

SAVE THE DATE!

December 19th: Fourth Sunday in Advent; Preschool Children Singing
December 24th: Christmas Eve Candlelight Services 5:00pm & 7:00pm
December 26th: Sunday service at only 10am online and in-person.
No 8:00am service for this Sunday
December 31st: New Year's Eve Prayer Vigil 9:00am 8:00pm.
January 9th: Adult Sunday School Class - Growing in Christ
January 10th: Reno Small Group Meet & Greet
January 12th: Annual Reports Due to Church Office

OUR PRAYERS: Alder Crowther - healing from pneumonia; Steve Jensen - healing; Karen Pennacchio - comfort & peace; Michael (Friend of Tom Payne) - healing from motorcycle crash; Church Visioning; Advent Season; Everyone with cancer; Everyone who is grieving the loss of a loved one.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICES at 5pm & 7pm In-Person
Worship in the Sanctuary & Live-Stream via YouTube https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYxkLpF6IPmZSf5b_-SJEXA

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS. Each year we look forward to the beauty the poinsettia flowers bring to our Sanctuary during this 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.

THANK YOU SO MUCH to all of the volunteers that helped with the Preschool & K-5 Christmas Party and the Winter Warmth & Wellness Events!

ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26TH we will only be having one service, the 10:00am service, online and in-person. (No 8:00am service for Sunday, December 26th)

NEW YEAR'S EVE PRAYER VIGIL Friday, December 31st from 9:00am to 8:00pm. Come and pray for the church, our community, our nation and our world as we look toward a new year.

ANNUAL REPORTS from our various ministry areas within our church are due in our Church Office by Wednesday, January 12th. Please provide your reports electronically either on flash drive or e-mail to the church office at apayne@thevillagechurchnv.org.

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

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS - GROWING IN CHRIST will begin on Sunday, January 9th at 9:10am in the Fireside Room. This class will be led by Elder Darlene Johnson.

SAVE THE DATE: Alpha Course and Dinner Starting on February 9, 2022.



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.



CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
December 19, 2021 10:00 A.M.

~WE WORSHIP THE LORD ~

PRELUDE SONG

Praise Team

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 You can also update your contact information and sign up to receive our weekly news updates.

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 9:2-7

Don Ferrell

SONGS OF WORSHIP

****Come Thou Long Expected Jesus***

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 ev'ry nation, Joy of ev'ry 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.

Bridge You draw the hearts of shepherds; You draw the hearts of kings;
Even as a baby, You were changing ev'rything;
You called me to Your kingdom; before Your lips could speak,
And even as a baby, You were reaching out for me.
And now we are awaiting the day of Your return;
When ev'ry eye will see You As heaven comes to earth;
Until the sky is opened, until the trumpet sounds,
The bride is getting ready - the Church is singing out.

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.
Come Thou long expected King.

VILLAGE CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL PERFORMANCE

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Cindy Liggett

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Heavenly Father, it's the Sunday before Christmas and before we can celebrate the birth of our Lord, we must confess to you that we are sinful people. We know that you have set aside a day when you will judge all humanity, but we have lived casual and self-centered lives. We confess that we have not expected your kingdom and ignored your promised judgment. We don't take you seriously enough and we take ourselves far too seriously. In your mercy, forgive us. Set our hearts on fire for your truth and grant us wisdom to seek things that will endure when Christ comes to judge the world. We give you all praise and glory Eternal Father. In Christ, 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: "Huios: Son of God and Son of Man"

Pastor Jeff Ogden

Scripture: Luke 1:26-38

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A THOUGHT FROM CHRISTIANS PAST... "It is good to be children sometimes, and never better than Christmas, when its mighty Founder was a child Himself."

Charles Dickens

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*

