

The Lion and the Lamb

He's coming on the clouds, kings and kingdoms will bow down
And every chain will break, as broken hearts declare His praise
For who can stop the Lord Almighty?

Chorus Our God is the Lion, the Lion of Judah
He's roaring with power and fighting our battles
And every knee will bow before You
Our God is the Lamb, the Lamb that was slain
For the sins of the world, His blood breaks the chains
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb
Every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb

So open up the gates, make way before the King of kings
Our God who calls the saved is here to set the captives free
Who can stop the Lord Almighty?

Chorus
Bridge Who can stop the Lord Almighty?
Who can stop the Lord Almighty?
Who can stop the Lord Almighty?
Who can stop the Lord Almighty?
Who can stop the Lord?

Chorus
Ending And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb
Every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus Hymn #168
Come, thou long expected Jesus,
Born to set thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us,
Let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's Strength and Consolation,
Hope of all the earth thou art;
Dear Desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.
Born thy people to deliver,
Born a child and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever,
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all sufficient merit,
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

ADVENT CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Don Ferrell

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Veronica Kilbourn

God of the future, you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule. We confess that we have not expected your kingdom, for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment. We accept lies as truth, preferring to hide in the darkness rather than walk in your light. We have coveted what is not ours, been prideful and angry, disrespectful towards authority, and ungrateful towards your love. In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your lordship, and to seek things that will endure when Christ comes to judge the world. In his name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

~~WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD~~

PASTORAL PRAYERS, SILENT PRAYERS AND LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer Hymn #440
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.

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Prayer & Offering
Offertory Choir

~~WE MEET GOD THROUGH THE WORD~~

Message: "Good News for Advent" Pastor Jeff Ogden
Scripture: Isaiah 40:1-11 Pew Bible Pages 1119-1120

~~ SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER~~

INVITATION Pastor Jeff Ogden

SERVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKSGIVING

WORSHIP SONG

****Go Tell It On The Mountains***
Chorus Go tell it on the mountains,
Over the hills and everywhere;
Go tell it on the mountains
That Jesus Christ is born!

While shepherds kept their watching
O'er silent flocks by night,
Behold throughout the heavens
There shone a holy light

Chorus
The shepherds feared and trembled
When lo! Above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus
That hailed our Savior's birth.

Chorus
Down in a lowly manger
The humble Christ was born,
And brought us God's salvation
That blessed Christmas morn.

Chorus

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** (Please join hands with the people next to you.)

****May the Lord, Mighty God***
May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever.
Grant you peace, perfect peace, courage in every endeavor.
Lift up your eyes, and see His face, and His grace forever.
May the Lord mighty God, bless and keep you forever.

**Those who are able will please stand.*
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USHERS Paul & Vickie Twichell
WORSHIP ASSISTANT Veronica Kilbourn
COMMUNION SERVERS Rob & Linda Robins; Jane Dykstra; Tim Gilbert
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Don Ferrell

In Our Prayers: Lonny Reed and family; Dick Warmington - healing; Craig and Michele Young's Daughter - healing; Pastor Jeff's dad, Bruce - comfort and peace; Veterans; those serving our nation and their families; the Advent Season.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

WE ARE CELEBRATING OUR LORD'S SUPPER this morning. Membership is not a requirement to share in communion at The Village Church. All those who repent and profess faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and baptized children being raised in the faith are invited to participate in this Sacrament. If you are not able to receive communion, please use this time to meditate on one of the following prayers.

A PRAYER OF PERSONS SEARCHING FOR TRUTH

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and leads to the life you promise. Amen.

A PRAYER OF BELIEF

Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FELIZ NAVIDAD POTLUCK - TODAY! We will gather in the Fireside Room and Patio following the 10:00 a.m. worship service for a Mexican food potluck lunch. Please join us for good food and fellowship.

DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS - TODAY! The Advent season is here and Christmas is just around the corner. We will be decorating the church after our 10:00 a.m. worship service today. Many hands make light work!

SPECIAL DEACON FUND OFFERINGS are received each Sunday we share in our Lord's Supper. Funds received are used to assist members of The Village Church family and others in times of serious need--such as medical emergencies. One of the ministries supported through these funds is our Food Closet.

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS. Our Advent devotional are available on the counters in the Narthex. There are also Advent calendars for the kids. Pick one up today!

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS. Each year we look forward to the beauty the poinsettia flowers bring to our Sanctuary during this Advent/Christmas season. If you would like to purchase a plant through our church and dedicate it in celebration of a special occasion or person, or in memory of a loved one, forms are available on the Narthex Counters. The cost of each plant is \$10.00 and you may take them home after the last Christmas Eve service. Please make your check out to The Village Church and designate "poinsettia" on the memo line.

A THOUGHT FROM CHRISTIANS PAST... "He came down from heaven' can almost be transposed into 'Heaven drew earth up into it,' and locality, limitation, sleep, sweat, footsore weariness, frustration, pain, doubt, and death are, from before all worlds, known by God from within. The pure light walks the earth; the darkness, received into the heart of Deity, is there swallowed up. Where, except in uncreated light, can the darkness be drowned?" C. S. Lewis



ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR PRESCHOOL CHRISTMAS DINNER. The Pre-school needs your help for their annual Christmas play and dinner on Wednesday, December 6th at 6:00 p.m. We need volunteers to cook, serve, and cleanup dinner for the party. We would like at least five volunteers and need to be at the church by 5:00 p.m. (unless you can only help with the cleanup). The dinner is a simple spaghetti, garlic bread, and salad. If possible we would like the volunteers to eat dinner with the preschool families. Please contact Annie Payne at apayne@thevillagechurchnv.org if you would like to volunteer or have any questions.

CHRISTMAS FOOD BOXES. The Christmas Food Distribution is one of the ways The Village Church gives back to the community. The Deacons are working to offer Christmas food boxes. The schedule is as follows:

- Sunday, December 10th at 11:15 a.m.: We will be picking up non-perishable food at Raley's. We will need trucks with helpers and additional strong helpers to set-up for packing.
- Wednesday, December 13th at 5:00 p.m.: We will be packing food boxes in the Fireside Room and can use help. Pizza provided!
- Saturday, December 16th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.: Food box distribution. We can use help hosting applicants and loading food boxes into cars.

INTERESTED IN STARTING OR JOINING A RENO SMALL GROUP? We would like to start a new Reno Small Group bible study. If you are interested in leading, hosting, or attending a Reno small group please reply to this email or let us know on the sign-up sheet that is on the counter in the church Narthex.

MISSION TRIP OPPORTUNITY. A group of adult Village Church members is making plans to volunteer in Houston, TX with Samaritan's Purse on the Hurricane Harvey Rebuild Projects. The trip is scheduled for April 22 - April 28, 2018, and we have a limited number of spaces available. Housing and meals will be provided at a church in the area. Team members will be responsible for their own airfare and a share of group expenses. Spaces will be filled on a first come, first served basis! If you are interested, please contact Jane Dykstra or the church office.

UNABLE TO ATTEND A WORSHIP SERVICE? Pastor Jeff's Sunday sermon is recorded each Sunday. Check out our website at <http://www.thevillagechurchnv.org/sermons/> to hear the sermon you missed.

SUNDAY TRANSPORTATION NEEDS? Do you need a ride to church on Sundays? If so, please let our church office know at 775.831.0784.

CONNECT WITH OUR WORSHIP COMMUNITY. The blue Connect Cards in the pew racks in front of you are a great way to communicate with us. Use a card to let us know if you have a change in your contact information, have a prayer request, or want to connect with Pastor Jeff or various ministries within our church. Also, if you would like to be included in our weekly e-mail "blast," just share your email address with us and check the box on the card to be included.

The Village Church Vision

We're growing closer to Christ, one step at a time, as we increase our participation in the congregation, community and beyond.

SAVE THE DATE!

- December 6th: Preschool Christmas Play and Dinner
- December 10th: Preschool Christmas Play during 10 am service; No Choir; Food Pickup from Raley's; Nathalie Sacci Baby Shower
- December 13th: Session Meeting; Deacon's Food Box Packing
- December 16th: Deacon's Christmas Foodbox Distribution; Christmas Sing-along
- December 24th: Christmas Eve Morning Service at 10:00 a.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Services at 5:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.



The Village Church is affiliated with ECO:
A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians.

For more information, see our website:

www.TheVillageChurchNV.org or www.eco-pres.org.

MINISTRY OF THE WEEK

December 3, 2017 - December 10, 2017

TODAY

- 8:15 a.m. Choir Practice - Fireside Room
- 9:15 a.m. Praise Team Practice - Sanctuary
- 10:15 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:30 a.m. Feliz Navidad Potluck Lunch - Fireside Room
- 12:30 p.m. Decorate the Church for Christmas

MONDAY

Office Closed

TUESDAY

- 2:37 p.m. Staff Meeting - Pastor's Study
- 6:30 p.m. Incline Small Group - Jim and Jane Dykstra's Home

WEDNESDAY

- 6:30 a.m. Christ, Coffee, and Cinnamon Rolls Men's Study - Fireside Room
- 10:00 a.m. Intercessory Prayer - Pastor's Study
- 3:00 p.m. Youth Girls' Bible Study - Fireside Room
- 6:00 p.m. Preschool Christmas Play & Dinner - Sanctuary & Fireside Room
- 6 to 8 p.m. Upper Room Group - Middle School and High School - Y/R

THURSDAY

- 6:30 p.m. Kings Beach Small Group - Gary and Patti Boxeth's Home
- 7:00 p.m. AL-ANON Meeting - Room A
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting - Fireside Room

SUNDAY

- 8 & 10 a.m. Worship Service in the Sanctuary
- Village Christian Preschool Play during 10am Service
- No Choir Practice
- 9:15 a.m. Praise Team Practice - Sanctuary
- 10:15 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:15 a.m. Pick up food at Raley's and set up for food box packing
- 11:30 a.m. Baby Shower for Nathalie Sacci - Youth Room



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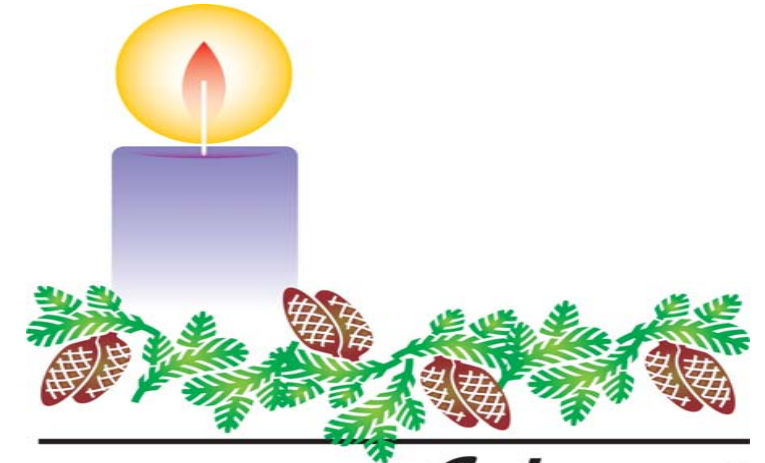
Village Christian Preschool 775.831.1184

Preschool Website: www.VillagePreschoolNV.org

Church Leadership:

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| Doug Baker - Deacon | Terri Nielsen - Preschool Staff |
| Ted Bandaruk - Deacon | Darlene Nilsson - Elder |
| Patti Boxeth - Deacon | Ann O'Keefe - Deacon |
| Gary Boxeth - Elder | Rev. Jeff Ogden - Pastor |
| Stephanie Conragan - Preschool Staff | Vicki Ogden - Preschool Staff & Deacon |
| Pastor Tony Conragan, CLP - AV & Youth Pastor | Annie Payne - Office Manager |
| Chuck Dowd - Elder | Tom Payne - Deacon |
| Jane Dykstra - Elder | Linda Robins - Elder, Thrift Shop Manager |
| Jim Dykstra - Deacon Moderator | Allie Sacci - Preschool Staff |
| Jon Fay - Choir Director | Nathalie Sacci - Assistant Preschool Director |
| Roxanne Fernandez - Preschool Staff | Ann Schofield - Financial Admin. & Clerk of Session & Elder |
| Don Ferrell - Elder | Jason Stanton - Accompanist |
| Linda Florentine - Women's Ministries Moderator | Lynne Swingley Donat - Deacon |
| Betsy Garfinkle - Deacon | Vickie Twichell - Thrift Shop Manager |
| Mary Gilbert - Christian Education Director | Debby Wiens - Pianist |
| Tim Gilbert - Elder & Custodian | Michele Young - Elder |
| Janet Howell - Preschool Staff | |
| Cindy Liggett - Preschool Director | |

AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR (AED) is available at our church office to assist in case of a heart attack for those trained in its use.



FIRST SUNDAY OF *Advent*

"Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain. And the glory of the LORD will be revealed, and all mankind together will see it. For the mouth of the LORD has spoken." Isaiah 40:4-5

The Lord's Supper
CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
December 3, 2017
10:00 A.M.

~~WE WORSHIP THE LORD~~

WELCOME & NEWS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor Jeff Ogden

Welcome to the Village Church! If you have a prayer request for the prayer team or would like more information about life here at The Village Church please fill out the blue Connection Card and place it in the offering plate. You can also update your contact information and sign up to receive our weekly news updates. We're glad you're here with us today!

OPENING PRAYER

SONGS OF WORSHIP

***Come, Now Is The Time To Worship**

Come, now is the time to worship.
Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are to worship.
Come, just as you are before your God, come.
Repeat

One day every tongue will confess You are God.
One day every knee will bow.
Still the greatest treasure remains
For those who gladly choose You now.

Come, now is the time to worship.
Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are to worship.
Come, just as you are before your God, come, come, come.