



VILLAGE
CHURCH

Presbyterian (USA)



Service of Worship

Jan. 11, 2026 • 9 and 11 a.m.

About Today's Service

In this sermon series, we will explore four questions that Jesus asked to better understand Jesus and how he wants us to live today. Today, Rev. Alice Whitson will preach on the question "What are you looking for?"



GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Dr. Elisa Bickers, organ

Words of Welcome

Rev. Alice Whitson

Introit

Andante Religioso
by Felix Mendelssohn

*Call to Worship (Psalm 40)

Rev. Dr. Diane Janssen Hemmen

I put all my hope in the Lord who leaned down to me and heard my cry.

The Lord put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise for our God.

Many will learn of this and be amazed; they will trust the Lord.

Those who put their trust in the Lord, who pay no attention to the proud or to those who follow lies, are truly happy!

**So I said, "Here I am! I delight to do your will, my God;
your law is within my heart."**

I have told the good news of your righteousness in the great congregation.

I did not keep your righteousness to myself.

I declared your faithfulness and your salvation.

I did not hide your loyal love and trustworthiness from the great congregation.

*Hymn 726

Will You Come and Follow Me

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God,

you love us, but we have not loved you with our actions.

You call us, but we have not listened or responded.

You invite us to come and see, but we always seem to stay where we are.

Restore us, gracious God.

In your great mercy, forgive our sins and free us from ourselves,

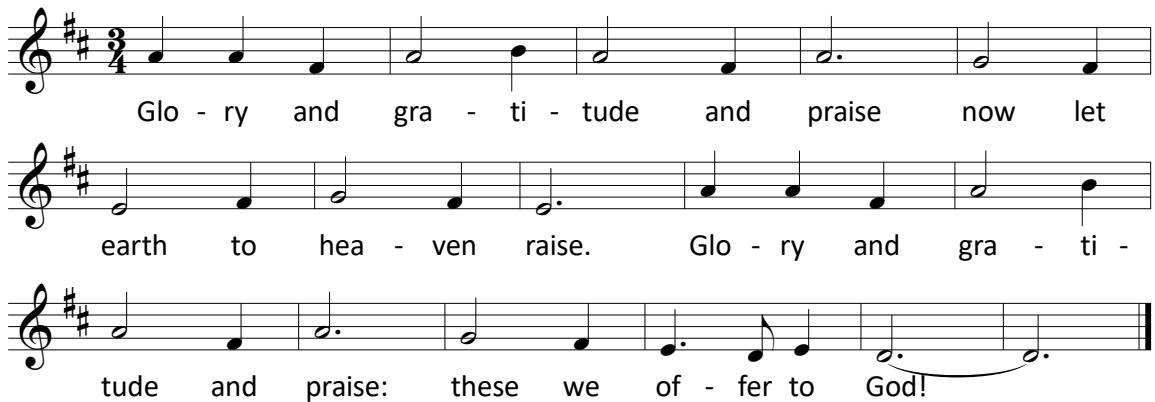
that we might walk in your will and delight in your ways,

to the glory of your name.

(silent prayer)

Assurance of God's Grace

*Response to Assurance

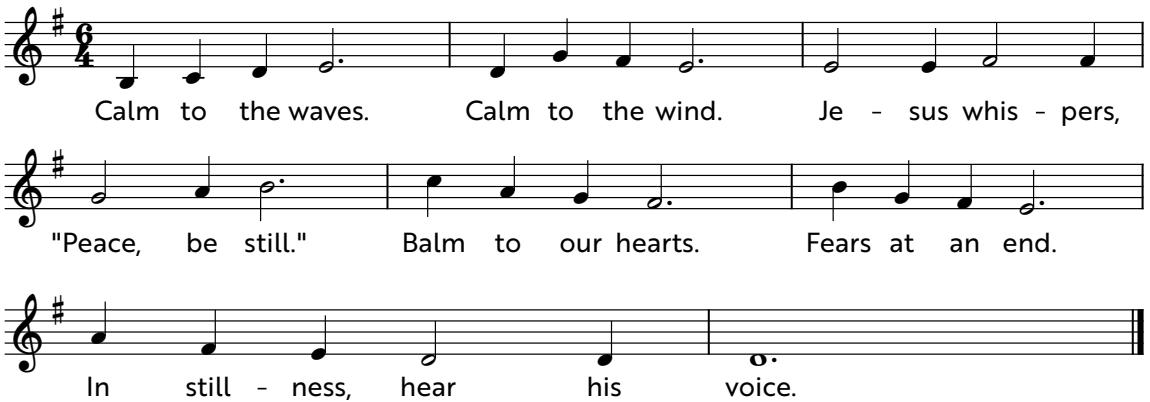


Glo - ry and gra - ti - tude and praise now let
earth to hea - ven raise. Glo - ry and gra - ti -
tude and praise: these we of - fer to God!

*Passing the Peace of Christ

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Call for Illumination



Calm to the waves. Calm to the wind. Je - sus whis - pers,
"Peace, be still." Balm to our hearts. Fears at an end.
In still - ness, hear his voice.

Prayer for Illumination

Gary Anderson (9 a.m.); Ella Messner (11 a.m.)

Scripture

John 1:35-42 (pg. 967)

Anthem

"Ich folge dir gleichfalls," from *St. John's Passion*, BWV 245
by Johann Sebastian Bach; Miren Gabiola, soprano

"I will follow you likewise with joyful steps,
and will not let you go, my life, my light.
Guide the course and do not cease
drawing, pushing, imploring me yourself."

Sermon

What are you looking for?

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn 721

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Zach Walker

**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

Offertory Anthem

I Will Arise
by Alice Parker and Robert Shaw; Village Choir

*Response



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise
Christ, all people here be - low; praise Ho-ly Spir-it ev-er - more;
praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore. A - men.

*Prayer of Dedication

GOD'S PEOPLE ARE SENT

*Hymn 733

We All Are One in Mission

*Benediction

*Benediction Response



A - men,
a - men, a - men, a - men, a - men.

*Postlude

Allegro Maestoso

by Felix Mendelssohn

**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	9-10 a.m.	Room 333
KIDS	Pre-K and 4-yr-olds	9-10 a.m.	Room 106
	Grades K-6	9-10 a.m.	Room 307

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!

Village U – Our Spring 2026 catalog is now available online! Visit villagepres.org/village-u or scan the QR code to the right. Please note: Not all classes require registration. If a class does require registration, the registration link will be listed with the class title. Child care is available for our Wednesday evening classes (please indicate that you need child care when you register). Questions? Email Desiree Keyes at desiree.keyes@villagepres.org.



ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Village U: From Mission Field to Missional Endeavor – 6:15 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 14, Room 126, Mission Campus. This course, led by Rev. Dr. David Nzioka, Missional Scholar, Speaker and Author of *From Mission Field to a Missional Endeavor*, will explore how God is using global migration and the growth of immigrant congregations to renew the Church's missional identity. Copies of his book are available for \$20 in class or at the South reception desk. Register: villagepres.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/3333589

Village U: Biblical Eschatology: God's Dream for a New World – 6:15 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 14, Room 132, Mission Campus. This course, led by Dr. Bradley Chance, Professor Emeritus of Religion at William Jewell College, will explore the meaning of biblical eschatology with a focus on how Christians who have awoken from the nightmare can focus again on God's dream and work with God to make the dream a reality. Register: villagepres.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/3332913

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.

ENGAGEMENT

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

Wednesday Family Dinner – 5:30-6:30 p.m. Wednesdays. 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, visit villagepres.org/wfd. To volunteer, email engagement@villagepres.org.

Seniors Afternoon – 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30, Welcome Center. Enjoy games and social time with other seniors. Bring your own board games, learn to play canasta, and enjoy good company and light refreshments! Bring a friend and spread the word!

MISSION MINISTRY

Blood Drive, Jan. 13 – Donate between 1 and 6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 13, in Rooms 132 & 133, Mission Campus. Sign up at bit.ly/village-blood-drive and enter the group code BT. Walk-ins are also welcome. Save a life with this critical support, and thank you!

Food Pantry & Clothes Closet – We are beginning to collect crackers and hearty soups for Superbowl Sunday (Feb. 8). Please bring items any Sunday in January.

Drivers needed for home-delivered meals – Village has a team of drivers who deliver meals to folks who are unable to make one for themselves. We are in need of drivers to commit about two hours each month on a Wednesday or Thursday for the team that picks up meals at Matt Ross Community Center. Contact Rev. Zach Walker for more info: zach.walker@villagepres.org.

MUSIC MINISTRY

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.

St. Olaf College Choir conducted by Anton Armstrong – 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 2, Sanctuary. Composed of 75 mixed voices, the St. Olaf Choir is hailed as one of the nation's premier a cappella ensembles, renowned for its artistry and beauty of sound. Tickets are \$40 and \$10 for all students, available at stolaf.edu/tickets/choir or 800-363-5487.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Celebration of Faithful Women – 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 14. Join us we celebrate the 2026 Faithful Women of Outstanding Service honorees: Judy Frame, Julie O'Connor and Louise Woodward. Save the date! More details to come.

Mahjong Monday – 6:30-8 p.m. tomorrow, 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.

Motherhood to Matriarch – 9-10:30 a.m. Feb. 21, Friendship Hall. Ginger Rothhaas from Compassionate Fix will lead a conversation about women's journey from nurturing life to shaping a legacy. Register at villagepres.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/3334221.

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!



Goal: 800
Pledges
Current: 572
Pledges (72%)

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reach
our 2026
Pledge Goal

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CURRENT SERMON SERIES

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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