VILLAGE CHURCH
Presbyterian (USA)

*THY **KINGDOM** COME*
*THY **WILL** BE **DONE***
*ON **EARTH** AS IT IS IN **HEAVEN***

GIVING SERMON SERIES NOV. 8-22

Service of Worship

Nov. 22, 2026 • 9 and 11 a.m.



GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude — Helen Hofmeister, organ

Words of Welcome — Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

Introit — *He that Shall Endure* from "Elijah" by Felix Mendelssohn, ed. Bernard Fitzgerald; Village Brass

*Call to Worship (Psalm 100) — Rev. Diane Janssen Hemmen

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with singing.
Know that the Lord is God. It is God who made us, and we belong to God, we are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.
Enter God's gates with thanksgiving and God's courts with praise.
Give thanks to God; bless God's holy name.
For God is good; God's steadfast love endures forever and God's faithfulness to all generations.

*Hymn 643 — *Now Thank We All Our God*

Prayer of Confession

Merciful and gracious God,

we give you thanks for countless blessings: for life and breath, for daily bread, for family and friends, for the hope we have in Jesus Christ. We recognize that every good gift comes from your generous hand.
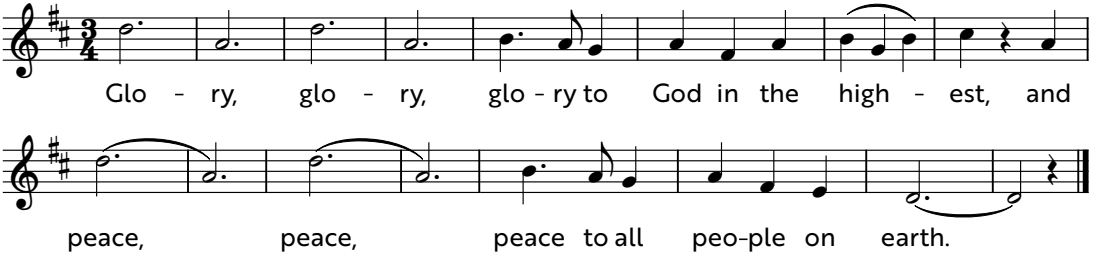
Yet we confess that we have not always lived as grateful children. Like the prodigal son, we have received your gifts and gone our own way. We have enjoyed your blessings while forgetting the Giver. We have taken for granted the abundance you provide and neglected to care for those in need.

Forgive us, O God. When pride leads us away from home, call us back. When resentment hardens our hearts, soften them with your compassion. When gratitude fades, renew in us a spirit of thanksgiving.

For the gift of your unfailing love, and for the feast of your mercy prepared for us in Jesus Christ, we give you thanks and praise. (silent prayer)

Assurance of God's Grace

*Response to Assurance



*Passing the Peace of Christ

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Time with Children (9 a.m.)

Anthem — *Lord, Our Creator* from "Elijah"
by Felix Mendelssohn, ed. Bernard Fitzgerald; Village Brass

Prayer for Illumination — Patty Slentz-Howard (9 a.m.); Ron Witzke (11 a.m.)

Scripture — Luke 15:11-24 (p. 953)

Sermon — *On Earth as it is in Heaven*

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn 174 — *Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom*

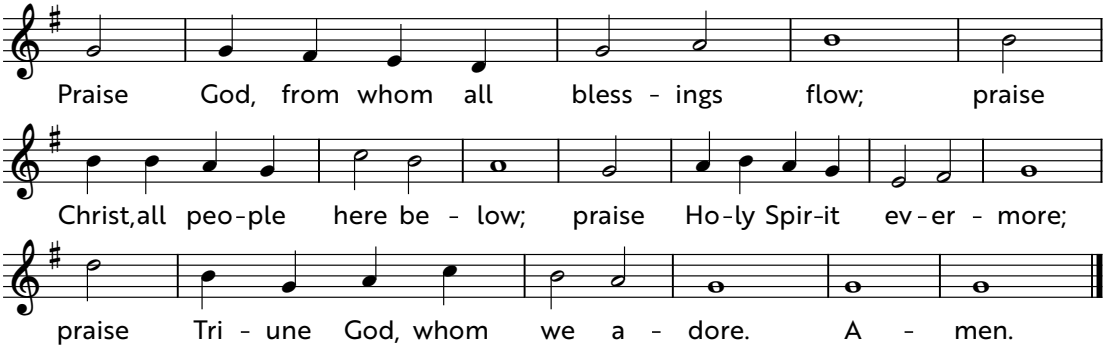
Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer — Rev. Alice Whitson

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 — *Thanksgiving*
by Everett Titcomb; Village Choir and Village Brass

*Sung Response



*Prayer of Dedication

GOD'S PEOPLE ARE SENT

*Hymn 610 (st. 1-4) *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

*Benediction

*Benediction Response (Hymn 610, st. 5)

To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.

*Postlude *Now Thank We All Our God*
arr. Craig Phillips

**All who are able may stand*

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka, senior pastor
Rev. Dr. Diane Janssen Hemmen, senior associate pastor
Rev. Alice Whitson, pastor for communications
Dr. Joshua Maize, co-director of music ministry
Dr. Langston Hemenway, director of Village Brass
Helen Hofmeister, music associate

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	Today is a 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

WEDNESDAYS@VILLAGE

Thank you for joining us this fall! We had a great time connecting and learning together. So grateful! We'll resume on Feb. 3—more details and menus will be available soon.

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.

Food Pantry - Kids will have a few days off from school this week and breakfast cereals will be in demand in the households seeking our assistance. **Clothes Closet -** New underwear and socks (all sizes) would help us outfit our neighbors in need.

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). Poinsettias are $15. 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.

We are grateful for you! – Congregational Care appreciates all of our volunteers who help care for our members. Thank you Stephen Ministers, Memorial Guild members, memorial garden volunteers, flower arrangers and deliverers, telecare callers, and our committee members. Our ministry is stronger because of you.

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, Room 232. Learn basic stitches that will enable you to make beautiful and creative projects.

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

Village U: WWJD: What Was Jesus Doing?* – 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesdays, Dec. 1-15, Rooms 132/133, Mission Campus. Join Dr. Bradley Chance as he explores WWJD from a different angle: What was Jesus doing then and what can we do now? Given the season, this course will also explore birth narratives to see how they provide "overtures" to the mission of Jesus.

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.

Village Voices and Village Youth Christmas Caroling* – 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5. Participants will travel around the surrounding neighborhoods, with a lunch break at Minsky's halfway through. Register online; no payment is required!

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!

Village U: The Faith Journey – 10:10-10:50 a.m. Sundays in December, Room 124, Mission Campus. We will examine lessons of peace, love, patience, and kindness from the book "Jesus & Buddha: The Parallel Sayings" by Marcus J. Borg (2022), looking for similarities demonstrating that we are more alike than different.

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.

2nd Thursday Recital: Trio Fontana – 12:15 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 10, Chapel. Please join us for a noontime recital with a short reception afterward in the Welcome Center to meet the artists. Free admission.

Seniors Afternoon – 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11, Room 230. Enjoy games and social time with other seniors. Bring your own board games, learn to play canasta, and spread the word! Questions: carol.solenberger@villagepres.org

Children's Christmas Musical: *Angels, Lambs, Ladybugs and Fireflies* – during morning worship services, Sunday, Dec. 13, Sanctuary. We all know the nativity story, but have you ever heard it from the perspective of God's littlest creatures? Hear the story as told by the animals, insects, and birds that did their part to help spread the good news of Jesus' birth!

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.

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

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

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Large print bulletins are available in the Narthex.

Streaming video of Sunday services is available at villagepres.org/online.
We kindly request that cell phones be turned off during worship.

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