

*In Our Prayers* - The Holt Family in celebration of the birth of Helen; 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.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THE ROSE** at the front of the Sanctuary is in celebration of the birth of Helen Lavelle, newborn daughter of Ashely and Bri Holt.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** today following the 10:00 a.m. worship service. All Covenant Partners of The Village Church are encouraged to join us for a very short Congregational Meeting to elect Church Officers.

**ADVENT BIBLE STUDY** is meeting on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room. Join us for the last session on December 21<sup>st</sup>.

**GRIEF SHARE GROUP** Mondays at 5:00 p.m. 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.

**PRESCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED** for Christmas/New Years break from December 23<sup>rd</sup> through January 1<sup>st</sup>. The Church office will be open.

**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 10:00 a.m.

**ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup> AND JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>** we will only be having one service at 10:00 a.m., online and in-person. There will be no 8:00 a.m. service for those Sundays.

**ANNUAL REPORTS** from our various ministry areas within our church are due in our Church Office by Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>. Please provide your reports electronically either on flash drive or e-mail to the church office at [apayne@thevillagechurchnv.org](mailto:apayne@thevillagechurchnv.org).

**JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP** in the Fireside Room following the worship service and short congregational meeting.

### SAVE THE DATE!

December 21<sup>st</sup>: Session Meeting

December 23<sup>rd</sup> - January 1<sup>st</sup>: Preschool Closed

December 24<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Eve Services 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

December 25<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Day worship 10:00 a.m.

January 1<sup>st</sup>: New Year's Day worship at 10:00 a.m.



*Fourth Sunday in Advent*  
**CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP**  
December 18, 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.

#### **PRELUDE**

*Hearts Waiting*

Praise Team

#### **OPENING PRAYER**

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Isaiah 40:1-11*

Linda Robins

#### **SONGS OF WORSHIP**

##### *\* He Shall Reign Forevermore*

In the bleak mid-winter all creation groans  
For a world in darkness, frozen like a stone;  
Light is breaking in a stable for a throne.

*Chorus* (And) He shall reign forevermore, forevermore  
And He shall reign forevermore, forevermore  
Unto us a Child is born,  
The King of kings and Lord of lords;  
And He shall reign forevermore, forevermore.

If I were a wise man, I would travel far;  
If I were a shepherd, I would do my part;  
But poor as I am, I will give to Him my heart.

*Chorus*

*Bridge* Here within a manger lies the One who made the starry skies,  
This baby born for sacrifice: Christ the Messiah!  
Into our hopes, into our fears, the Savior of the world appears,  
The promise of eternal years: Christ the Messiah!

*End*

He shall reign forevermore, forevermore  
And He shall reign forevermore, forevermore  
He shall reign forevermore, forevermore.  
And He shall reign forevermore, forevermore.  
Unto us a Child is born,  
The King of kings and Lord of lords;  
And He shall reign forevermore, forevermore.

## THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God who inhabits eternity but dwells with those who are of a humble and contrite spirit: before you and our Lord Jesus Christ we confess our sins. We have ignored the presence of your Spirit. We have failed to look for the return of our Savior and Judge. We have been blind to your coming in the suffering of the hungry, the exiled, the destitute, the oppressed, the sick, and the imprisoned. Help us forsake evil. In your great goodness put away our offenses and cleanse us from our sin. for Jesus' sake. 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.

~~WE MEET GOD THROUGH THE WORD~~

Message: "He Was Crucified..."

Pastor Jeff Ogden

Scripture: Colossians 1:15-20

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WE AFFIRM OUR FAITH

*The Nicene Creed*

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**A THOUGHT FROM CHRISTIANS PAST...** "The Word of God, Jesus Christ, on account of his great love for mankind, became what we are in order to make us what he is himself."

*St. Irenaeus, from Against Heresies*

## WORSHIP SONG

### *\*King of Kings*

In the darkness we were waiting, without hope, without light  
Till from Heaven You came running there was mercy in Your eyes.  
To fulfil the law and prophets to a virgin came the Word,  
From a throne of endless glory to a cradle in the dirt.

*Chorus* Praise the Father, praise the Son,  
Praise the Spirit, three in one;  
God of Glory, Majesty,  
Praise forever to the King of Kings.

To reveal the kingdom coming and to reconcile the lost,  
To redeem the whole creation, You did not despise the cross  
For even in Your suffering, You saw to the other side  
Knowing this was our salvation, Jesus, for our sake, You died.

*Chorus*

And the morning that You rose, all of heaven held its breath  
Till that stone was moved for good, for the Lamb had conquered death  
And the dead rose from their tombs, and the angels stood in awe,  
For the souls of all who'd come to the Father are restored.

And the Church of Christ was born, when the Spirit lit the flame;  
Now this Gospel truth of old shall not kneel, shall not faint.  
By His blood and in His Name, in His freedom, I am free,  
For the love of Jesus Christ who has resurrected me.

*Chorus*

### \*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*

