



VILLAGE CHURCH

Presbyterian (USA)



We light the candle of Joy.

Service of Worship

Dec. 14, 2025 • 9 and 11 a.m.

*Response

So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come,
one and all, to own him. The King of kings sal -
va - tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.
This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds guard and
an - gels sing; haste, haste to bring him laud, the
babe, the son, of Mar - y!

*Prayer of Dedication

GOD'S PEOPLE ARE SENT

*Hymn 134

Joy to the World

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

Hymn 88 (st. 1)

**O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

*Postlude

Il Est Né (He is Born)
arr. Richard Hudson

**All who are able may stand*

CAST OF CHARACTERS

Flo: Vera Thomas
Mo: Charlie Creek
Lydia: Annalise McCune
Ms. Hala: Reese Johnson
Shepherds: Maevyn Morrison, Hazel Harren, Averì Armenta, Evann McPhee,
Evie Lane, Peyton Walker, Vivian Davis
Customers: June Ballard, Annelise Anderson, Millie McCabe, Rose Cribb,
Isaac Enslow, Andy Vonnahme
Clay Pot Workers: Valentina Cornejo, Willa Fowler, Iris Audus, Vera Audus,
Whitaker Anderson

Vocal Soloists: Annalise McCune, Reese Johnson, June Ballard, Maevyn Morrison,
Hazel Harren, Peyton Walker, Vivian Davis, Millie McCabe, Evie Lane, Vera Thomas

Mary and Joseph: Alice McCabe and Nate Vonnahme

Morning Stars Leaders: Jenny Hull, Susan Nagel
Musicians: Helen Hofmeister, Theo Musick

25th Annual Tidings of Joy Christmas Concert Today! – 3 and 6 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Featuring the Village Choirs and orchestra. Free admission. Free-will offering to benefit this year's Signature Mission, Kanbe's Markets.

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!

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

Mission Campus

3* and 5* p.m. Family Worship

7* and 9 p.m. Traditional Worship

11 p.m. Candlelight Worship w/ *communion*

Antioch Campus

4 p.m. Family Worship

7 p.m. Candlelight Worship w/ *communion*

*Child care is available for this service

Visit villagepres.org/christmas for more details about Christmas at Village Church.

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



\$5,711,000

2025 Funding Goal

\$4,385,766

77% Funded

*Pledge and
non-pledge gifts

villagepres.org/giving



Year-End Giving From the Heart – As the year draws to a close, we invite you to consider the many ways your generosity can make a lasting difference. Some members choose to give through Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs), Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs), or Donor-Advised Funds (DAFs)—wonderful tools that can also provide tax advantages. However you give, thank you for the faithful and joyful spirit that sustains the ministry we share together.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Social Justice Ministry – According to the Gun Violence Archive, 1,155 children have been killed in the USA by gun violence so far this year. Another 3,041 were wounded physically and countless other children and their families were wounded by trauma. Village for Gun Sense recommends putting gun locks or gun safes on your Christmas shopping list for your friends and family members who own firearms, because all God's children deserve to live free from violence and fear. For more information contact Carol Gee: carolgee419@gmail.com.

We're looking forward to another community building, faith-filled, and educational Village U semester! Village U, including our Sunday Adult Faith Formation classes, begin on Sunday, Jan. 11. More information will be available online and registration will be open on Sunday, Jan. 4.

ENGAGEMENT

2nd Sunday Social – Join us **today** in the Welcome Center after the 9 a.m. service for a sweet treat & conversation!

Wednesday Family Holiday Dinner – 5:30-6:30 p.m. Dec. 17, Friendship Hall. This will be our last dinner of 2025. Join us for some holiday fun and a visit from Santa Claus! Register at villagepres.org/wfd. Email engagement@villagepres.org to volunteer. Dinners will resume on Jan. 7, 2026.

December new members – We welcomed 6 new members last Sunday: Steve & Susan Bubb, Olivia Hobson, Linda Houston, and Galen & Karen VanBlaricum. Help us in welcoming these new members to Village! Our next New Member Luncheon is Feb. 1.

MISSION MINISTRY

Decorate the Village Trees – Now-Dec 24 bring hats, mittens & diapers (all sizes including adult large & XL) to put on and under our Mission Campus Christmas trees. Located at the north and south entrances. Contact Rev. Zach Walker at 913-671-2369 or zach.walker@villagepres.org for more info.

Joy Offering – We invite you to give a special offering for the Village Church Emergency Assistance fund during this Advent season. 100% of donations directly support rent and utility payments for local families. Look for the green giving envelope in your pew or you can give online at villagepres.org/emergency-assistance.

The Food Pantry would love donations of breakfast cereal, hot or cold. Consider something not "basic" to allow our neighbors some choices. For the **Clothes Closet**, do you have sturdy shoes or boots gathering dust in the bottom of your closet? We know folks who can use them!

Driver needed for home-delivered meals – Village has a team of drivers who deliver meals to folks who may not be able to make one for themselves. We are in need of a person to commit one Thursday each month for about two hours. Meals are picked up at Matt Ross community center. Contact Leslie Conrad for more info: conradleslie@aol.com or 913-226-7245.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Te Deum presents "Carols of Olde" – 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 16, Sanctuary. Join us for a concert celebrating the enduring magic of early Christmas music. Tickets at te-deum.org.

PASTORAL CARE

Support During the Holidays – If you are feeling down or sad this season, perhaps a Stephen Minister would be helpful to talk and spend time with you as you walk through a challenging time. Contact Rev. Dr. Diane Janssen Hemmen if you would like to know more about serving as a or request a Stephen Minister: 913-671-2359 or diane.janssen-hemmen@villagepres.org.

New grief support group starts Jan. 6 – 6-7 p.m. beginning Tuesday, Jan. 6, Room 232. Grief is a natural, complex response to loss—and no two experiences are the same. This monthly group provides a compassionate, confidential space to share, listen, and heal alongside others who understand. Facilitated by therapist Ryan Speed, LMSW, the group offers support, reflection, and practical tools for navigating the emotional and spiritual challenges of grief.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Mahjong Mondays – 6:30-8 p.m. second Mondays beginning 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.

MOTS (Moms of Teens) – 8:30-10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 3, Young Adult Room. If you are interested in connecting with other moms of teens, join us for coffee and conversation.

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 charlottesdavis@gmail.com with questions and to volunteer.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

College-Aged Christmas Party – 5:30-7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 21, Young Adult Room. Come enjoy dinner and games with Angel, Rev. Maggie, and old friends after the Gathering!

YOUTH MINISTRY

Village High Study Break tonight! – 6-7:30 p.m., Youth Loft. Take a break from studying for finals. Join us in the Loft for pizza and sweet treats.

CURRENT 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.

Dec. 14

Dec. 21

Advent 3: Joy

Advent 4: Love

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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