

Away In A Manger

Hymn #187

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes.
I love Thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,
And stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus! I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,
And fit us for heaven, to live with Thee there.

Hearts Waiting (Joy To The World)

Hearts waiting, waiting on a Savior;
Come, oh, come Emmanuel.
Hear prophets speaking of the promise;
Come, oh, come Emmanuel.
A light of glory filled the sky
And we heard the angel choir.

Chorus Joy to the world! Joy to the world!
The Lord has come, the Lord has come to us!
Joy to the world! A Savior for all!
The Lord has come, the Lord has come to us!

Messiah, ruler of the nations;
Come, oh, come Emmanuel.
Our Redeemer, God is with us, God is for us;
Come, oh, come Emmanuel.
The doors of heaven open wide.
Can you hear the song inside?

Chorus

Bridge And He shall reign forever and ever; He shall reign forever
And He shall reign forever and ever; He shall reign forevermore

Chorus 2 Joy to the world! Joy to the world!
For the Lord has come, the Lord has come to us
Repeat

Bridge

Ending Come oh come Emmanuel, Come

ADVENT CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Darlene Nilsson

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Linda Robins

God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and baptize us once again with your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus 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

Praise Team

Christmas Offering

Over the skies of Bethlehem appeared a star,
While angels sang to lowly shepherds;
Three wise men seeking truth traveled from afar
Hoping to find the child from Heaven;
Falling on their knees,
They bowed before the humble Prince of Peace.

Chorus I bring an offering of worship to my King;
No one on earth deserves the praises that I sing;
Jesus, may You receive the honor that You’re due;
Oh Lord, I bring an offering to You.
I bring an offering to You.

The sun cannot compare to the glory of Your love;
There is no shadow in Your presence;
No mortal man would dare to stand before Your throne,
Before the Holy One of Heaven;
It’s only by Your blood,
It’s only through Your mercy, Lord, I come.

Ending I bring an offering of worship to my King;
No one on earth deserves the praises that I sing;
Jesus - may You receive the honor that You're due;
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I bring and offering to You.

~~WE MEET GOD THROUGH THE WORD~~

Christmas Eve Message

Pastor Jeff Ogden

WORSHIP SONG

***Angels From The Realms Of Glory**

Hymn #190

Angels, from the realms of glory,
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story,
Now proclaim Messiah's birth:

Chorus Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ the newborn King.

Shepherds in the field abiding,
Watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing,
Yonder shines the infant light:

Chorus

Wise men, leave your contemplation,
Brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great Desire of nations,
Ye have seen His natal star:

Chorus

Saints before the altar bending,
Watching long in hope and fear,
Suddenly the Lord, descending,
In His temple shall appear:

Chorus

***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.*

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Jane Dykstra & Rob Robins

WORSHIP ASSISTANT

Linda Robins

ADVENT CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Darlene Nilsson

FLOWERS

Poinsettias from our Church Friends and Families

In Our Prayers: Mary Kay Randall - healing from broken leg; Pastor Jeff and family - loss of his dad Bruce; Tim Gilbert’s daughter Tiffany - healing from car accident; those traveling this week; youth in our community; those with family difficulties; those away from home at the holidays; those mourning the death of loved ones; the homeless; Veterans; those serving our nation and their families.

A THOUGHT FROM CHRISTIANS PAST... “For all the greeting card and sermonic rhetoric, I do not think that much rejoicing happens around Christmastime, least of all about the coming of the Lord. There is, I notice, a lot of holiday frolicking, but that is not the same as rejoicing. In any case, maybe outbursts of either frolicking or rejoicing are premature, if John the Baptist has credibility. He identifies repentance as the message and the sentiment of Advent.”

William Stringfellow



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. Come and meet someone you've never met before!

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS SERVICES. The Candlelight Christmas Eve Services are being celebrated Sunday, December 24th at 5:30 p.m. and at 7:30 p.m. These services will include the singing of Christmas carols and some newer songs, special music by our choir, and a Christmas message by Pastor Jeff, and the lighting of candles during the last song.

COVERED DISH THEMED POTLUCK on to January 7th. 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.

UNDECORATING the Church. On January 7th 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.

PRESCHOOL INFO: The preschool will be closed from Monday, December 25th through Monday, January 1st.

JOIN US FOR A JOURNEY THROUGH *THE STORY!* *The Story* is a book of selections from the Bible, arranged chronologically, that reads like a novel. During this unique 31-week experience, every member of the family reads their own version of *The Story*. Come discover together with us how our story is found in God's story! The Story launch is on Sunday, January 21st.

INTERESTED IN STARTING OR JOINING A RENO SMALL GROUP? We would like to start a new Reno Small Group bible study. If you are interested in leading, hosting, or attending a Reno small group please reply to this email or let us know on the signup sheet that is on the counter in the church Narthex.

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.

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.

ANNUAL REPORTS from our various ministry areas within our church are due in our Church Office by Wednesday, January 10th. Please provide your reports electronically either on flash drive or e-mail to the church office at apavne@thevillagechurchnv.org.

SAVE THE DATE!

- December 24th: Christmas Eve Morning Service at 10:00 a.m. - No Choir; Christmas Eve Candlelight Services at 5:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.
- December 25th - January 1st: Preschool Closed
- December 31st: Tony Conragan Preaching
- January 1st: New Year's Day; Office Closed
- January 7th: Lord's Supper; Tony Conragan Preaching; Un-decorating the Church; Potluck
- January 21st: The Story Launch



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For more information, see our website:
www.TheVillageChurchNV.org or www.eco-pres.org.

MINISTRY OF THE WEEK

December 24, 2017 - December 31, 2017

TODAY

9:15 a.m. Praise Team Practice - Sanctuary
10:00 a.m. Worship Service - Sanctuary
10:15 a.m. Sunday School
5:30 & 7:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

MONDAY

Merry Christmas!

TUESDAY

No Staff Meeting
No Men's Study

WEDNESDAY

6:30 a.m. Christ, Coffee, and Cinnamon Rolls Men's Study - Fireside Room
10:00 a.m. Intercessory Prayer - Pastor's Study

THURSDAY

7:00 p.m. AL-ANON Meeting - Room A
7:00 p.m. AA Meeting - Fireside Room

SUNDAY

8 & 10 a.m. Pastor Tony Conragan Preaching
Worship Service in the Sanctuary
8:15 a.m. Choir Practice - Fireside Room
9:15 a.m. Praise Team Practice - Sanctuary
No Sunday School



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Church Leadership:

Doug Baker - Deacon	Terri Nielsen - Preschool Staff
Ted Bandaruk - Deacon	Darlene Nilsson - Elder
Patti Boxeth - Deacon	Ann O'Keefe - Deacon
Gary Boxeth - Elder	Rev. Jeff Ogden - Pastor
Stephanie Conragan - Preschool Staff	Vicki Ogden - Preschool Staff & Deacon
Pastor Tony Conragan, CLP - AV & Youth Pastor	Annie Payne - Office Manager
Chuck Dowd - Elder	Tom Payne - Deacon
Jane Dykstra - Elder	Linda Robins - Elder, Thrift Shop Manager
Jim Dykstra - Deacon Moderator	Allie Sacci - Preschool Staff
Jon Fay - Choir Director	Nathalie Sacci - Assistant Preschool Director
Roxanne Fernandez - Preschool Staff	Ann Schofteld - Financial Admin. & Clerk of Session & Elder
Don Ferrell - Elder	Jason Stanton - Accompanist
Linda Florentine - Women's Ministries Moderator	Lynne Swingley Donat - Deacon
Betsy Garfinkle - Deacon	Vickie Twichell - Thrift Shop Manager
Mary Gilbert - Christian Education Director	Debby Wiens - Pianist
Tim Gilbert - Elder & Custodian	Michele Young - Elder
Janet Howell - Preschool Staff	
Cindy Liggett - Preschool Director	

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

The Village Church Vision

We're growing closer to Christ, one step at a time, as we increase our participation in the congregation, community and beyond.



CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

December 24, 2017
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

*O Come, All Ye Faithful

Hymn #193

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels;

Chorus O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;

Chorus O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to Thee be glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing.

Chorus O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.