VILLAGE CHURCH
Presbyterian (USA)

# *THY **KINGDOM** COME*

## GIVING SERMON SERIES NOV. 8-22

## Service of Worship

Nov. 15, 2026 • 9 and 11 a.m.



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## GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude — Dr. Elisa Bickers, organ

Words of Welcome — Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

Introit — *Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen*
arr. Bill Ingram; Junior Ringers (9 a.m.)

*The Lord's Prayer*
by Alfred H. Malotte, arr. Jim Clancy; Alegría Choir (11 a.m.)

*Call to Worship (Psalm 40) — Rev. Alice Whitson

Glad are those who put their trust in God.
**We delight to do your will, O God, for your law is written upon our hearts.**
Do not withhold your mercy from us;
**let your steadfast love and your faithfulness keep us safe forever.**
May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you, O God;
**may those who love you say continually, "Great is the Lord!"**

*Hymn 712 — *As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought*

Prayer of Confession

**Gracious and merciful God,**

**You call us to present our lives to you as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing in your sight. Yet we confess that we often offer you only a portion of ourselves. We reserve our time, our priorities, our resources, and our hearts for our own purposes instead of seeking your will.**

**You call us not to be conformed to this world, but we admit how easily we follow its patterns. We measure our worth by success and achievement. We seek comfort more than compassion, security more than service, and approval more than faithfulness. We allow fear, anxiety, and self-interest to shape our choices rather than trusting in your grace.**

**You desire to renew our minds, but we cling to old habits, familiar prejudices, and narrow visions of what is possible. We resist the transforming work of your Spirit when it challenges us, changes us, or calls us beyond our comfort.**

**Forgive us, O God. Renew our hearts and minds by your mercy. Shape us into people who discern your good, pleasing, and perfect will.** (silent prayer)

Assurance of God's Grace

*Response to Assurance




*Passing the Peace of Christ

Anthem (9 a.m.) *Thankful*
by Mark Burrows; Morning Stars Choir with Rosie Cribb, soloist

## THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Celebration of Baptism

Charlotte Louise Getch (Alex and Ollie Getch) (9 a.m.)
Violet Grace Nelson (Jordan and Mark Nelson)
Henry Robert Savio (Jenny and Eric Savio)
Stiorra Éloïse Walker (Cybelle and Rudari Walker) (11 a.m.)

Promises from the Congregation — Ruling Elder Donna Patton (9 a.m.)
Ruling Elder Brett Gray (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 — Scott Stanley (9 a.m.); Bonny Green (11 a.m.)

Scripture — Romans 12:1-2 (p. 1033)

Sermon — *Thy Will Be Done*

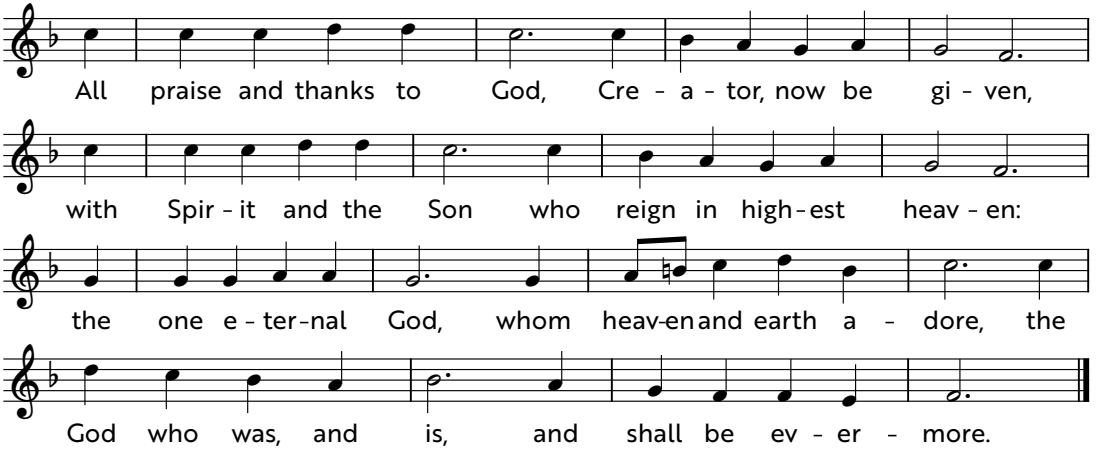
## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn 771 — *What Is the World Like*

Call for the Offering — Rev. Zach Walker

Offertory Anthem — *Trust in the Lord*
by G.F. Handel; Village Choir

*Sung Response




*Prayer of Dedication

## GOD'S PEOPLE ARE SENT

*Hymn 767 (st. 1-3) — *Together We Serve*

*Benediction

*Benediction Response (Hymn 767, st. 4)

**Together, by grace, we witness and work,**
**remembering Jesus, in whom we grow strong.**
**Together we serve in Spirit and truth,**
**remembering love is the strength of our song.**

*Postlude

*Allegro Maestoso*
by Felix Mendelssohn

**All who are able may stand*

## TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka, senior pastor
Rev. Zach Walker, pastor for mission
Rev. Alice Whitson, pastor for communications
Dr. Elisa Bickers, principal organist and co-director of music ministry
Dr. Joshua Maize, co-director of music ministry
Rebecca Enslow, youth bells conductor
Jenny Hull, children's music coordinator

| SUNDAY FAITH FORMATION | | | |
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| **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 | No Class Next Week: Family Worship Sunday | |
| | Grades K-6 | | |
| **CHILDCARE** | | | |
| **NURSERY** | Infants-23 mo | 9 and 11 a.m. | Room 109 |
| | 24 mo-4 yrs | 9 and 11 a.m. | Room 107 |



### Lighthouse (Sunday School)

Preschool kids are learning that we can celebrate God together through singing, worship, and joyful hearts. Elementary kids are learning to notice God's goodness in their everyday lives and remembering to say thank you for all the ways God blesses us.

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 3rd floor classrooms (listed above). If your child changes their mind 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!

Next week is a Family Worship Sunday due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Kids are invited to worship with their grownups.

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.

**College student care packages** – Help us stay connected with our college students! Sign up your student to receive a care package from Village this fall. Email youth@villagepres.org to have a package sent their way!

**Food Pantry** – It's not too late to make a gift to the Thanksgiving basket effort. $45 provides a Thanksgiving meal for a household of four. Donate at villagepres.org/food-pantry. **Clothes Closet** – Belts, jewelry, caps, and other accessory items are always in demand.

**Deliver holiday cheer** – You can bring season's greetings to our homebound members by delivering a poinsettia. Involve your family—it's a great holiday tradition! Let Linda Alley know if you can pick up on Saturday, Dec. 5. Pickup will be at both campuses. Call 913-671-2327 or email linda.alley@villagepres.org.

**Purchase a poinsettia in memory of a loved one** who has passed away by visiting villagepres.org/poinsettias. You may also send a check to the church if you wish (please include a note with memorial names). All proceeds help fund our ministry of giving poinsettias to homebound members during the holidays. The last day to donate and have your loved one's name(s) included in the Christmas Eve bulletin is Friday, Dec. 4.

**Drivers needed for home-delivered meals** – Village has a team of drivers who deliver meals to folks unable to make one for themselves. We are in need of folks one Thursday each month to drive a delivery route. Meals are picked up late morning at Matt Ross Community Center. Email zach.walker@villagepres.org to get connected.

**Need help with a one-time task?** Helping Hands volunteers can assist you with raking leaves, a run to the grocery store, or other simple household chores. If you are home from the hospital, recovering from an illness, or dealing with a health challenge, let us help you with a short-term need. Contact Linda Alley at linda.alley@villagepres.org or 913-671-2327.

**Operation Breakthrough needs volunteers** to help with year-round math and literacy tutoring program (one hour/week). Email zach.walker@villagepres.org to get connected.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**The Pointer Sisters (Needlepoint Group)** – 9:30-11:30 a.m., Wednesdays (year-round), Room 232. Learn basic stiches that will enable you to make beautiful and creative projects.

**Youth Photo Hunt** – 6-8 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 22, Youth Loft. Grab your friends and get ready for a little friendly competition as we race around capturing photos. This is one youth group night you won't want to miss! No registration—just show up! Grades 7-12.

**The Kansas City Wind Symphony presents "Bridges: Connecting Places, People, and Stories Through Music"** – 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 22, Sanctuary. Featured repertoire includes Mussorgsky's "Great Gate of Kiev." Free admission.

**Service of Comfort and Hope** – 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 2, Chapel. The holidays can be heavy with the griefs we carry: for empty seats at the table, for loved ones far away, and loved ones long gone. In this evening service, we will reflect, pray, and hold space for the Light of the World to shine in our darkness. Childcare will be available.

**Advent Family Workshop*** – 2-3:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, Friendship Hall. Don't miss our traditional family activity to prepare for the birth of Jesus. There will be crafts for all ages, cookie decorating, and more. Register by Nov. 29.

**Young Adults Christmas Party** – 7-9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, SERV (9051 Metcalf). Wear your favorite seasonal outfit and join us for fellowship and holiday merriment. We'll have food, games, and a pickleball court, so come join the fun!

**New Member Luncheon*** – noon Sunday, Dec. 6, Room 232/233. If you're interested in becoming a member of Village Church, you're invited to join us. Childcare is available.

**Women's Advent Celebration*** – 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 9. Begin the Advent season with "Seasons for Simple Songs" keynoted by Dr. Elisa Bickers. Reception: 6-7 p.m., Welcome Center. Program: 7 p.m., Sanctuary. Event is free. Childcare is available when you register by Dec. 1.

## WEDNESDAYS@VILLAGE

**5:30-7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 18.** Join us for Friendsgiving, our last All-In Wednesday of the year. We'll have turkey with all the fixings, friendship, and fun as we gather to celebrate Thanksgiving. Feel free to bring an appetizer, side dish or dessert to share—but not required! No childcare on all-in Wednesdays. No registration necessary. Bring the whole crew and enjoy time with your church family. For more details, visit villagepres.org/wednesdays.

## CURRENT SERMON SERIES

**Giving Sermon Series: Thy Kingdom Come (Nov. 8-22).** Theologian Henri Nouwen writes that "From the perspective of the gospel, giving is first and foremost, a form of ministry. It is a way of announcing our vision and then inviting others into that mission." The vision of Village Presbyterian Church is to help usher in God's kingdom, God's reign, here and now, if only in part. Yes, God's kingdom will fully come when Christ returns, but until that promised day, we must do all we can to show that God's complete reign is on the way.

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| Nov. 8 | Thy Kingdom Come |
| **Nov. 15** | **Thy Will Be Done** |
| Nov. 22 | On Earth as it is in Heaven |

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## ABOUT VILLAGE CHURCH

Village Church is a Presbyterian (USA) family of faith committed to thoughtful worship, Christian formation of children and adults, and caring for another, our community, and the world. We are one church worshiping each Sunday at two locations: the Antioch Campus in Overland Park and the Mission Campus in Prairie Village. Our third campus, the Meneilly Center for Mission at 99th & Mission Rd. in Overland Park, includes the Food Pantry & Clothes Closet and the Child & Family Development Center that serve the surrounding community.

**Add someone to the prayer list** – congregational-care@villagepres.org

**Register for classes and events** – villagepres.churchcenter.com/registrations

**Find volunteer and service opportunities** – villagepres.org/serve

**Interested in joining Village Church?** – villagepres.org/membership

**Get Village Church news and updates** – villagepres.org/news

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## Large print bulletins are available in the Narthex.

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We kindly request that cell phones be turned off during worship.

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