

### SAVE THE DATE!

December 24<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Eve Candlelight services at 5 & 7pm  
December 25<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Day – Office, Preschool, & Academy Closed  
December 31<sup>st</sup>: 10am only worship service  
January 7<sup>th</sup>: Communion  
January 8<sup>th</sup>: Grief Share Starts back up  
January 16<sup>th</sup>: Annual Reports Due  
January 21<sup>st</sup>: Ordination & Installation of Church Officers

*IN OUR PRAYERS: Lee Hanowell - Alzheimer; Tim Gilbert - death of his father, Fred; Family of Karen Kraft - comfort in the death of Karen; Guy Fortier - peace and comfort in the death of his wife, Joann; Will Harrison - battling cancer; Vern Tyerman - in the hospital; friends and family with cancer; missionaries throughout the world; those who need the saving grace of Jesus Christ.*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**FELLOWSHIP AFTER CHURCH.** Please join us in the Fireside Room following our 10:00 a.m. worship service for treats and coffee.

**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 new and traditional Christmas carols, and a Christmas message by Pastor Jeff, plus the lighting of candles during the singing of Silent Night, Holy Night.

**END OF YEAR GIVING:** The Church has had a very busy year this year and had some higher than expected expenses. Mostly due to a crazy winter and higher than expected snow removal and utility costs. Please consider us The Village Church in end of year giving to help with these unexpected costs.

**ANNUAL REPORTS** from our various ministry areas within our church are due in our Church Office by Tuesday, January 16<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).

**PRESCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED** for Christmas/New Years break from December 25<sup>th</sup> through January 1<sup>st</sup>.

**HOSPITALITY REQUEST:** During the winter months we have less people on our hospitality teams that provide treats for Sundays. Please email [apayne@thevillagechurchnv.org](mailto:apayne@thevillagechurchnv.org) if you would like to get on a list to help with the shortfall during the winter months. We will have a signup sheet where you can pick the Sunday you would like to help out.

**GRIEF SHARE GROUP** Mondays at 5:00 p.m. Starting back on January 8th. Pastor Tony is leading this group.

**OFFERING BOXES** are located on the rail of the sound booth as you enter the Sanctuary and in the front pews. Just drop your offering in the boxes. We are very appreciative of your financial support of this church.

### VIRTUAL CONNECTION CARD

Need to update or add your information to our Church Directory? Just scan this QR code to enter your information. The Village Church is in the process of updating our directory with an improved interface for our friends and members.



**CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP**  
December 24, 2023 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 email the Church at [info@thevillagechurchnv.org](mailto:info@thevillagechurchnv.org) You can also update your contact information and sign up to receive our weekly news updates.

### **OPENING PRAYER**

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Isaiah 40:1-11*

Erika Hamner

#### **SONGS OF WORSHIP**

##### *\*King of Kings*

In the darkness we were waiting, without hope, without light;  
Till from Heaven You came running; there was mercy in Your eyes.  
To fulfil the law and prophets. to a virgin came the Word;  
From a throne of endless glory; to a cradle in the dirt.

*Chorus* Praise the Father, praise the Son,  
Praise the Spirit, three in one;  
God of Glory, majesty,  
Praise forever to the King of Kings.

To reveal the kingdom coming and to reconcile the lost,  
To redeem the whole creation you did not despise the cross;  
For even in Your suffering, you saw to the other side;  
Knowing this was our salvation, Jesus, for our sake, You died.

##### *Chorus*

And the morning that You rose, all of heaven held its breath  
Till that stone was moved for good, for the Lamb had conquered death;  
And the dead rose from their tombs, and the angels stood in awe,  
For the souls of all who'd come to the Father are restored.

And the Church of Christ was born, then the Spirit lit the flame;  
Now this Gospel truth of old shall not kneel, shall not faint.  
By His blood and in His Name, in His freedom, I am free,  
For the love of Jesus Christ who has resurrected me.

##### *Chorus*

### ***Hark The Herald Angels Sing/King of Heaven***

Hark the herald angels sing - glory to the newborn King;  
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled;  
Joyful all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;  
With angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King.

Christ by highest heaven adored, Christ the everlasting Lord;  
Late in time behold Him come, Offspring of a virgin's womb;  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see hail the incarnate Deity;  
Pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.  
Hark the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King.

*Chorus* King of Heaven, come down; King of Heaven, come now;  
Let Your glory reign, shining like the day;  
King of Heaven come; King of Heaven, rise up,  
Who can stand against us? You are strong to save,  
In Your mighty name, King of Heaven come.

*Bridge* King of Heaven, come; King of Heaven, come.

Hail the heav'n born Prince of Peace, hail the Son of righteousness;  
Light and life to all He brings, risen with healing in His wings;  
Mild He lays His glory by, born that man no more may die;  
Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth;  
Hark the herald angels sing,  
Glory to the newborn King, the newborn King.

*Chorus*

*Bridge* King of Heaven come; King of Heaven come

*Ending* King of Heaven, come down;  
King of Heaven, come now;  
Let Your glory reign, shining like the day;  
King of Heaven come; King of Heaven come.

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE & ADVENT CANDLES**

#### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*Unison Reading*)

Loving God, you sent us Jesus, born of a virgin, to rescue us from sin and death, and from him we receive salvation. Yet we confess to being unfaithful in our response. We have been tentative and cautious rather than bold and generous; we have feared what people will think rather than speak the truth of your Word; we have packed our calendars with busyness and neglected your Presence. We look to material things and success to bring meaning to our lives and forget that our worth lies in belonging to you. Redeeming God, may your coming once again reorder our priorities, renew our commitments, and refashion our witness. Cast out our sin and enter in; remake us in your grace. Amen.

#### **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

*\*Those who are able will please stand*

### **~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.

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

***Message: "A House for David"***

Pastor Jeff Ogden

***Scripture: 2 Samuel 7:1-17***

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#### **WORSHIP SONG**

##### ***\*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!

*End* He shall reign forevermore, forevermore  
And He shall reign forevermore, forevermore (x2)  
Unto us a Child is born, The King of kings and Lord of lords;  
And He shall reign forevermore, forevermore.

#### **\*BENEDICTION AND BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

***A THOUGHT FROM CHRISTIANS PAST...*** "HE HAS COME INTO OUR COUNTRY and dwelt in one body amidst the many, and in consequence the designs of the enemy against mankind have been foiled and the corruption of death...as simply ceased to be. For the human race would have perished utterly had not the Lord and Savior of all, the Son of God, come among us to put an end to death." St. Athanasius, *On the Incarnation*