



**VILLAGE CHURCH**

Presbyterian (USA)



We light the Christ candle.

## **Christmas Eve Service of Worship**

Dec. 24, 2025 • 11 p.m.

## WE GATHER

Prelude

String Quartet

Words of Welcome

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

\*Processional Hymn 133

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

\*Unison Evening Prayer

Rev. Alice Whitson

**God of Hope,  
Prince of Peace,  
Spirit of Joy,  
Trinity of Love,  
you are born to us this night in a stable.  
We pray that you surround us with your light and warmth.  
As we draw near to the manger,  
open our hearts to receive again the gift of your Son.  
On this night of angels and shepherds and magi,  
teach us to wonder, to welcome, and to worship.  
May Christ be born to us anew.  
Amen.**

## WE WITNESS THE STORY OF CHRISTMAS

### The Promise

Scripture

Luke 1:26-38 (pg. 931)

Hymn 82

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

### The Birth

Scripture

Luke 2:1-7 (pg. 933)

Hymn 145 (st. 1, 3)

*What Child Is This*

### The Shepherds

Scripture

Luke 2:8-20 (pg. 933)

Anthem

*Where Shepherds Lately Knelt*  
by Carl Schalk

## **The Magi**

Scripture

Matthew 2:1-12 (pg. 877)

Hymn 147 (st. 1, 2, 3)

*The First Nowell*

Homily

## **WE RESPOND TO THE STORY**

\*Hymn 119

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

Call for the Offering

Offertory Anthem

*Still, Still, Still*  
arr. Norman Luboff

\*Response

**What can I give him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;  
if I were a wise man, I would do my part;  
yet what I can I give him: give him my heart.**

\*Prayer of Dedication

## **THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving 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.**

Words of Institution

Sharing the Elements

Prayer of Response

## WE SHARE THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*When passing the flame, always keep your lit candle upright while the next person tilts their candle to yours. Candles can be extinguished following the benediction and returned to the baskets as you depart.*

Lighting the Advent Wreath

\*Hymn 122

*Silent Night*

**Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright  
'round yon virgin mother and child! Holy Infant, so tender and mild,  
sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.**

**Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight;  
glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing "Alleluia:  
Christ the Savior is born; Christ the Savior is born!"**

**Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light  
radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.**

**Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light;  
with the angels let us sing Alleluia to our King:  
Christ the Savior is born; Christ the Savior is born.**

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

*A la venuë de Noël (At the coming of Christmas)*  
by Louis-Claude Daquin

*\*All who are able may stand*

## WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka, senior pastor

Rev. Alice Whitson, pastor for communications

Rev. Zach Walker, pastor for mission

Dr. Elisa Bickers, principal organist and co-director of music

Dr. Josh Maize, co-director of music

Village Voices Youth Choir and Alumni

String Quartet: Michael MacLaughlin and Isaac Villaroyal, violin;

Monty Carter, viola; Trilla Ray-Carter, cello

## WELCOME TO VILLAGE CHURCH

With joy I am so glad to welcome you to Christmas Eve worship here at Village Presbyterian Church! Whether this is your first time with us, or you are a long-time church member, this is a night for celebration.

We celebrate this night because in a miracle too grand for us to fully grasp, God chose to become human. The creator of the universe becoming a human being is incredible enough, but God chose not to come in a display of power riding on a white stallion appearing in the sky amidst beams of light. No. God chose to come to us in the dark of night in a small town in the form of an innocent, precious infant completely dependent on a young mother and father to care for and nurture him. What a remarkable thing! God in human flesh. That's what "Emmanuel" means. "God with us!"

I am so glad you are celebrating with us. It is my conviction that none of us can walk this journey of faith alone; we need one another. If you are looking for a place that loves greatly and seeks to share God's hope with the whole world, I would be glad to talk more with you about Village Church.

Grace and peace to you!

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Rodger", with a stylized, flowing script.

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka  
Senior Pastor

**Village Church is a Presbyterian (USA) family of faith** committed to thoughtful worship, Christian formation of children and adults, and caring for one another, our community, and the world. All are invited. All are included. All are loved.

We are one church worshipping each Sunday at two locations: Mission Campus in Prairie Village and Antioch Campus in Overland Park.

Village Church also operates the Meneilly Center for Mission in Overland Park, which includes a Food Pantry & Clothes Closet and a Child & Family Development Center that serve the surrounding community.

**Sunday Worship Services** – If you are looking for a church home, we invite you to join us for Sunday worship. To learn more about what our services are like, and to find child care times, visit [villagepres.org/worship](http://villagepres.org/worship).

At Mission Campus, traditional worship is at 9 and 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary. The Gathering, a modern, imaginative worship service, takes place at 4 p.m. in Friendship Hall. Worship with us at our Antioch Campus in Overland Park at 10 a.m. Watch all services live at [villagepres.org/online](http://villagepres.org/online).

**Upcoming Sermons** – Dec. 28 - Rev. Zach Walker preaching (10 a.m. service only; Family Worship Sunday). Jan. 4 - Epiphany/Star Words (regular worship schedule and 9 a.m. Lighthouse Kids Sunday School), Rev. Maggie Johnson Phillips preaching.

**New baby births** – We want to meet your little one and give them a gift. Come by the Children's Ministry office or email [kids-info@villagepres.org](mailto:kids-info@villagepres.org).

**Prepare for baptism** – Contact [kids-info@villagepres.org](mailto:kids-info@villagepres.org) for child baptisms and [engagement@villagepres.org](mailto:engagement@villagepres.org) for adult baptisms.

**Plan your wedding** – [weddings@villagepres.org](mailto:weddings@villagepres.org)

**Add someone to the prayer list** – [pastoral-care@villagepres.org](mailto:pastoral-care@villagepres.org)

**Register for classes & events** – [villagepres.churchcenter.com/registrations](http://villagepres.churchcenter.com/registrations)

**Interested in joining Village Church?** – [villagepres.org/membership](http://villagepres.org/membership)

**Get Village Church news & updates** – [villagepres.org/news](http://villagepres.org/news)

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



**Village U: Classes for Church and Community** – The spring semester of Village U will begin on Sunday, Jan. 11. Join us for classes aimed to strengthen mind, body, and spirit. To learn more and register for a class visit [villagepres.org/village-u](http://villagepres.org/village-u). Registration opens Sunday, Jan. 4.

**Engagement** – Looking to get involved with a small group? Interested in finding connection with others? Contact Carol Solenberger, director of engagement, to learn more about the variety of programs and opportunities offered at Village Church and how to become involved: [carol.solenberger@villagepres.org](mailto:carol.solenberger@villagepres.org).

**Kids** – Next week is Family Worship Sunday (no Lighthouse Sunday School). Our only service will be at 10 a.m. Sunday morning. Kids K-12 are invited to stay with us in worship. Child care will be available for infants and toddlers.

**Music Ministry** – Join us in making a difference through the arts! Whether you prefer working behind the scenes, singing, or playing in an ensemble, there's a place for you here. Please email Bonny Green, music ministry coordinator, at [bonny.green@villagepres.org](mailto:bonny.green@villagepres.org) or call 913-671-2344. Visit [villagepres.org/music](http://villagepres.org/music) for more information.

**Pastoral Care** – Village Church makes caring for one another a priority. Pastoral Care is available in your time of crisis; a pastor is on call 24 hours a day for urgent needs. Call the main Village Church number: 913-262-4200. After business hours, calls are forwarded to a person with our answering service. Hospitals no longer let churches know about admissions or transfers, so please call to let us know.

**Young Adult Ministry** – All 20s and 30s in any life stage (single, parents, married, divorced, etc.) are invited to join us throughout the year for retreats, potlucks, fellowship and lots of laughs. Find out more and see our schedule at [villagepres.org/young-adults](http://villagepres.org/young-adults).

**Youth Ministry** – All 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students are invited to come hang out with us throughout the year. Come to a youth group, a special event, or even on a trip with us! Find out more by visiting [villagepres.org/youth](http://villagepres.org/youth).

## UPCOMING SERMONS

Dec. 28 Rev. Zach Walker (10 a.m. service only)  
Jan. 4 Epiphany/Star Words - Rev. Maggie Johnson Phillips

### Questions Jesus Asked: Jan. 11-Feb. 1

In the four gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, we find many stories about Jesus' public ministry. 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

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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  
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

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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](http://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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