

**Good Christian Men, Rejoice**

Good Christian men rejoice  
With heart and soul and voice!  
Give ye heed to what we say  
News! News!  
Jesus Christ is born today!  
Ox and ass before Him bow  
And He is in the manger now  
Christ is born today!  
Christ is born today!

Good Christian men, rejoice  
With heart and soul and voice  
Now ye hear of endless bliss  
Joy! Joy!  
Jesus Christ was born for this  
He hath ope'd the heav'nly door  
And man is blessed evermore  
Christ was born for this  
Christ was born for this

Good Christian men, rejoice  
With heart and soul and voice  
Now ye need not fear the grave:  
Peace! Peace!  
Jesus Christ was born to save  
Calls you one and calls you all  
To gain His everlasting hall  
Christ was born to save  
Christ was born to save

**ADVENT CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Don Ferrell

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison Reading)**

Don Ferrell

Holy, gentle, and loving Savior, we confess that we are people of violence and arguments. We put ourselves first, we step on others to get ahead. Our world is full of hokey religion, dark witchcraft, and pagan hocus-pocus. Wealth is our goal. We stuff our lives with things; there's no end to our machines, screens, and gadgets.

Come and transform us, Lord. Calm our frantic search for wealth by granting us your peace. Make us instruments of your peace for others. Please forgive us of our sin and enable us to begin again in Jesus' name. 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.

Hymn #177

**PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS**

**Offertory Prayer**

**Offering**

**Offertory**

Choir

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

**Message: "God With Us Brings Peace"**

Pastor Jeff Ogden

**Scripture: Luke 2:8-15**

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**WORSHIP SONG**

**\*Infant Holy Infant Lowly**

Hymn #194

Infant holy, infant lowly,  
For His bed a cattle stall;  
Oxen lowing, little knowing  
Christ the babe, is Lord of all  
Swift are winging angels singing  
Newels ringing tidings bringing  
Christ the babe is Lord of all.

Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping  
Vigil 'till the morning new  
Saw the glory, heard the story,  
Tidings of a gospel true.  
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow,  
Praises voicing greet the morrow:  
Christ the babe was born for you.

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

**O Come, O Come Emmanuel**

Hymn #169 V. 4

O come, Desire of nations, bind  
In one the hearts of all mankind;  
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease,  
And be Thyself our king of peace.

*Chorus* Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel,  
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

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Ted & Lynn Bandaruk

WORSHIP ASSISTANT

Don Ferrell

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FLOWERS

Poinsettias from our Church Friends and Families

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

*Thank you for silencing your cell phones during worship*

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*In Our Prayers:* Doug Baker - healing from knee surgery; Roland Schumann - healing; Tom & Lili Arpino - loss of their son Brandon; Cheryl & Don's Hollingsworth grandson - healing; those affected by the fires in California; youth in our community; those with family difficulties; those away from home at the holidays; those mourning the death of loved ones.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS.** We appreciate all that you do for our church and community. Thanks for being the hands and feet of Jesus!

**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 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 Christmas carols, special music by our choir, a Christmas message by Pastor Jeff, and the lighting of candles during the last song.

**PRESCHOOL INFO:** The preschool will be closed from Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup> through Tuesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>.

**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.

**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.

**COVERED DISH THEMED POTLUCK** on to January 6<sup>th</sup>. We will gather for a potluck with a "comfort food" theme. Break out your favorite casserole or crock pot recipe and bring your favorite covered dish entrée to share. Or, bring a side dish or dessert. Join us for good food and fellowship.

**UN-DECORATING the Church.** On January 6<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.

**ANNUAL REPORTS** from our various ministry areas within our church are due in our Church Office by Wednesday, January 9<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).

**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).

**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.

**A THOUGHT FROM CHRISTIANS PAST...** "DO YOU WANT TO SEE the humility of God? Look in the manger and see him lying there. Surely this is our God. Seeing an infant, I wonder how this could be the one who says, "Do not I fill heaven and earth?" I see a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes. Is this the one who is clothed in the beautiful glory of unapproachable light? Listen! He is crying. Is this the one who thunders in the heaven making the angels lower their wings? Yes, but he has emptied himself in order to fill us."  
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