#### I Will Boast In Christ

All I have because of Jesus; All this promise - won for me; When He paid the highest ransom, Once for always for my freedom.

Chorus I will boast in Christ alone;
His righteousness and not my own;
I will cling to Christ my hope;
His mercy reigns now and forever.

Love will never lose its power; All my failures could not erase; Now I walk within Your favour; Grace unending, my salvation.

Chorus

Bridge What can wash away my sin;
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
What can make me whole again;
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Chorus

Ending O precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know
Nothing but the blood of Jesus,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel. That mourns in lonely exile here. Until the Son of God appear.

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

O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer Our spirits by Thine advent here; Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, And death's dark shadows put to flight.

Chorus

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.

Chorus

O come, desire of nations, bind In one the hearts of all mankind; Bid Thou our sad divisions cease, And be Thyself our king of peace.



#### ADVENT CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

# PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Bill Ferrall Mirella Melara

Lord Christ, we confess our willingness to be loved but also our reluctance to love. We confess our readiness to accept your forgiving love but also our refusal to forgive. We confess our eagerness to grasp your offer of redeeming love but also our resistance to follow you without question. In this Advent time, forgive us our failure to respond as we should. Come to us anew, and by your grace, assist us to receive you with joy, with gratitude, with obedience, and with love, as you have loved us. Even so: come, Lord Jesus. 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: "The Coming Jubilee"Pastor Jeff OgdenScripture: Isaiah 61:1-11Pew Bible Pages 1157-1159

# **WORSHIP SONG**

Hymn #169

#### \*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.)

## \*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 Craig & Michele Young WORSHIP ASSISTANT Mirella Melara

ADVENT CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Bill Ferrall

In Our Prayers: Pastor Jeff and family - loss of his dad Bruce; Tim Gilbert's daughter Tiffany - healing from car accident; Vicki Ogden - loss of grandmother;

daughter Tiffany - healing from car accident; Vicki Ogden - loss of grandmother; the homeless; Veterans; those serving our nation and their families; loss of loved ones; the Advent Season.

### **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!

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 Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. and at 7:30 p.m. These services will include the singing of Christmas carols and some newer songs, special music by our choir, and a Christmas message by Pastor Jeff, and the lighting of candles during the last song. Also, we will be having a Christmas Eve regular morning service on Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

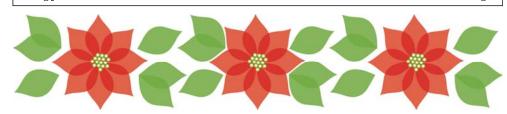
SPECIAL REQUEST. The Church is looking to borrow a golf cart or an ATV for our Christmas Eve services to help shuttle attenders that have to park further down. Please contact the Church office if you can help or if you have any questions.

INVITE A FRIEND AND BE A FRIEND. This is the challenge for each of us during Advent and Christmas. Our worship services during the Christmas season are wonderful times to invite friends to worship. And, of course, there is our traditional Christmas Eve Candle Light services at 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Sunday evening, December 24<sup>th</sup>. People are more open to an invitation to attend church during Christmas and Easter than any other time of year. Be praying for who might ask to come with you and then ask them. This the "Invite a Friend" part of the challenge. But the "Be a Friend" part is to treat everyone who comes through the doors of our church as a friend. Welcome them and treat them as if they were that special person you invited.

PRESCHOOL INFO: The preschool will be closed from Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup> through Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup>.

A THOUGHT FROM CHRISTIANS PAST..."If you and I shall, like the believing shepherds, watch and long for His appearing, one day we, too, shall hear a music grander and sweeter even than the song of angels, when the great Composer shall transpose all the strains of earth from the minor into the major, when the wail of nature shall give way to the glad harmony of the everlasting jubilee."

A. E. Kittredge



#### ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

JOIN US FOR A JOURNEY THROUGH THE STORY! The Story is a book of selections from the Bible, arranged chronologically, that reads like a novel. During this unique 31-week experience, every member of the family reads their own version of The Story. Come discover together with us how our story is found in God's story! The Story launch is on Sunday, January 21st.

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 signup sheet that is on the counter in the church Narthex.

UNABLE TO ATTEND A WORSHIP SERVICE? Pastor Jeff's Sunday sermon is recorded each Sunday, Check out our website at http://www.thevillagechurchny.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.

FRESH CHRISTMAS TREES for a good cause. The Fellowship of Christian athletes in Carson City are selling Christmas trees at their lot across from the Ormsby House in Carson City. The lot is open from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. until December 23rd.

# SERMON NOTES

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 20<sup>th</sup>: Youth Christmas Party
- December 24th: Christmas Eve Morning Service at 10:00 a.m. No Choir; Christmas Eve Candlelight Services at 5:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.
- December 25<sup>th</sup>- January 1<sup>st</sup>: Preschool Closed
- December 31<sup>st</sup>: Tony Conragan Preaching
- January 1st: New Year's Day; Office Closed
- January 7<sup>th</sup>: Lord's Supper; Tony Conragan Preaching; Un-decorating the Church; Potluck
- January 21st: The Story Launch



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#### /EEK

MINISTRY OF THE WEEK
December 17, 2017 - December 24, 2017
Worship Service - Sanctuary
Choir Practice - Fireside Room
Praise Team Practice - Sanctuary
Sunday School
Special Ops Outreach
Office Closed
Staff Meeting - Pastor's Study
Incline Small Group - Jim and Jane Dykstra's Home
Christ, Coffee, and Cinnamon Rolls Men's Study - Fit
Intercessory Prayer - Pastor's Study

6 to 8 p.m. **THURSDAY** 

3:00 p.m.

AL-ANON Meeting - Room A  $7:00 \ p.m.$ 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting - Fireside Room

**SUNDAY** Fourth Sunday in Advent and Christmas Eve

10:00 a.m. Worship Service in the Sanctuary - Pastor Jeff Ogden Preaching

Youth Girls' Bible Study - Fireside Room

Message: "The Spirt of Adoption" Scripture: Galatians 4:4-7

Upper Room Group - Middle School and High School - Y/R

Men's Study - Fireside Room

9:15 a.m. Praise Team Practice - Sanctuary

10:15 a.m. Sunday School

Mary Gilbert - Christian Education Director

Tim Gilbert - Elder & Custodian

Janet Howell - Preschool Staff

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services 5:30 & 7:30 p.m.



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#### 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
Iane Dykstra - Elder	Linda Robins - Elder, Thrift Shop Manager
Iim Dykstra - Deacon Moderator	Allie Sacci - Preschool Staff
Ion Fay - Choir Director	Nathalie Sacci - Assistant Preschool Directo
Roxanne Fernandez - Preschool Staff	Ann Schofield - Financial Admin. &
Don Ferrell - Elder	Clerk of Session & Elder
Linda Florentine - Women's Ministries Moderator	Jason Stanton - Accompanist
Betsy Garfinkle - Deacon	Lynne Swingley Donat - Deacon

Vickie Twichell - Thrift Shop Manager

Debby Wiens - Pianist

Michele Young - Elder

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.





# **CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP December 17, 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

\*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.