series, we will consider not simply what it means to talk about the content of truth, but how we know the truth to be true?

ABOUT VILLAGE CHURCH

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.

REGULAR WORSHIP TIMES:

Village on Mission - 6641 Mission Road in Prairie Village

Traditional Worship - 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m. Sundays

The Gathering - 5 p.m. Sundays with music led by indie folk musicians Becky and Nathan Bliss

Village on Antioch - 14895 Antioch Road in Overland Park

Traditional Worship - 9:30 a.m. Sundays
