



**VILLAGE
CHURCH**

Presbyterian (USA)



Service of Worship

Sept. 20, 2026 • 9 and 11 a.m.



GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Dr. Elisa Bickers, organ

Words of Welcome

Rev. Zach Walker

Introit

Impromptu on *Kingsfold*
by Brenda Portman

*Call to Worship (from Psalm 119)

Rev. Maggie Johnson Phillips

We will praise you with an upright heart as we learn your righteous laws.

We seek you with our whole heart; do not let us stray from your commands.

We find our delight in your commandments because we love them.

This is our comfort in our distress, that your promise gives us life.

Trouble and anguish come upon us, but your commandments are our delight.

Your decrees are righteous forever; give us understanding that we may live.

*Hymn 305

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

Prayer of Confession

Guiding and merciful God,

we know your edicts are good for us and for the world.

We desire to keep our eyes on you and follow where you lead.

But we forget the wisdom of your word.

We go where our selfish desires lead.

We reject your hand offered in grace,

and we go astray rather than follow the trusted shepherd's voice.

Forgive us, O God.

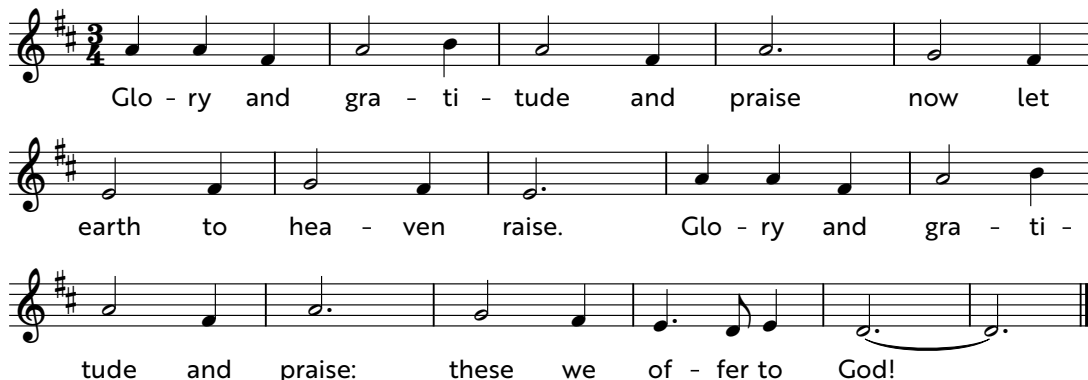
Give us humble and courageous hearts.

May we hear your word and rejoice in where it calls us to go,

and in who it calls us to be. (silent prayer)

Assurance of God's Grace

*Response to Assurance



*Passing the Peace of Christ

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Celebration of Baptism

Blake Elizabeth Browning (Sydnie and Sam Browning, parents)
and Elle Jolie Mueller (Margaux and Kent Mueller, parents) (9 a.m.)
Graham Michael, Harrison William and Reese Elizabeth Haid (Ashley and
Brett Haid, parents) (11 a.m.)

Promises from the Congregation

Ruling Elder Sharon Valasek (9 a.m.)
Ruling Elder Nancy Gatewood (11 a.m.)

Do we, as members of the Church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture these children by word and deed, with love and prayers? **We do.**

Will we encourage these children to know and follow Jesus Christ as they grow in faith and love as members of our family here at Village Church? **We will.**

Sung Response

**Child of joy, our dearest treasure, God's you are, from God you came.
Back to God we humbly give you: live as one who bears Christ's name.
Child of God, our loving Parent, learn to listen for God's call.
Grow to laugh and sing and worship; trust and love God more than all.**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Beth Winetraub (9 a.m.); Carol Gee (11 a.m.)

Scripture

John 13:31-35 (p. 982)

Sermon

Commandment

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn 737

Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song

Call for the Offering

Rev. Dr. Diane Janssen Hemmen

Offertory Music

If Ye Love Me
by Thomas Tallis; Village Choir with Dr. Josh Maize, conductor

*Sung Response (Hymn 647)

**Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One;
Give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son.
And now let the weak say, "We are strong";
let the poor say, "We are rich
because of what the Lord has done for us!"
Give thanks. Give thanks.**

*Prayer of Dedication

GOD'S PEOPLE ARE SENT

*Hymn 757

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

Congregational Meeting

*Benediction

*Postlude

Darwall's 148th
by Barbara Harbach

**All who are able may stand*

Congregational Meeting – The Village Church Session has called for a congregational meeting to be held today following all worship services, for the purpose of electing officers and leaders for the new year, and presenting the 2026-2027 fiscal year budget.

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
CHILDCARE			
NURSERY	Infants-23 months	9 and 11 a.m.	Room 114
	24 months-4 yrs	9 and 11 a.m.	Room 107

Special Note about Elementary Lighthouse (Sunday School) – All elementary schoolers (grades K-6) will check-in and start worship together in the Sanctuary. Then children and Lighthouse teachers will walk up to Lighthouse together. Parents will pick up from age-specific classrooms on the 3rd floor (listed above). Parents: If you have a child who changes their mind about joining us in Lighthouse and chooses to stay in the Sanctuary, please text Brooke at 816-914-3113 so we have an accurate roster. Please keep your cell phones on so we can contact you if needed!

WEDNESDAYS@VILLAGE

5:30-7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 23. We have completely re-tooled Wednesday evenings at Mission Campus with all ages in mind. The evening starts in Friendship Hall at 5:30 p.m. with fresh, build-your-own meals. This week, our adult faith formation class will be on Media Literacy with Brian Bracco, with programming available for children and youth as well. No advance registration is necessary. Bring the whole crew and enjoy time with your church family! *Child care (ages 0-5) is available in Rooms 114 and 107.*

Dinner this week: Breakfast for dinner with Belgian waffles, blueberry pancake casserole, scrambled eggs, turkey sausage, bacon, roasted potatoes, and a parfait bar with vanilla greek yogurt, berries, granola, pecans, and honey.

For more details on the program and a weekly schedule, visit villagepres.org/wednesdays.

Register for events on ChurchCenter: villagepres.churchcenter.com/registrations

Events with an asterisk (*) have online registration.

Please go to the URL above or scan the code to register for any of these events.



Village Connect Small Groups deepen your faith and relationships with others. This year's study created by our Village pastors is "Grounded in Grace: Celebrating the Presbyterian Tradition." Groups begin meeting in October. Interested in joining a group or want to learn more? Contact carol.solenberger@villagepres.org.

The Memorial Guild needs you – When there is a memorial service at Village, volunteers share their time either ushering for the service or hosting at the reception afterwards. Volunteers create their own schedule. For more information, contact Linda Alley: 913-671-2327 or linda.alley@villagepres.org.

Grief Support Group – Your grief can hit you in different ways at different times. We are here to help you. Consider coming to the monthly Grief Support Group held the first Tuesday of every month. Meetings are at 6 p.m. in room 232 and are facilitated by a Prairie Sky counselor. All are welcome.

Operation Breakthrough Needs Volunteers to help with year-around 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Y.A.M. (Young Adult Ministry) Night – Join us for Wednesdays@Village. We'll share an intergenerational meal at 5:30 p.m. in Friendship Hall, then most weeks at 6:15 p.m. all 20s and 30s will head to the Young Adult Room (8) for our programming.

Village U: Religious Conflicts in Matthew's Community* – 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 15-Oct. 6, Rooms 126/127. Theologian and Scripture scholar Biagio Mazza delves into the mind and heart of the Matthean community by examining their cultural, religious, and political context.

Bad Weather Is Getting Worse: What Will Happen? – 7-9 p.m. Monday, Sept. 21, Room 233. Chick Keller will cover the environmental reasons why people believe weather is getting worse, and discuss how America is ignoring the issue.

Women's Fall Book Club* – 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 22, Oct. 6, 20, Young Adult Room (8). We will read "True to You" by Dr. Kathleen Smith, a guide on exploring our identity, values, and being your true self.

Gold Line Saxophone Quartet – 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25, Sanctuary. This Los Angeles-based saxophone group merges

the sounds of 19th century classical music with contemporary artists and pop/movie music from the 90s to today. Enjoy a brief pre-concert lecture at 6:15 p.m. Free admission.

Village Serves* – 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, Sept. 26, Center of Grace (520 S Harrison St., Olathe, KS). Center of Grace is this year's Signature Mission. Let's demonstrate how Village cares for our neighbors by participating in a family-friendly volunteer day with them! We will participate in outdoor yard work, a deep clean of the community kitchen, conference room setup, and a tour of the campus.

Celebration Dominicana Fundraiser* – 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, Milburn Country Club. The Dominican Republic Medical Partnership (DRMP) of Village Church will host an evening of live music, dancing, food/drink and auction/raffle items all while supporting DRMP's mission of providing healthcare and education to underserved communities in the DR. Can't attend? Make a donation and help support this important work! Tickets are available online.

Village Forum Sunday Morning Adult Class: "Psychology & Sociology of Conspiracy Theories" – 9:30-10:30 a.m. Sundays, Sept. 27-Oct. 11, Rooms 126/127. Dr. Leslie Dorrough Smith of Avila University will guide us through a three-week study on why people are attracted to certain types of non-rational thinking.

Men's Breakfast Gathering - Medical Mission in Haiti – 8-9 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 29, Room 230, Mission Campus. Enjoy breakfast and fellowship while we listen to a presentation by Dr. Ted Higgins. Donation

suggestion \$8.

VOCES8 Concert – 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 3, Sanctuary. Friends of Chamber Music presents VOCES8, the acclaimed British vocal ensemble. Their "Towards Paradise" program is a deeply reflective sacred tapestry tracing a spiritual journey through music of longing, faith, consolation, and peace. Tickets at chambermusic.org.

New Member Luncheon* – noon, Sunday, Oct. 4, Room 232/233. If you're interested in becoming a member of Village Church, you're invited to join us. Childcare will be available for this event.

Kansas City Chorale and Te Deum Concert – 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 6, Mission Campus Sanctuary. The Kansas City Chorale and Te Deum join forces to present Passion Week, a sweeping journey through the Orthodox Holy Week by Aleksandr Gretchaninoff. Tickets at te-deum.org.

Village Golf* – 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 13, Fred Arbanas Golf Course, KCMO. Cost is \$43 (over 60 yrs), \$50 (under 60 yrs), cart included (pay on arrival). Register by Oct. 5.

Barbie & Me: A Workshop on Perfectionism and Unpacking the Female Mindset* – 9 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 17, Friendship Hall. Holistic health coach Lauren Claflin of Compassion Fix will lead the conversation about the impact perfectionism has on women in today's world. All women are welcome! Childcare is available.

CURRENT SERMON SERIES

Words of Faith (June 28-Sept. 20). Words matter. How we speak about our faith matters. How we describe what it is we do and do not believe matters. In this summer's sermon series, our pastors will explore different words of faith that come to us from a variety of places—scripture, theology, culture—in hopes that we might broaden our vocabulary and deepen our faith.

Sept. 20	Commandment - Rev. Zach Walker
Sept. 27	There's Just Us - Rev. Tom Are, Jr.
Oct. 4	Seeing with Prophetic Eyes - Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka (<i>World Communion Sunday</i>)

With gratitude, we give thanks for those who have made a pledge to the Here for Good Capital Campaign. Your generosity is a blessing and a meaningful step in strengthening the future of our church and its ministry. *Names are printed with permission.*

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Large print bulletins are available in the Narthex.

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