

**\*Glory (Let There Be Peace)**

One star burns in the darkness,  
Shines with the promise – Emmanuel;  
One child, born in the stillness,  
Living within us – Emmanuel.

*Chorus* We're singing glory, glory -  
Let there be peace, let there be peace;  
Singing glory, glory -  
Let there be peace, let it start in me.

One voice speaks for the voiceless,  
Hope for the hopeless – Emmanuel;  
One love brings us together,  
Now and forever – Emmanuel.

*Chorus*

*Bridge* Do not be afraid,  
His love is strong enough to save us.  
Nothing stands in the way,  
His love is strong enough to lead us.  
*Repeat*

*Ending* We're singing glory, glory -  
Let there be peace, let there be peace;  
Singing glory, glory -  
Let there be peace, let it start in me;  
We're singing: glory, glory -  
Let there be peace, let there be peace;  
Singing: glory, glory -  
Let there be peace, let it start in me;  
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**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE AND ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING**

Don Ferrell

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Linda Robins

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 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.

**PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS**

**Offertory Prayer**

**Offering**

**Offertory**

Choir

**~WE MEET GOD THROUGH THE WORD~**

**Message: “Mary’s Song”**

Pastor Jeff Ogden

**Scriptures: Luke 1:39-56**

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**WORSHIP SONG**

**\*God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen**

God rest you merry, gentlemen  
Let nothing you dismay  
Remember, Christ, our Savior  
Was born on Christmas day  
To save us all from Satan's power  
When we were gone astray.

*Chorus* O tidings of comfort and joy,  
Comfort and joy  
O tidings of comfort and joy!

From God our heavenly Father  
A blessed angel came;  
And unto certain shepherds  
Brought tidings of the same:  
How that in Bethlehem was born  
The Son of God by name.

*Chorus* O tidings of comfort and joy,  
Comfort and joy  
O tidings of comfort and joy!

Now to the Lord sing praises,  
All you within this place,  
And with true love and brotherhood  
Each other now embrace;  
This holy tide of Christmas  
Doth bring redeeming grace.

*Chorus* O tidings of comfort and joy,  
Comfort and joy  
O tidings of comfort and joy!

**\*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.*

USHERS  
WORSHIP ASSISTANT  
CHILDREN’S MESSAGE  
POINSETTIAS

Nancy and John Manter  
Linda Robins  
Don Ferrell  
From our Church Family

*In Our Prayers:* Bill Leonard - healing from back pain; Mary Gilbert’s brother John - healing; Annie, Tom and Max Payne - praise for the birth of Rex; Doug Baker - continued healing; Renee Taylor - death of her brother; John Morris - healing; 2020 mission trips; those suffering with cancer; missionaries; those serving our nation and their families; our nation’s leaders; the persecuted church.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**JOIN US for fellowship, coffee, juice, and good things to eat in the Fireside Room following the 10:00 a.m. worship service.**

**SPECIAL CHRISTMAS SERVICES.** The Candlelight Christmas Eve Services will be celebrated Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. These services will include the singing of Christmas carols, the reading of God’s Word, a Christmas message by Pastor Jeff and the lighting of candles during the singing of Silent Night.

**NEW YEAR’S EVE PRAYER VIGIL:** We will be organizing a twelve hour prayer vigil on New Year’s Eve from noon to midnight. A sign up sheet is on the counter in the church entryway. Join us as we pray over our church, our nation, and our world as we look forward to the New Year.

**PRESCHOOL AND CHURCH OFFICE CLOSURES:** The preschool will be closed from Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup> through Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>. The church office will be closed on December 25<sup>th</sup> and January 1<sup>st</sup>.

**SOUTH OF THE BORDER POTLUCK on Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>.** We will gather for a potluck with a Mexican theme. The church will be providing yummy tamales. Please bring your favorite Mexican dish, side dish or dessert. Join us for good food and fellowship.

**UN-DECORATING the Church.** On January 5<sup>th</sup> following the potluck we will be taking down the Christmas decorations around the church. Your help would be appreciated in getting this task done quickly.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY** is taking break until January 8<sup>th</sup>. See you in the New Year!

**ANNUAL REPORTS** from our various ministry areas within our church are due in our Church Office by Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>. Please provide your reports electronically either on flash drive or e-mail to the church office at [apavne@thevillagechurchnv.org](mailto:apavne@thevillagechurchnv.org).

**YOUTHCOMPASS ROMANIA 2020 MISSION TRIP OPPORTUNITY** Tim Gilbert, team leader for The Village Church YouthCompass Mission Team, is organizing a 2020 mission trip to Romania with YouthCompass. The trip is scheduled for April 9<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> 2020. For more information, contact Tim Gilbert.

**SAMARITAN’S PURSE 2020 TEXAS MISSION TRIP OPPORTUNITY** The Village Church is organizing a 2020 mission trip with Samaritan's Purse. The tentative date is April 26-May 2, 2020 in Rockport, Tx. For more information about this mission trip’s rebuild site, go to <https://www.spvolunteer.org/project-response/151>. John Stroud is the 2020 Samaritan’s Purse mission trip team leader. For questions He can be contacted at [john.stroud13@gmail.com](mailto:john.stroud13@gmail.com).

*A THOUGHT FROM CHRISTIANS PAST... “The whole concept of God taking human shape had never made much sense to me. That was because, I realized one wonderful day, it was so simple. For people with bodies, important things like love have to be embodied. That’s all. God had to be embodied, or else people with bodies would never in a trillion years understand about love.”*  
*Jane Vonnegut Yarmolinsky*



