*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;

Let there be peace, let it start in me;

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 Pew Bible Page: 1588

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.

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 24th 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 25th through Wednesday, January 1st. The church office will be closed on December 25th and January 1st.

SOUTH OF THE BORDER POTLUCK on Sunday, January 5th. 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 5th 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 8th. 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 8th. Please provide your reports electronically either on flash drive or e-mail to the church office at apayne@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^{th} - 20^{th} 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.

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



^{*}Those who are able will please stand.

UNABLE TO ATTEND A WORSHIP SERVICE? Pastor Jeff's 10:00 a.m. sermon is recorded each Sunday. Check out our website at http://www.thevillagechurchny.org/ sermons/ to hear the sermon you missed.

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.

SERMON NOTES

SAVE THE DATE!

December 24th: Christmas Eve Candlelight Services at 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

December 25th through January 1st: Preschool Closed

December 29th: No Sunday School

December 31st: New Year's Eve Prayer Vigil

January 5th: The Lord's Supper; Potluck Sunday; Undecorate the Church

January 8th: Session Meeting; Annual Reports Due; Adult Bible Study Begins

AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR (AED) is available at our church office to assist in case of a heart attack for those trained in its use.



MINISTRY OF THE WEEK

December 22, 2019 - December 29, 2019

TODAY 8 & 10 a.m. Worship Service - Sanctuary

8:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsing and Singing - Fireside Room

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

TUESDAY 5:00 & 7:00 p.m. CHRISTMAS EVE Christmas Eve Worship Services -Sanctuary



WEDNESDAY CHRISTMAS DAY

Merry Christmas!



THURSDAY $7:00 \ p.m.$

AA Group - Fireside Room

SUNDAY Pastor Jeff Ogden Preaching from Luke 2:21-40

Sermon Title: "Faithful Waiting"

8 & 10 a.m. Worship Service - Sanctuary

No Choir

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

No Sunday School - 5th Sunday of the month

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Church Leadership:

Paul Ackerman - Deacon Alfredo Amezaga - Elder Doug Baker - Deacon Lynn Bandaruk - Deacon Ted Bandaruk - Elder

Pastor Tony Conragan, CLP - AV & Youth Pastor

Jim Dykstra - Deacon Jon Fay - Choir Director Don Ferrell - Elder Linda Florentine - Elder Betsy Garfinkle - Deacon Tim Gilbert - Elder & Custodian Patti Hanczarek- Preschool Staff Keith Hansen - Elder Tasia Irons - Preschool Staff Cindy Liggett - Preschool Director Miriella Melara - Deacon Marilyn Merritt - Deacon Darlene Nilsson - Elder Rev. Jeff Ogden - Pastor Vicki Ögden - Deacon Annie Payne - Office Manager

Sabra Presler - Preschool Staff Linda Robins - Thrift Shop Manager Ann Schofield - Clerk of Session, Elder, Treasurer

Jason Stanton - Accompanist Lynne Donat - Deacon Moderator Vickie Twichell - Thrift Shop Manager

Paul Twichell - Elder Debby Wiens - Pianist

Michele Young - Women's Ministries Moderator







"And Mary said: "My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior" Luke 1:46-47

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP December 22, 2019 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!

PRELUDE SONG

Joy, Unspeakable Joy

Praise Team

OPENING PRAYER

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!

EndHe 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.