

Service of Worship

Jan. 26, 2025 • 9 and 11 a.m.



VILLAGE CHURCH

Presbyterian (USA)



"Jesus Among the Teachers," Jesus Mafa, 1973, Cameroon

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Dr. Elisa Bickers, organ

Words of Welcome

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

Introit

Praise the Lord, Be Joyful!
by W.A. Mozart; Alegría Choir (9 a.m.)
"Allegretto" from *Sonata in A minor*
by Johann Ludwig Krebs (11 a.m.)

*Call to Worship (Psalm 95)

Rev. Chad Herring

O come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

**Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise.**

For the Lord is a great God and a great King above all gods.

**In God's hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are God's also.**

The sea is God's, for God made it,
and the dry land, which God's hands have formed.

O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

For God is our God,
and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.

**Come all you people, come and praise your Maker;
come now and worship the Lord.**

*Hymn No. 388

Come, All You People

Prayer of Confession

Holy God,

**you have called us to be your people and claimed us to be the church
to witness to your love in Jesus Christ.**

**You have called us to love all: young and old, conservative and liberal,
citizen and undocumented, straight and gay, quiet and loud,
agile and awkward, emotive and reserved.**

Yet we confess that we do not love all as you have called us.

We confess that we love only those whom we choose.

Forgive us, gracious God.

**Give us the strength and power to love all, even ourselves,
so that everyone will know your grace. (silent prayer)**

Assurance of God's Grace

*Response

Raise a song of glad-ness, peo-ples of the Earth.
Christ has come, bring-ing peace, joy to ev-ery heart.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, joy to ev - ery heart!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, joy to ev - ery heart!

*Passing the Peace of Christ

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Time with Children

Prayer for Illumination

Sandy Wells (9 a.m.); Kim Higgins (11 a.m.)

Scripture

Luke 2:41-52 (pg. 934)

Sermon

Growing in Wisdom and Years: Jesus the Adolescent

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn

Eternal God, Our Wellspring
by John Thornburg

**Eternal God, our Wellspring, when time was just a child,
You shaped us in your image, and on your work you smiled.
You made us co-creators when everything was new.
Your signature is on us, we all descend from you.**

**You dreamed that we would prosper by tending what you made.
You hoped that we could flourish together, unafraid.**

**Your dreams called us to partner, to labor side by side.
Our schemes, so full of ego, were destined to collide.**

**We differ in our outlook, in what we say and do.
Too often we're combative, in love with our own view.
The masks we have created to camouflage our fears
do not bring us contentment; they simply hide our tears.**

**O God, hold up a mirror, so we don't vilify.
Instead of trading insults, help us to wonder "Why?"
And then, renew our courage, so we can truly see
that 'til we walk together, we never will be free.**

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.**

Call for the Offering

Offertory

Child of God
by Mark Miller; Village Choir, Alegría Choir (9 a.m.),
Village Voices (11 a.m.), Dr. Josh Maize, director

*Response

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise Christ, all
peo - ple here be - low; praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er -
more; praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore.

*Prayer of Dedication

GOD'S PEOPLE ARE SENT

*Hymn No. 265 (st. 1-4)

Jesus Shall Reign

Congregational Meeting

To elect Elizabeth Zakaryan to fill an unexpired term on Session (class of 2026) and Gene Downard and Judy Manka as Deacons (class of 2027)

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

**Let every creature rise and bring honors peculiar to our King;
angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud Amen!**

*Postlude

Duke Street
arr. Wilbur Held

**All who are able may stand*

ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC

This morning's offertory anthem communicates the inclusive nature of God's love. No conditions that humans impose on one another can separate us from that expansive affection: no matter what you, other people, the church, or the government may say about you, you are a child of God. What a blessing and what a relief!

The Flowers in the Chancel Today are given in loving memory of Beth Conner from Ed and Susan Conner.

The Gathering – Join us for a modern, imaginative style of worship at Village Church offered at 4 p.m. Sundays in Friendship Hall at Mission Campus.

Giving – You may give to Village Church at villagepres.org/giving or scan the QR code to the right. Set up an automatic, recurring gift by contacting Bob Sperry at bob.sperry@villagepres.org or 913-671-2325.



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ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Men's Prayer Breakfast – 8 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 28, Room 230 (Heritage Dining Room). \$7 donation. Linn Field will give a presentation on “Being a Neighbor.” Please join us for food and fellowship!

Building Efficiency 101 + Home DIY Energy Upgrades – 7-9 p.m., Monday, Feb. 3, Room 127. This class, presented by Mary English of Metropolitan Energy Center, discusses fundamentals of building science and how laws of thermodynamics influence occupancy health, comfort, affordability, and structure resiliency. Also discussed will be best practices on completing energy improvements in your home.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Child Care is available on the first floor during services. Bring infants through 23 months to Room 114 and kids ages 2 and 3 to Room 109.

Lighthouse – Pre-K and 4-year-olds meet in Room 106. Registration and sign-ins are located outside Room 106. Elementary Lighthouse K-6 Grade – Drop off in Room 307 for All-Sing (group worship) at 9 a.m. Registration and sign-ins are outside of Room 307. Pick up for kids grades K-6 will be on the third floor.

ENGAGEMENT

New Member Luncheon – Interested in joining Village Church? You're invited to join us from noon-1:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 16 for lunch. Email engagement@villagepres.org to RSVP and for more information.

Wednesday Family Dinners. – 5:30-6:30 p.m. Wednesdays in Friendship Hall. \$5/child, \$10/adult, free for volunteers. Email engagement@villagepres.org to volunteer. Purchase online by noon on Tuesday at bit.ly/Wednightdinner.

Save the Date for our annual Art & Hors d'oeuvres event - Friday, April 4.

MISSION MINISTRY

Emergency Assistance – Each month Village provides rent and utility funds for those in need. This service keeps people housed and warm during these winter months. If you'd like to give to this amazing ministry, you can donate online at villagepres.org/emergency-assistance. Know someone in need? Email assistance@villagepres.org to find out more.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Kansas City Wind Symphony Chamber Winds – 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 2, in the Mission Campus Sanctuary. Free admission.

2nd Thursday Recital featuring Rachel Priest, soprano – 12:15 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 13, in the Mission Campus Sanctuary. Please join us for a noontime recital with a short reception afterward in the Welcome Center to meet the artist. Free admission.

PASTORAL CARE & COUNSELING

Faith and Grief: New Day/Date and Location! – Faith and Grief gatherings will be moving to Visitation Catholic Church and held on the first Wednesday of each month. Village has been honored to host these gatherings here for more than eight years and support our partner church's

offer to now host. The next gathering is noon, Wednesday, Feb. 5. Questions? Contact Linda Alley: 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org.

Growing Through Grief Starts March 6 – Find support and comfort in a small group, led by a pastor, if you are grieving the loss of a loved one. The first session of this 5-week class starts 1 p.m. Thursday, March 6, and will run through April 3. Registration is required; contact Linda Alley: 913-671-2327.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Coffee Talk – Calling all women! Are you looking for connection, interested in finding a small group, a Bible study, or just love coffee? Mark your calendars for 8:30-10 a.m. Feb. 1 and April 5 in the Young Adult Space to meet other women and learn more about opportunities at Village.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Y.A.M. (Young Adult Ministry) Night – All 20s and 30s are invited to join us every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. We'll enjoy dinner in Friendship Hall, followed by time together in the Young Adult Room for games, scripture and connection. Come as often as you can—we'd love to have you!

Young Adult Connect Groups - Interested in a small group that gathers once a month for a meal and Bible study? Connect groups are no more than 8 that are in similar life stages and can grow in faith and life together. Fill out this form to join a group: bit.ly/yaconnectgroup.



Goal: 800

Current: 686
Pledges (86%)

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our 2025
Pledge Goal

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CURRENT SERMON SERIES

Growing in Wisdom and Years: Jan. 12-26

In the four gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, we have many stories about the public ministry of Jesus. We know of his teaching and preaching and miracles. We know of his last supper, washing his disciples' feet, and his arrest, torture and crucifixion. We know of his resurrection from the dead and his encounters with his disciples and his ascension. But we know precious little about his life as a child and young person. In these Sundays following Christmas, Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka will explore three stories about Jesus the baby, the boy, and the adolescent.

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| Jan. 12 | Jesus the Baby |
| Jan. 19 | Jesus the Boy |
| Jan. 26 | Jesus the Adolescent |
| Feb. 2 | Rev. Anna Owens preaching |

MINISTERS

All members of the congregation

MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka, senior pastor • Dr. Elisa Bickers, co-director of music ministry & principal organist
Laura Ann Bowen, interim senior director of business operations • Brooke Brundige, director of children & family ministry
Rev. Melanie Hardison, pastor for pastoral care • Rev. Chad Herring, interim senior associate pastor
Dr. Joshua Maize, co-director of music ministry • Alan Olson, director of facilities
Rev. Anna Owens, Antioch Campus site pastor • Angel Patterson, interim director of youth ministry
Rev. Maggie Johnson Phillips, pastor for young adult ministry & worship arts
Robert Rumold, director of information technology • Carol Solenberger, director of engagement
Bob Sperry, director of giving & endowment • Sandra Stephens, director of child care
Rev. Zach Walker, pastor for mission • Rev. Alice Whitson, pastor for communications
Rev. Dr. Robert H. Meneilly, founding pastor, 1947-1994

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

Streaming video of Sunday services is available at villagepres.org/online.

You may call in to listen to a week-delayed broadcast of our Sanctuary service on our worship service phone line: 913-203-1301. You can opt-in to be called automatically at 9:30 a.m. Sundays.

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