



VILLAGE CHURCH

Presbyterian (USA)



Service of Worship

Jan. 4, 2026 • 9 and 11 a.m.

Prelude

Dr. Elisa Bickers, organ

Words of Welcome

Rev. Maggie Johnson Phillips

Introit

The Virgin's Slumber-Song
by Max Reger; Linda Eddy, soprano

*Call to Worship (Isaiah 60)

Rev. Alice Whitson

Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

**For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;**

but the LORD will arise upon you,
and the LORD's glory will appear over you.

**Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.**

*Hymn 152

What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright

Prayer of Confession

**God of light,
on this Epiphany Sunday, you make yourself known to us
through signs and stars.**

But too often, we ignore them.

We ignore your presence and your invitation.

**We get distracted by our own lives
and forget to make space for your Spirit among us.**

Forgive us. Remind us. Teach us.

May we see a glimpse of your light and love right here and right now.
(silent prayer)

Assurance of God's Grace

*Response to Assurance

**Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

*Passing the Peace of Christ

ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF ELDERS & DEACONS

Sentences of Scripture

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.

God works through each person in a unique way,
but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.

Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

Constitutional Questions for Elders & Deacons

Constitutional Questions for the Congregation

Do we the members of Village Church, accept these leaders as elders and deacons, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ? **We do.**

Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ who alone is Head of the Church? **We do.**

Prayer of Ordination

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Anthem (9 a.m.)

A la Nanita Nana

by Fred Gramann; Youth Bells; Rebecca Enslow, conductor

Prayer for Illumination

Sarah Dornbusch (9 a.m.); Barry Rogers (11 a.m.)

Scripture

Luke 2:22-40 (pg. 933-934)

Sermon

Two Who Knew

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn 148 (st. 1: cantor; st. 2-3: all)

Mary and Joseph Came to the Temple

Call for the Offering

Offertory Anthem

An English Carol

arr. Arnold B. Sherman; Youth Bells (9 a.m.)

How Brightly Shines the Morning Star

arr. Paul Manz (11 a.m.)

*Response

**So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, one and all, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him.
This, this is Christ the King, who shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son, of Mary!**

*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

Prayer of Response

GOD'S PEOPLE ARE SENT

*Hymn 69

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.**

*Postlude

Rise Up, Shepherd
arr. Karl Osterland

**All who are able may stand*

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	No Class Today	
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!

Giving – With grateful hearts, we thank you for the love and support you've shared in 2025. Your generosity helps us bring hope and comfort to so many.



ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Village U – Our Spring 2026 catalog will be available online and registration will be open on Jan. 4 - villagepres.org/village-u. Please note: Not all classes require registration. If a class does require registration, the registration link will be listed with the class title. Questions? Email Desiree Keyes at desiree.keyes@villagepres.org.

ENGAGEMENT

Village Connect Group – 6:30-8 p.m. Feb. 18-April 1 Room 206. Join us to participate in this year's study created by Pastor Rodger: Jesus' Beatitudes: Blessings for Our Life Today. Connect Groups provide opportunities that deepen your faith and relationships with others. If you're interested in participating in this 7-week study group, email carol.solenberger@villagepres.org.

Wednesday Family Dinner - Wednesdays, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Join us for food and fellowship. Adults/\$10 (12 and older), Children/\$5 (5-11 years), children 4 and younger eat free with a \$40 family max. To register villagepres.org/wfd. To volunteer, email engagement@villagepres.org.

New Member Luncheon – Noon-1:30 p.m. Feb. 1, Room 232/233. Childcare is available. If you're interested in becoming a member of Village Church, you're invited to join us. Contact carol.solenberger@villagepres.org to RSVP and for more information.

MISSION MINISTRY

Village Serves, Jan. 10 – Join folks from Village from 8:30-10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 10 as we volunteer to make Kansas City a better place! This month we serve at Harvesters sorting food for food pantries. Go to bit.ly/village-serves-2026 to learn more and sign up.

Cross-Lines Volunteer Opportunity – Every other month, Village Church serves a meal to 150-250 people at the Cross-Lines Kitchen. Join us on Friday, Jan. 9, to serve lunch to our neighbors in need. Learn more and sign up at bit.ly/cross-lines-2026 or contact Jim Bolton: jcb3823@gmail.com.

MUSIC MINISTRY

2nd Thursday Recital – 12:15 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 8, in the Mission Campus Chapel. Featuring Christine Grossman, viola. Please join us for a noontime recital with a short reception afterward in the Welcome Center to meet the artist. Free admission.

Theo Musick with the Percussive Art Ensemble presents "A Night of Percussion" – 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, Sanctuary. Works by Reich and Harnesberger, with new arrangements of Trent Reznor, Dead Can Dance, and more. Free Admission.

PASTORAL CARE

New Grief Support Group starts this Tuesday – 6-7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 6. Facilitated by Ryan Speed, LMSW. If you are grieving, come to the new monthly group that provides a compassionate, confidential space to share, listen, and heal alongside others who understand.

Come hear Rev. Sally Wright this Wednesday - Join us at noon Wednesday in Tighe Hall, Visitation Catholic Church. Rev. Sally Wright will talk about the healing power of daily rituals and suggest some spiritual practices to help keep memories alive.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Mahjong Monday – 6:30-8 p.m. Jan. 12, Heritage Dining Room. Do you play Mahjong? We're looking to start groups to play on the second Monday of each month. Please email carol.solenberger@villagepres.org to RSVP to ensure adequate supplies and enough players.

Operation Breakthrough needs volunteers to help with year-round tutoring program, one hour/week. Volunteers work one-on-one to assist the children with literacy and mathematics. Email charlottesdavison@gmail.com with questions and to volunteer.

Motherhood to Matriarch - 9-10 a.m. Feb. 21, Friendship Hall. Ginger Rothhaas from Compassionate Fix will lead a conversation about women's journey from motherhood to matriarch. Save the date! More info to come.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Y.A.M. (Young Adult Ministry) Night- Starting Jan. 14, all 20s and 30s are invited to join us every Wednesday as we gather, play games, study Scripture and celebrate one another. Dinner at 5:30 p.m. in Friendship Hall, programming at 6:15 p.m. in the Young Adult Room. Join us!

Young Adult Connect Groups – Interested in a small group that gathers once a month for a meal and Bible study? Connect groups are up to 8 people in similar life stages who can grow in faith and life together. Fill out this form to join a group: bit.ly/yaconnectgroup

YOUTH MINISTRY

Programs return Wednesday – We hope you had a great break. We can't wait to see you all soon.

UPCOMING SERMONS

Jan. 4 Epiphany/Star Words - Rev. Maggie Johnson Phillips

Questions Jesus Asked: Jan. 11-Feb. 1

Jesus asked a lot of questions. By one scholar's count, Jesus asked 307 questions recorded in the gospels. Jesus liked to ask questions more than he liked giving answers. As Jesus was both fully God and fully human, you would think he would go around showing off how much he knows, but he did not do that. In fact, we only find eight times that Jesus answered a question asked of him. In this sermon series, we will explore four questions that Jesus asked to better understand Jesus and how he wants us to live today.

- Jan. 11 What are you looking for? - Rev. Alice Whitson
- Jan. 18 Who do you say that I am? - Rev. Anna Owens
- Jan. 25 Which of these three was a neighbor? - Rev. Dr. Diane Janssen Hemmen
- Feb. 1 Do you want to get well? - Rev. Zach Walker

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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