



**VILLAGE
CHURCH**

Presbyterian (USA)

Service of Worship

Nov. 23, 2025 • 9 and 11 a.m.

About Today's Service

"Here is generosity's fullest significance. Every act of sharing, every word spoken within generous relationships, every exchange initiated within liberality, every thought and every dollar offered sacrificially opens our eyes to the broader vista of God's ongoing restoration of the world, God's eternal and ongoing ministries of reconciliation and redemption. We are more than mere tools for God's generosity. We are God's partners." –Rev. Dr. Karl Travis, "God's Gift of Generosity: Gratitude Beyond Stewardship"



GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Dr. Elisa Bickers, organ

Words of Welcome

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

Introit

"The Peace May Be Exchanged" from *Rubrics*
by Dan Locklair

*Call to Worship (Psalm 136)

Rev. Alice Whitson

Give thanks to God, for God is good.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

God alone does great wonders.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

God made the heavens and spread out the earth on the waters.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

God made the sun to rule over the day and the moon and stars to rule over the night.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

God remembers us always and keeps us in God's care.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

God provides for us and saves our lives.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

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*Hymn 643

Now Thank We All Our God

Prayer of Confession

Bounteous God,

our hearts are filled with thanks for the wondrous things you have done.

You give us family and friends with whom we share our lives.

You give us places to work and learn and homes that nurture us.

You give us food and drink that nourishes and strengthens us.

Yet we confess at times that we take your giving for granted.

We forget to thank you.

We think we deserve these gifts because we have earned them.

Forgive us, generous God.

Help us to live in gratitude every moment of every day.

In this thanksgiving time, help us to be truly thankful. (silent prayer)

Assurance of God's Grace

*Response to Assurance

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his
voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people re - joice! O
come to the Fa - ther through Je - sus the Son, and give him the
glo - ry: great things he has done!

The musical score is written for four staves in 3/4 time, key of B-flat major. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes.

*Passing the Peace of Christ

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Time with Children (9 a.m.)

Rev. Dr. Diane Janssen Hemmen

Call for Illumination

Give thanks with a grate - ful heart; give thanks to the
Ho - ly One; give thanks be - cause we're gi - ven Je - sus Christ, the
Son. And now let the weak say, "We are strong"; let the
poor say, "We are rich be - cause of what the Lord has done for
us!" Give thanks. Give thanks.

The musical score is written for five staves in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes.

Prayer for Illumination

Kathy Lueckert (9 a.m.); Terri Piazza (11 a.m.)

Scripture

Matthew 6:19-21 (pg. 882)

Sermon

Generosity WITH God

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn 749

Come! Live in the Light!

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

Ruling Elder Barry Rogers

Offertory Anthem

Ubi Caritas

by Ola Gjeilo; Village Choir and Dr. Josh Maize, conductor

*Response



Lord of all good, our gifts we bring to you;
use them your ho - ly pur - pose to ful - fill,
to - kens of love and pledg - es brought a - new,
that our whole life is of - fered to your will.

*Prayer of Dedication

GOD'S PEOPLE ARE SENT

*Hymn 644

Give Thanks, O Christian People

*Benediction

*Benediction Response



*Postlude

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
setting by Wayne L. Wold

**All who are able may stand*

Installation of Rev. Dr. Diane Janssen Hemmen at the Gathering tonight – 4 p.m.
in Friendship Hall. Reception to follow. Join us in joyfully welcoming our new senior associate pastor.

Help Village **Fill the Heart** to Meet Our 2025 Budget*



\$5,711,000

2025 Funding Goal

\$3,921,515

69% Funded
(+1% from last week)

*Pledge and
non-pledge gifts

villagepres.org/giving



SUNDAY FAITH FORMATION

ADULTS	"Village Forum"	9:30-10:30 a.m.	Room 126
	"The Faith Journey"	10:10-10:50 a.m.	Room 124
YOUTH	Grades 7-12	9-10 a.m.	Room 333
KIDS	Today is Family Worship Sunday (no Lighthouse). Kids ages 4 and up are invited to join us in "big church".		

Child care is available downstairs during both services. Bring infants through 23 mo. to Room 114 and ages 2-3 to Room 109. Parents, please keep your cell phones on!

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Village U: What Are You Waiting For? – 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Dec. 3 & 17, Room 132/133. Rev. Dr. Diane Janssen Hemmen explores what this season of waiting and longing has to offer us for the faithful living of our days. Child care available. Register at villagepres.org/village-u.

Throwing It All Away? Recycling & Composting at Village & Beyond – 7-9 p.m. Monday, Dec. 1, Room 126. The church has recently expanded its composting and recycling efforts. John Kurmann of Bridging the Gap will help us solve the mystery of which materials belong in which bins.

Viewing, Organizing, and Sharing Photos from Apple Devices – 1-2:30pm Tuesday, Dec. 2, Tillotson Conference Room, 9960 Mission Rd. Instructor Tim Burrow will share simple tutorials on editing, locating, and sorting photos. Participants must bring their own iPhone or Apple device. Register at villagepres.org/village-u.

CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY

Advent Family Workshop – 2-3:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, Friendship Hall. Don't miss our traditional family activity to prepare

for the birth of Jesus! There will be crafts for all ages, a service project, and cookies. Please pre-register by Nov.30 at villagepres.org/kids so we can prepare enough crafts.

ENGAGEMENT

Wednesday Family Dinner – 5:30-6:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Friendship Hall. Register at villagepres.org/wfd. Email engagement@villagepres.org to volunteer.

New Member Luncheon – noon-1:30 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 7, Room 232/233. Join us if you are interested in becoming a member of Village. Child care available. Contact carol.solenberger@villagepres.org to RSVP.

MISSION MINISTRY

Decorate the Village Trees – Starting next week bring hats, mittens, and diapers (all sizes, including adult large & XL) to put on and under our Christmas trees at the north and south entrances. They will be donated to the Village Food Pantry & Clothes Closet.

Villages Serves – 9-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 6. This month we'll serve at Kanbe's Markets sorting food to be distributed to food pantries and local markets. Go to bit.ly/village-serves-2025 to sign up.

Staff and volunteers at the Food Pantry say thank you to all who have supported its Thanksgiving Basket effort. Over 500 households will enjoy a special holiday meal thanks to you. Sponsorships of those meals (\$50 per meal) are still needed: villagepres.org/food-pantry. For the **Clothes Closet**, consider donating any extra Christmas decorations you may have for our neighbors to enjoy.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Messiah Sing-Along – 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, Antioch Campus Sanctuary. This annual tradition features the KC Baroque Consortium. Join us as a singer or listener. Optional rehearsal at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2.

Kicks Band Christmas Concert – 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 8, Sanctuary. A combination of traditional, jazz, and popular Christmas music for the whole family. Free admission.

2nd Thursday Recital with Beau Bledsoe, guitar and Ezgi Karakus, cello – 12:15 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11, Chapel. Join us for a noontime recital with a short reception afterward in the Welcome Center to meet the artists. Free admission.

PASTORAL CARE

We are grateful for our Pastoral Care volunteers – You care for our church family in so many ways—providing a meal, making a call, sharing as a Stephen Minister, and so much more. Thank you to all of the volunteers who make our ministry strong.

Rev. Jay McKell speaks at Faith & Grief – noon-1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 3, Visitation Catholic Church. If you have lost a loved one, the holidays can be hard. Lunch

provided when you register at faithandgrief.org/supportgatherings.

Help us as we search for a new associate pastor for pastoral care – The task force requests your input. Please take this short survey before Dec. 8: bit.ly/apncsurvey1. Thank you!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Advent Celebration – 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2, Sanctuary. As the Advent season begins, we will hear stories of Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, and Mary told by Revs. Dr. Diane, Maggie, Anna, and Alice. Child care is available. Register at villagepres.org/pw.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

No Y.A.M. Night Wednesday, Nov. 26. All 20s and 30s are invited to join us when we're back on Dec. 3.

Christmas Party – 5:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12, Rooms 232/233. All young adults (and any kiddos if you have them) are invited for cookies, crafts, and a scavenger hunt at the church. The party continues at Boulevard Brewery at 7:30 p.m. Wear your Christmas pajamas! Register at bit.ly/VillageYoungAdults.

YOUTH MINISTRY

No programs Nov. 23-30 – We hope you have a great time gathering with friends and family this week to share thanks. We will see you all next week!

UPCOMING SERMON SERIES

Nov. 30-Dec. 24: Advent

Rev. Johann Hinrich Wichern is credited as the inventor of the modern Advent wreath. Wichern was a German Lutheran pastor and a pioneer in urban mission work among the poor. During Advent, children at his mission school would ask daily if Christmas had arrived. In 1839, he took a large wooden ring from an old cartwheel and decorated it with evergreen branches and 24 small red candles and four large white candles. The small candles were lit each weekday, and the white candles were lit each Sunday. Other Protestant churches and then Roman Catholic churches adopted the practice. German Lutheran immigrants brought it to the United States in the 1920s. Each Sunday as we light each candle of Advent, Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka will preach on what the candle symbolizes: hope, peace, joy, and love.

Nov. 30
Dec. 7

Advent 1: Hope
Advent 2: Peace

MINISTERS

All members of the congregation

MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka, senior pastor • Dr. Elisa Bickers, co-director of music ministry & principal organist
Brooke Brundige, director of children & family ministry • Lora Garrison, director of international mission
Rev. Dr. Diane Janssen Hemmen, senior associate pastor • Kathy Lueckert, senior director of business operations
Dr. Joshua Maize, co-director of music ministry • Alan Olson, director of facilities
Rev. Anna Owens, Antioch Campus site pastor • Angel Patterson, 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.

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

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