

*In Our Prayers* - The Hoopes Family grieving the death of Bryan; Cathy Baker - successful emergency back surgery; discernment for our Church visioning; missionaries serving around the world; those serving our nation and their families; those struggling during the Christmas season; discernment and God's will for our nation's leaders; people looking for housing; healing for those battling cancer.

*A THOUGHT FROM CHRISTIANS PAST... "The virgin birth has never been a major stumbling block in my struggle with Christianity; it's far less mind-boggling than the Power of all Creation stooping so low as to become one of us."*  
*Madeleine L'Engle*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**DEDICATION SUNDAY.** Today we are dedicating our time, talents and treasure to the life of our church and to its continued mission to preach the Good News of our Lord and Savior.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** For Preschool & K-5 Christmas Dinner on December 14<sup>th</sup> We need volunteers to cook, serve, and cleanup dinner for the party. Volunteers to be at the church by 5:00pm (unless you can only help with the cleanup). The dinner is a simple spaghetti, garlic bread, fruit, and salad/veggies. Please contact Anne Payne [apayne@thevillagechurchnv.org](mailto:apayne@thevillagechurchnv.org) to volunteer.

**GRIEF SHARE GROUP:** Mondays at 5:00pm. Pastor Tony is leading this group.

**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS** are decorating the Sanctuary. If you are interested in purchasing a poinsettia, 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. Forms are on the counters. Your dedication will be published in the Christmas Eve bulletin.

**SPECIAL CHRISTMAS SERVICES.** The Candlelight Christmas Eve Services are being celebrated Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. and at 7:00 p.m. These services will include the singing of new and traditional Christmas carols, and a Christmas message by Pastor Jeff, plus the lighting of candles during the singing of Silent Night, Holy Night. On Christmas morning, we will have one worship service at 10:00am.

**JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP** in the Fireside Room following the worship service.

### SAVE THE DATE!

December 14<sup>th</sup>: Preschool Christmas Party 6:00pm

December 18<sup>th</sup>: Fourth Sunday in Advent; Preschool Children Singing in Worship

December 24<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Eve Services 5:00pm and 7:00pm

December 25<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Day worship 10:00am

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*Third Sunday in Advent*  
**CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP**  
December 11, 2022  
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 email the Church at [info@thevillagechurchnv.org](mailto:info@thevillagechurchnv.org) You can also update your contact information and sign up to receive our weekly news updates.

### **OPENING PRAYER**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Isaiah 35:1-10*

### **SONGS OF WORSHIP**

*\*Your Name (Christmas Version)*

Humbly to the earth You came;  
Born into this world to save.  
God with us, Emmanuel,  
Now we adore Your Name.

*Chorus* Your Name is a strong and mighty tower;  
Your Name is a shelter like no other;  
Your Name let the nations sing it louder;  
For nothing has the power to save but Your Name!

Jesus, in Your Name we pray  
Come and fill our hearts today;  
Lord, give us strength to live for You  
And glorify Your Name

*Chorus* Your Name is a strong and mighty tower,  
Your Name is a shelter like no other,  
Your Name let the nations sing it louder;  
For nothing has the power to save but Your Name!  
But Your Name; but Your Name.

### ***Hearts Waiting (Joy To The World)***

Hearts waiting, waiting on a Savior; come, oh, come Emmanuel.  
Hear prophets speaking of the promise; come, oh, come Emmanuel.  
A light of glory filled the sky and we heard the angel choir.

*Chorus* Joy to the world! Joy to the world!  
The Lord has come, the Lord has come to us!  
Joy to the world! A Savior for all!  
The Lord has come, the Lord has come to us!

Messiah, ruler of the nations; come, oh, come Emmanuel.  
Our Redeemer, God is with us, God is for us;  
Come, oh, come Emmanuel.  
The doors of heaven open wide. Can you hear the song inside?

*Chorus*

*Bridge* And He shall reign forever and ever;  
He shall reign forever!  
And He shall reign forever and ever;  
He shall reign forevermore!

*Chorus 2* Joy to the world! Joy to the world!  
The Lord has come, the Lord has come to us!  
Joy to the world! Joy to the world!  
The Lord has come, the Lord has come to us!

*Bridge*

*Ending* Come, oh, come Emmanuel,  
Come, oh, come Emmanuel. Come.

### **THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES**

#### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Lord, we have not kept watch for you. We have occupied ourselves with our own concerns. We have not waited to find your will for us. We have not noticed the needs of the people around us. We have not acknowledged the love that has been shown to us. Forgive us for our lack of watchfulness. Help us to wait to know your will. Help us to look out for the needs of others. Help us to work and watch for your coming. In Our Lord Jesus' name, Amen.

#### **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

#### **DEDICATION OF GIFTS, OFFERINGS, AND PLEDGES**

### **~WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD~**

#### **PASTORAL PRAYERS, SILENT PRAYERS AND LORD'S PRAYER**

##### ***The Lord's Prayer***

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.

### **~WE MEET GOD THROUGH THE WORD~**

**Message:** "*Very God of Very God...*"

Pastor Jeff Ogden

**Scripture:** *John 1:1-5, 10-14*

Pages: 1645-1646

**WE AFFIRM OUR FAITH**

***The Nicene Creed***

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#### **WORSHIP SONG**

##### ***\*What Child is This?***

What child is this who, laid to rest,  
On Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,  
While shepherds watch are keeping?

*Chorus* This, this is Christ the King,  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing!  
Haste, haste to bring him laud,  
The Babe the Son of Mary!

Why lies he in such mean estate,  
Where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian fear, for sinners here  
The silent Word is pleading.

*Chorus* Nails, spear, shall pierce him through,  
The cross be borne for me, for you.  
Hail, hail, the Word made flesh,  
The Babe, the Son of Mary!

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;  
Come peasant, king, to own him.  
The King of kings salvation brings;  
Let loving hearts enthrone him.

*Chorus* Raise, raise the song on high!  
The Virgin sings her lullaby.  
Joy, joy, for Christ is born,  
The Babe, the Son of Mary

#### **\*BENEDICTION**

#### **\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

##### ***\*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*