



**VILLAGE  
CHURCH**

Presbyterian (USA)



## Service of Worship

Feb. 2, 2025 • 9 and 11 a.m.

### About Today's Service

Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

—Luke 6:20-21



## GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

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| Prelude                            | Dr. Elisa Bickers   |
| Words of Welcome                   | Rev. Anna Owens   |
| Why Village Matters                | Scout Sunday  |
| Introit                            | <i>More Love</i> (9 a.m.)<br>by Sid Davis; More Love Chorale;<br>Jared Brooks, tenor; Helen Hofmeister, conductor |
|                                    | Impromptu on <i>Kingsfold</i> (11 a.m.)<br>arr. Brenda Portman  |
| *Call to Worship (Jeremiah 17:5-8) | Rev. Alice Whitson  |

When we turn our hearts away from God and toward ourselves,  
 putting trust in our own strength,  
**we become like a shrub in the desert, living in a parched, salty place.**  
 When we trust in God, when our trust *is* God,  
 we are like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream.  
**Baptized and freed, grounded in love, let us worship God.**

\*Hymn No. 509 *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*

Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, your call to discipleship is demanding. You call us to reorder our lives by the kingdom you are bringing in Jesus Christ. Yet we still pass by the ones you especially notice: people who are poor and hungry; people who weep. We have not stood with those who are hated, bullied, and excluded. Comfortable with the way things are, we are too complacent, even complicit with injustice and prejudice. Forgive us, O God, and turn us back to your gospel. We pray this now, for our sake, and for the sake of your world, through Jesus Christ our Lord.** (silent prayer)

Assurance of God's Grace

\*Response

**Raise a song of gladness, peoples of the earth.  
 Christ has come, bringing peace, joy to every heart.  
 Alleluia, alleluia, joy to every heart!  
 Alleluia, alleluia, joy to every heart!**

\*Passing the Peace of Christ

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Time with Children

Prayer for Illumination

Youth reader (9 a.m.), Scott Stanley (11 a.m.)

Scripture

Luke 6:17-26 (pg. 939)

Sermon

*By Sharing, All Are Fed*

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

\*Hymn No. 501

*Feed Us, Lord*

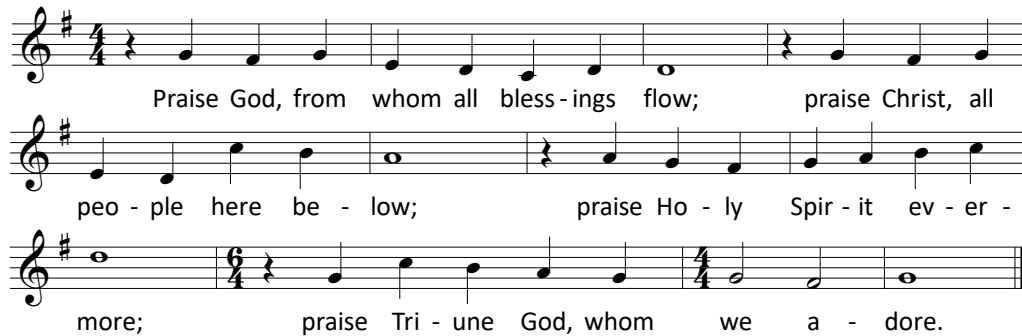
Call for the Offering

Offertory

*Great is Thy Faithfulness* (9 a.m.)  
arr. Maureen Howard; Jan Cohick, piano

"Simple Song" from "Mass" (11 a.m.)  
by Leonard Bernstein; Maddy Smith, alto

\*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

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Holy God, we give you thanks...

**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.**

Words of Institution

Sharing the Elements

Communion Anthem

*Bread of the World*  
by Giovanni da Palestrina; Village Choir;  
Dr. Josh Maize, conductor

Prayer of Response

## **GOD'S PEOPLE ARE SENT**

\*Hymn No. 757

*Today We All Are Called To Be Disciples*

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response

*Choral Amen*

\*Postlude

*At the Lamb's High Feast*  
arr. Paul Manz

*\*All who are able may stand*

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## ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC

Today's communion motet was composed by Giovanni da Palestrina, who was born in a Papal State near Rome 500 years ago today. Palestrina's compositions shaped the flavor of sacred music, particularly choral writing, for generations to come. The motet was likely meant to be sung during the Mass as a fraction anthem, which occurs immediately following the priest's blessing and breaking of the bread in front of the gathered congregation. This particular anthem was set in English by composer Richard Row.

**No Gathering Next Week** – Please note that there will be no Gathering service next week, Feb. 9, due to the Chiefs playing in the Super Bowl. Enjoy the game with your friends and family!

**The Flowers in the Chancel Today** are given in loving memory of Deke and Dottie Harberts from their family: Dean, Mardie, and Amy Harberts.

**Giving** – You may give to Village Church at [villagepres.org/giving](https://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](mailto:bob.sperry@villagepres.org) or 913-671-2325.



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## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

**Men's Breakfast & Bible** – Start your day off being fed in body and soul. Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka will lead us in discussing what it means to be a man of faith. Conversation is encouraged. Invite a friend and join the fellowship on Tuesday mornings. To make a reservation for breakfast, register online at [villagepres.org/village-u](http://villagepres.org/village-u). \$8 suggested donation; pay in person or online.

**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 best practices on completing energy improvements in your home.

**Meneilly Visiting Scholar** – Please join us at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 28 and 9 a.m.-noon Saturday, March 1 in Friendship Hall for Dr. Liz Bucar's lecture series, "Stealing My Religion." Dr. Bucar is a professor of religion at Northeastern University and an expert in religious ethics. Register at [villagepres.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2739887](http://villagepres.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2739887).

## 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 (sign in outside Room 106). **Grades K-6** – Drop off in Room 307 for All-Sing (group worship) at 9 a.m. (sign in outside Room 307). Pick-up for kids grades K-6 will be on the third floor.

## ENGAGEMENT

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Social** – Join us next Sunday, Feb. 9, in the Welcome Center between services for a sweet treat & conversation!

**Wednesday Family Dinners** – 5:30-6:30 p.m. Wednesdays in Friendship Hall. Pricing note: Effective Feb. 5: \$5/child (3-6 years), \$10/adult (7 and older). Free for volunteers and children under 3. Email [engagement@villagepres.org](mailto:engagement@villagepres.org) to volunteer. Purchase online by noon on Tuesday at [bit.ly/Wednightdinner](http://bit.ly/Wednightdinner).

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

## MISSION MINISTRY

**Blood Drive Rescheduled for Feb. 6** – Donate between 1 and 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 6, in Rooms 132/133. Sign up at [bit.ly/vpc-blood-drive](http://bit.ly/vpc-blood-drive) and enter the zip code 66208 and Feb. 6. Walk-ins are also welcome!

**Looking for the perfect Valentine's gift?** – The Dominican Republic Medical Partnership has you covered with bags of Santo Domingo coffee (\$15) and organic chocolate bars made with Dominican cocoa (\$6). Stop by the Welcome Center today and Feb. 9 between morning services, or after the Gathering in Friendship Hall (today only). Gifts will be wrapped with Valentine's ribbon. For orders, email [lora.garrison@villagepres.org](mailto:lora.garrison@villagepres.org).

**Food Pantry** – SOUPer Bowl Sunday is next week! For 35 years, the SOUPer Bowl of Caring has provided support to food

pantries across the country. On Feb. 9, bring cans of hearty soups to any Village campus. Or make a donation to the pantry and we'll do the shopping! **The Clothes Closet** is requesting warm blankets.

## MUSIC MINISTRY

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**The Gesualdo Six presented by Friends of Chamber Music** – 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 21, in the Mission Campus Sanctuary. Tickets at [chambermusic.org](http://chambermusic.org).

## PASTORAL CARE & COUNSELING

**Faith and Grief Meets This Wednesday** – Guest speaker Terry Sweeten will talk about losing her husband, navigating her grief, and even finding love again. Reminder: Faith and Grief is moving to Visitation Catholic Church and held on the first Wednesday of each month at noon. Contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or [linda.alley@villagepres.org](mailto:linda.alley@villagepres.org). Register at [faithandgrief.org/gatherings](http://faithandgrief.org/gatherings).

**Flower Ministry** – Ever wonder what happens to the flowers after Sunday service? A team of volunteers creates smaller arrangements that are delivered to church members who could use some cheer. We need folks to help deliver! To deliver, email [pjschneider2004@yahoo.com](mailto:pjschneider2004@yahoo.com).

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

**Save the Date for the Celebration of Faithful Women** – 5:30 p.m. April 8. All women are invited to attend as we honor the faithful service of 5 outstanding women: Joy Biard, Georgia Klein, Lisa Harrison, Susan Satterlee, and Marvie Sneegas.

## 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!

**Moms Group** – 9-11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 12. Moms and their littles are invited to join on the second Wednesday each month for our new Moms Group. Meet us in the Young Adult space for faith, fellowship, and food.

**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](http://bit.ly/yaconnectgroup).

## YOUTH MINISTRY

**Weekly Programs** – Join us in the Youth Loft for any of our weekly events: Sunday Brunch (all youth, 9-10 a.m.), SNL (high school youth group, Sundays, 6:30-8:30 p.m.), Lofternoons (middle school afterschool program, Tuesdays, 4-5:30 p.m.), and GPS (middle school youth group, Wednesdays, 6:30-8 p.m.).

## UPCOMING SERMON SERIES

### Saying What We Believe: The Apostles' Creed - Feb. 9-23

In the early years of the church, Christians struggled with what to believe. Several controversies arose over whether Jesus Christ was truly the son of God and what his death and resurrection meant. Around 180 C.E., Christians developed an early form of the Apostles' Creed to refute some of these controversies and to clearly state what we believe. When people sought to join the church, they recited this creed as their statement of faith at their baptism. While the creed is one of the earliest expressions of Christianity, it still holds great meaning and power for our lives today.

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| Feb. 9  | I believe in God the Father Almighty...      |
| Feb. 16 | And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord... |
| Feb. 23 | I believe in the Holy Ghost...               |

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## MINISTERS

All members of the congregation

## MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka, senior pastor • Dr. Elisa Bickers, co-director of music ministry & principal organist  
Kathy Lueckert, 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

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

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