As With Gladness Men Of Old

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Did the guiding star behold,

As with joy they hailed its light, Leading onward beaming bright,

So most gracious Lord, may we

Evermore be led to Thee.

As with joyful steps they sped To that lowly manger bed,

There to bend the knee before

Him whom heaven and earth adore,

So may we with willing feet

Ever seek Thy mercy seat.

As they offered gifts most rare

At that manger rude and bare,

So may we with holy joy,

Pure and free from sin's alloy, All our costliest treasures bring,

Christ to Thee our heavenly King.

Holy Jesus, every day

Keep us in the narrow way;

And when earthly things are past,

Bring our ransomed souls at last

Where they need no star to guide, Where no clouds Thy glory hide.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Village Christian Preschool Children

ADVENT CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Cindy Liggett

Hymn #202

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison Reading*) Kendall Hoopes Lord, we should be singing and raising the rafters because our salvation is complete! Your judgments against us have been reversed. You offer us the gift of a

new heart, with you at the very center, fending off the powers of evil. We confess that we don't hear this Good News. We do not see your presence around us. We are unhappy with our lives and long for the gifts that always seem greater under others' trees. Forgive us, Lord, for our unwillingness to accept your Good News as sufficient for all of our needs, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

~~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.

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Prayer Offering Offertory

Choir



~~WE MEET GOD THROUGH THE WORD ~~

Message: "God With Us Brings Joy"

Pastor Jeff Ogden

WORSHIP SONG

*Joy To The World

Hymn #171

Joy to the world! The Lord is come:

Let earth receive her King.

Let every heart prepare Him room,

And heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing,

And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the world! The Savior reigns:

Let men their songs employ;

While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains

Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,

Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,

Nor thorns infest the ground;

He comes to make His blessings flow

Far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found,

Far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace

And makes the nations prove

The glories of His righteousness

And wonders of His love, and wonders of His love,

And wonders, wonders of His love.

*BENEDICTION

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

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Hymn #169 V. 3

O come, Thou Wisdom from on high,

And order all things far and nigh;

To us the path of knowledge show,

And cause us in her ways to go.

Thank you for silencing your cell phones during worship

Chorus Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel, Shall come to thee, O Israel!

USHERS WORSHIP ASSISTANT

Keith & Marji Hansen Kendall Hoopes Cindy Liggett

ADVENT CHILDREN'S MESSAGE *Those who are able will please stand.

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In Our Prayers: Doug Baker - upcoming knee surgery; Roland Schumann - healing; Tom & Lili Arpino - loss of their son Brandon; Advent Season; Cheryl & Don's Hollingsworth grandson - healing; homeless; travel mercies; those affected by the fires in California.

A THOUGHT FROM CHRISTIANS PAST..."I coined the word 'eucatastrophe': the sudden happy turn in a story which pierces you with a joy that brings tears ...the Resurrection was the greatest 'eucatastrophe' possible...and produces that essential emotion: Christian joy which produces tears because it is qualitatively so like sorrow, because it comes from those places where Joy and Sorrow are at one."

J. R. R. Tolkien



ANNOUNCEMENTS

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS. Including everyone who helped with the packing and distribution of the food boxes. Thanks for being the hands and feet of Jesus!

THANK YOU FOR SHOPPING AT OUR THRIFT SHOP. Thank you to everyone who shopped on our special open house day on December 2nd and other days of the year. It was a success and all proceeds go to fund local, national, and international missions.

VILLAGE CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL will be singing in church today during the 10:00 a.m. service.

JOIN US for fellowship, coffee, juice, and good things to eat in the Fireside Room following the 10:00 a.m. worship service. Come and meet someone you've never met before!

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS SERVICES. The Candlelight Christmas Eve Services are being celebrated Monday, December 24th at 5:00 p.m. and at 7:00 p.m. These services will include the singing of Christmas carols, special music by our choir, and a Christmas message by Pastor Jeff, and the lighting of candles during the last song.

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS. Our Advent devotional is available on the counter in the Narthex. 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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED. We are seeking volunteers to teach Sunday school. Mary Gilbert the Christian Education Director has everything already prepared - the lesson, craft, and all of the handouts - and sets up the room; all you have to do is come and lead the class! Our classes are divided by age: PreK thru Kindergarten and Elementary (grades 1-5). Please pray about God touching your heart to help with this very important ministry. This is a great opportunity to serve. If you would like to volunteer please contact Mary at mgilbert@thevillagechurchnv.org.

2019 VILLAGE CHURCH ADULT MISSION TRIP OPPORTUNITIES: Samaritan's Purse Mission Trip: Huston, Texas – February 24th- March 2nd YouthCompass Mission Trip: Romania – April 19th -28th Belize Dental Mission Trip: Seine Bight, Belize – May 17th-25th Please contact the church office if you are interested in learning more info.

PRESCHOOL INFO: The preschool will be closed from Monday, December 24th through Tuesday, January 1st.

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.



SERMON NOTES

SAVE THE DATE!

- December 17th: Women's Advent Bible Study
- December 19th: Session Meeting; Youth Christmas Party
- December 23rd: 4th Sunday in Advent
- December 24th: Christmas Eve Candlelight Services at 5:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.
- December 24th- January 1st: Preschool Closed
- December 30th: No Choir

MINISTRY OF THE WEEK

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	December 16, 2018 - December 23, 2018
SUNDAY	
8 & 10 a.m.	Worship Service in the Sanctuary
8:15 a.m.	Choir Practice - Fireside Room
9:15 a.m.	Praise Team Practice - Sanctuary
10:15 a.m.	Sunday School
MONDAY	Office Closed
6:30 p.m.	Women's Advent Bible Study - Fireside Room
TUESDAY	
$2:00 \ p.m.$	Staff Meeting - Pastor's Study
6:30 p.m.	Incline Small Group - Jim & Jane Dykstra's House
WEDNESDAY	
6:30 a.m.	Christ, Coffee, and Cinnamon Rolls Men's Study - Fireside Room
10:00 a.m.	Intercessory Prayer - Room A
4:00 p.m.	Session Meeting - Pastor's Study
6 to 8 p.m.	Upper Room Group - Middle School and High School - Y/R
THURSDAY	
7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting - Fireside Room
SUNDAY	4 th Sunday in Advent
8 & 10 a.m.	Worship Service in the Sanctuary
8:15 a.m.	Choir Practice - Fireside Room
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Alfredo Amezaga - Elder Miriella Melara - Deacon Doug Baker - Deacon Marilyn Merritt - Deacon Lynn Bandaruk - Deacon Kira Neil - Preschool Staff Ted Bandaruk - Elder Darlene Nilsson - Elder Patti Boxeth - Deacon Rev. Jeff Ogden - Pastor Gary Boxeth - Elder Vicki Ogden - Deacon Stephanie Conragan - Preschool Staff Annie Payne - Office Manager Pastor Tony Conragan, CLP - AV & Linda Robins - Thrift Shop Manager Youth Pastor Allie Sacci - Preschool Staff Jim Dykstra - Deacon Moderator Ann Schofield - Financial Administration, Jon Fay - Choir Director Clerk of Session, Elder Don Ferrell - Elder Jason Stanton - Accompanist Betsy Garfinkle - Deacon Lynne Swingley Donat - Deacon Mary Gilbert - Christian Education Director Vickie Twichell - Thrift Shop Manager Tim Gilbert - Elder & Custodian Paul Twichell - Elder Patti Hanczarek- Preschool Staff Debby Wiens - Pianist Tasia Irons - Preschool Staff Michele Young - Elder, Treasurer, Cindy Liggett - Preschool Director Women's Ministries Moderator



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For more information, see our website:
www.TheVillageChurchNV.org or www.eco-pres.org.





CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP December 16, 2018 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

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Belize Dental Mission Slideshow

SONGS OF WORSHIP

*Hallelujah (Your Love is Amazing)

Your love is amazing, steady and unchanging; Your love is a mountain, firm beneath my feet. Your love is a mystery, how You gently lift me; When I am surrounded. Your love carries me.

Chorus Hallelujah, Hallelujah,

Hallelujah, Your love makes me sing! Hallelujah, Hallelujah,

Hallelujah, Your love makes me sing!

Your love is surprising, I can feel it rising, All the joy that's growing, deep inside of me. Every time I see You all Your goodness shines through, And I can feel this God song, rising up in me.

Chorus Hallelujah, Hallelujah,

Hallelujah, Your love makes me sing! Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Your love makes me sing! Repeat