

### ***The Lion and the Lamb***

He's coming on the clouds, kings and kingdoms will bow down  
And every knee will bow, as broken hearts declare His praise  
For who can stop the Lord Almighty?

*Chorus* Our God is the Lion, the Lion of Judah  
He's roaring with power and fighting our battles  
And every knee will bow before You  
Our God is the Lamb, the Lamb that was slain  
For the sins of the world, His blood breaks the chains  
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb  
Every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb

So open up the gates, make way before the King of kings  
Our God who calls the saved is here to set the captives free  
Who can stop the Lord Almighty?

*Chorus*  
*Bridge* Who can stop the Lord Almighty?  
Who can stop the Lord Almighty?  
Who can stop the Lord Almighty?  
Who can stop the Lord Almighty?  
Who can stop the Lord?

*Chorus*  
*Ending* And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb  
Every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb

***Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*** Hymn #168  
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 every nation,  
Joy of every 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.

**ADVENT CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** Darlene Nilsson

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*Unison Reading*) Linda Robins

God of the future, you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule. We confess that we have not expected your kingdom, for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment. We accept lies as truth, preferring to hide in the darkness rather than walk in your light. We have coveted what is not ours, been prideful and angry, disrespectful towards authority, and ungrateful towards your love. In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your lordship, and to seek things that will endure when Christ comes to judge the world. In his name we pray. 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 Hope"** Pastor Jeff Ogden

### **~~ SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER~~**

#### **INVITATION**

#### **SERVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP**

#### **WORSHIP SONG**

##### ***\*Go Tell It On The Mountains***

*Chorus* Go tell it on the mountains,  
Over the hills and everywhere;  
Go tell it on the mountains  
That Jesus Christ is born!

While shepherds kept their watching O'er silent flocks by night,  
Behold throughout the heavens there shone a holy light

##### *Chorus*

The shepherds feared and trembled when lo! Above the earth  
Rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth.

##### *Chorus*

Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,  
And brought us God's salvation that blessed Christmas morn.

##### *Chorus*

#### **PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKSGIVING**

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

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

##### ***O Come, O Come Emmanuel***

Hymn #169 V. 1

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!

##### **USHER**

Joannie McNulty

##### **WORSHIP ASSISTANT**

Linda Robins

##### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Darlene Nilsson

**COMMUNION SERVERS** Rob & Linda Robins; Joannie McNulty; Tim Gilbert

**FLOWERS** In Celebration of Chuck Dowd's Birthday - Sue Maturlo

*\*Those who are able will please stand.*

*Thank you for silencing your cell phones during worship*

CCLI License No. 508305

*In Our Prayers:* Advent Season; Lynne Donat - healing; all people affected by the fires in California; Adam Perrell; healing; Connor - healing; Cheryl & Don's Hollingsworth grandson - healing; travel mercies; Veterans; those serving our nation and their families.

### **THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**WE ARE CELEBRATING OUR LORD'S SUPPER** this morning. Membership is not a requirement to share in communion at The Village Church. All those who repent and profess faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and baptized children being raised in the faith are invited to participate in this Sacrament. If you are not able to receive communion, please use this time to meditate on one of the following prayers.

#### **A PRAYER OF PERSONS SEARCHING FOR TRUTH**

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and leads to the life you promise. Amen.

#### **A PRAYER OF BELIEF**

Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SPECIAL DEACON FUND OFFERINGS** are received each Sunday we share in our Lord's Supper. Funds received are used to assist members of The Village Church family and others in times of serious need--such as medical emergencies. One of the ministries supported through these funds is our Food Closet.

**FELIZ NAVIDAD POTLUCK - TODAY!** We will gather in the Fireside Room and Patio following the 10:00 a.m. worship service for a potluck lunch. Please join us for good food and fellowship.

**DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS - TODAY!** The Advent season and Christmas are just around the corner. We will be decorating the church today after the potluck, the first Sunday of Advent. Join us as we prepare the Sanctuary and church for Advent and Christmas.

**THRIFT SHOP CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE AND OPEN HOUSE** is today from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at The Village Christian Thrift Store. Shop for gifts & Christmas décor! Winter clothing & snow gear also available! Come check it out! There will be food and drink to enjoy as well!

**WOMEN'S ADVENT BIBLE STUDY** starts Monday, December 3rd. This study is being led by Cindy Liggett. It will be on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room.

**PEARLAND TEXAS MISSION TRIP MEETING - NEXT SUNDAY.** Pearland Texas mission trip meeting Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup> in Room A at 11:30 a.m.

**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.

*A THOUGHT FROM CHRISTIANS PAST... "He came down from heaven' can almost be transposed into 'Heaven drew earth up into it,' and locality, limitation, sleep, sweat, footsore weariness, frustration, pain, doubt, and death are, from before all worlds, known by God from within. The pure light walks the earth; the darkness, received into the heart of Deity, is there swallowed up. Where, except in uncreated light, can the darkness be drowned?"*  
C. S. Lewis



ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

**ADVENT DEVOTIONALS.** Our Advent devotional is available on the counter in the Narthex. Pick one up today!

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR PRESCHOOL CHRISTMAS DINNER.** The Preschool needs your help for their annual Christmas play and dinner on Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 p.m. We need volunteers to cook, serve, and cleanup dinner for the party. We would like at least five volunteers and need to be at the church by 5:00 p.m. (unless you can only help with the cleanup). The dinner is a simple spaghetti, garlic bread, and salad. If possible we would like the volunteers to eat dinner with the preschool families. Please contact Annie Payne at [apayne@thevillagechurchnv.org](mailto:apayne@thevillagechurchnv.org) if you would like to volunteer or have any questions.

**CHRISTMAS FOOD BOXES STARTS NEXT SUNDAY.** The Christmas Food Distribution is one of the ways The Village Church gives back to the community. The Deacons are working to offer Christmas food boxes. The schedule is as follows:

- Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m.: We will be setting up the Church's Fireside Room for food box packing including making the boxes.
- Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.: We will be packing food boxes in the Fireside Room and can use help. Pizza provided!
- Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.: Food box distribution. We can use help hosting applicants and loading food boxes into cars.

**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](mailto:mgilbert@thevillagechurchnv.org).

**JOIN OUR CHURCH CHOIR!** If you love to sing, and would love to join our music ministry, then we have a place for you in our Choir! Our wonderful choir is looking for all voice types: sopranos, altos, tenors, baritones. The group is led by Jon Fay who is a patient, fun, and talented Choir Director! We practice on Sunday mornings at 8:15 a.m. Visiting friends and family members are always welcome to join us, too! Also, if you play brass, strings, or woodwinds we are always looking for instrumentalists to enhance the music. So pray on this ministry and see if you feel led to lift your voice in our Choir. We welcome you. Please contact Jon Fay or the Church Office for more information.

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

**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.

SAVE THE DATE!

- December 5<sup>th</sup>: Preschool Christmas Program and Dinner
- December 9<sup>th</sup>: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent; Deacon's Food Box Setup; Pearland Texas Mission Trip Meeting
- December 12<sup>th</sup>: Deacon's Food Box Packing
- December 15<sup>th</sup>: Deacon's Christmas Foodbox Distribution; Christmas Sing-along
- December 16<sup>th</sup>: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent; Preschool Christmas Singing during 10am service
- December 19<sup>th</sup>: Session Meeting
- December 23<sup>rd</sup>: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent;
- December 24<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Eve Candlelight Services at 5:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.
- December 24<sup>th</sup>- January 1<sup>st</sup>: Preschool Closed
- December 30<sup>th</sup>: No Choir

**MINISTRY OF THE WEEK**

December 2, 2018 - December 9, 2018

SUNDAY

8 & 10 a.m.  
8:15 a.m.  
9:15 a.m.  
10:15 a.m.  
11:30 a.m.  
12:00 p.m.  
2 to 4 p.m.

Worship Service in the Sanctuary  
Choir Practice - Fireside Room  
Praise Team Practice - Sanctuary  
Sunday School  
Feliz Navidad Potluck Lunch - Fireside Room  
Decorate the Church for Christmas  
Thrift Shop Open House & Christmas Boutique - Thrift Shop

MONDAY

6:30 p.m.

Office Closed  
Women's Advent Bible Study - Fireside Room

TUESDAY

2:00 p.m.  
6:30 p.m.

Staff Meeting - Pastor's Study  
Incline Small Group - Jim & Jane Dykstra's House

WEDNESDAY

6:30 a.m.  
10:00 a.m.  
6:00 p.m.  
6 to 8 p.m.

Christ, Coffee, and Cinnamon Rolls Men's Study - Fireside Room  
Intercessory Prayer - Room A  
Preschool Christmas Program & Dinner - Sanctuary & F/R  
Upper Room Group - Middle School and High School - Y/R

THURSDAY

5:00 p.m.

AA Christmas Party - Fireside Room

SUNDAY

8 & 10 a.m.  
8:15 a.m.  
9:15 a.m.  
10:15 a.m.  
11:30 a.m.  
11:30 a.m.

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent  
Worship Service in the Sanctuary  
Choir Practice - Fireside Room  
Praise Team Practice - Sanctuary  
Sunday School  
Christmas Food Box Setup - Fireside Room  
Pearland Texas Mission Trip Meeting - Room A

*The Village Church*  
736 McCourry Blvd., Incline Village, Nevada 89451  
Phone 775.831.0784 Fax 775.831.0798  
Church Website: [www.TheVillageChurchNV.org](http://www.TheVillageChurchNV.org)  
Pastor Jeff Ogden [pastorjeff@TheVillageChurchNV.org](mailto:pastorjeff@TheVillageChurchNV.org)  
Village Christian Preschool 775.831.1184  
Preschool Website: [www.VillagePreschoolNV.org](http://www.VillagePreschoolNV.org)

Church Leadership:


Alfredo Amezaga - Elder  
Doug Baker - Deacon  
Lynn Bandaruk - Deacon  
Ted Bandaruk - Elder  
Patti Boxeth - Deacon  
Gary Boxeth - Elder  
Stephanie Conragan - Preschool Staff  
Pastor Tony Conragan, CLP - AV &

Youth Pastor

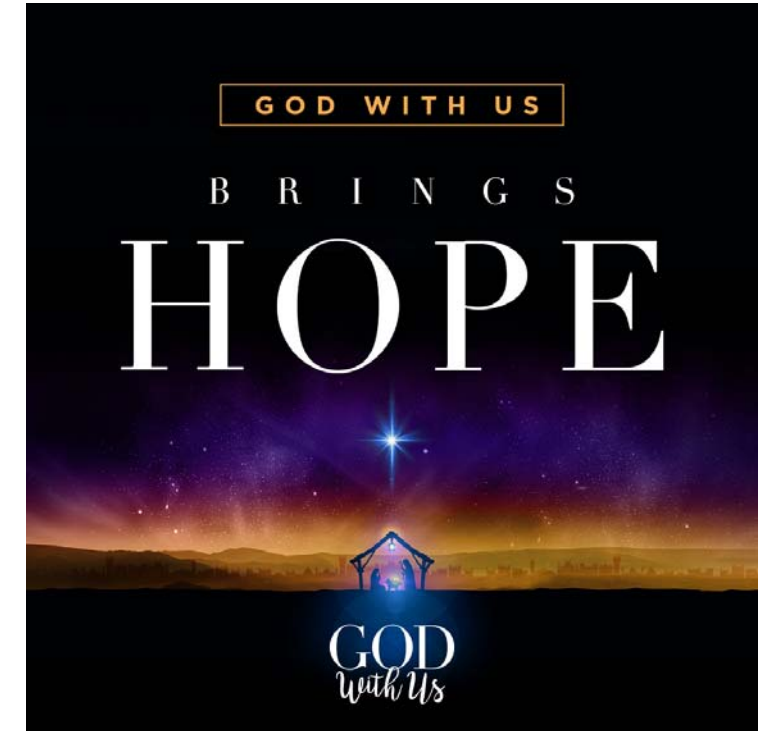
Jim Dykstra - Deacon Moderator  
Jon Fay - Choir Director  
Don Ferrell - Elder  
Betsy Garfinkle - Deacon  
Mary Gilbert - Christian Education Director  
Tim Gilbert - Elder & Custodian  
Patti Hanczarek - Preschool Staff  
Tasia Irons - Preschool Staff  
Cindy Liggett - Preschool Director

Miriella Melara - Deacon  
Marilyn Merritt - Deacon  
Kira Neil - Preschool Staff  
Darlene Nilsson - Elder  
Rev. Jeff Ogden - Pastor  
Vicki Ogden - Deacon  
Annie Payne - Office Manager  
Linda Robins - Thrift Shop Manager  
Allie Sacci - Preschool Staff  
Ann Schofield - Financial Administration,  
Clerk of Session, Elder

Jason Stanton - Accompanist  
Lynne Swingley Donat - Deacon  
Vickie Twichell - Thrift Shop Manager  
Paul Twichell - Elder  
Debby Wiens - Pianist  
Michele Young - Elder, Treasurer,  
Women's Ministries Moderator



**The Village Church is affiliated with ECO:  
A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians.**  
For more information, see our website:  
[www.TheVillageChurchNV.org](http://www.TheVillageChurchNV.org) or [www.eco-pres.org](http://www.eco-pres.org).



*The Lord's Supper*  
**CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP**  
December 2, 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**

**SONGS OF WORSHIP**

*\*Come, Now Is The Time To Worship*

Come, now is the time to worship.  
Come, now is the time to give your heart.  
Come, just as you are to worship.  
Come, just as you are before your God, come.  
*Repeat*

One day every tongue will confess You are God.  
One day every knee will bow.  
Still the greatest treasure remains  
For those who gladly choose You now.

Come, now is the time to worship.  
Come, now is the time to give your heart.  
Come, just as you are to worship.  
Come, just as you are before your God, come, come, come.