

**SAVE THE DATE!**

December 13<sup>th</sup>: Preschool Happy Birthday Jesus Celebration  
December 17<sup>th</sup>: Third Sunday in Advent; Preschool Children Singing at 10am  
December 21<sup>st</sup>: Session Meeting  
December 24<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Eve morning service at 10:00am and  
Evening services at 5:00pm and 7:00pm  
December 31<sup>st</sup>: 10am only worship service

**THE LORD'S SUPPER**

WE ARE CELEBRATING OUR LORD'S SUPPER this morning. Membership is not a requirement to share in communion with us. All those who repent and profess faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and baptized children being raised in the faith are invited to participate in this Sacrament. If you are not able to receive communion, please use this time to meditate on one of the following prayers.

*A PRAYER OF PERSONS SEARCHING FOR TRUTH:* Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and leads to the life you promise. Amen.

*A PRAYER OF BELIEF:* Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**POTLUCK TODAY - Following the 10am service in the Fireside Room. Join us!**

**SPECIAL DEACON FUND OFFERINGS** are received each Sunday when we share in our Lord's Supper. Funds received are used to assist members of The Village Church family and others in times of serious need and to purchase the food for the food boxes we give out. Prayerfully consider giving to this ministry.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY** following the 10:00 a.m. worship service. All Covenant Partners of The Village Church are encouraged to join us for a very short Congregational Meeting to elect Church Officers.

**FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT TODAY** There are Advent devotionals & calendars available at the church.

**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS.** Each year we look forward to the beauty the poinsettia flowers bring to our Sanctuary during this Advent/Christmas season. If you would like to purchase a plant through our church and dedicate it in celebration of a special occasion or person, or in memory of a loved one, forms are available on the Narthex Counters. The cost of each plant is \$10.00 and you may take them home after the last Christmas Eve service. Please make your check out to The Village Church and designate "poinsettia" on the memo line.

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES** morning 10am and Evening services at 5 & 7pm



**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



*First Sunday of Advent*  
*The Lord's Supper*  
**CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP**  
December 3, 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 use the blue Connect Card in the pew racks. Just scan the QR code on the card or on the back of the bulletin. Or, fill out the card and drop it into the offering box.

**OPENING PRAYER**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Isaiah 2:1-5*

Linda Robins

**SONGS OF WORSHIP**

*\*Jesus Messiah*

He became sin who knew no sin  
That we might become His righteousness  
He humbled Himself and carried the cross  
Love so amazing love so amazing

*Chorus* Jesus Messiah Name above all names  
Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel  
The Rescue for sinners  
The Ransom from heaven  
Jesus Messiah Lord of all

His body the bread His blood the wine  
Broken and poured out all for love  
The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn  
Love so amazing love so amazing

*Chorus*

*Bridge* All our hope is in You; All our hope is in You  
All the glory to You God; The Light of the world

*Chorus*

*Ending* Jesus Messiah, Lord of all!  
The Lord of all! The Lord of all!

**A THOUGHT FROM CHRISTIANS PAST...** "IT WAS NOT suddenly and unannounced that Jesus came into the world. He came into a world that had been prepared for him. The whole Old Testament is the story of a special preparation .... Only when all was ready, only in the fullness of his time, did Jesus come." Phillips Brooks

### ***Glorious Day (Living He Loved Me)***

One day when heaven was filled with His praises;  
One day when sin was as black as could be;  
Jesus came forth to be born of a virgin;  
Dwelt among men my example is He.  
The Word became flesh and the light shined among us;  
His glory revealed.

*Chorus* Living, He loved me; dying, He saved me;  
Buried, He carried my sins far away;  
Rising, He justified, freely forever;  
One day, He's coming - O glorious day!

One day they led Him up Calv'ry's mountain;  
One day they nailed Him to die on a tree;  
Suffering anguish, despised and rejected,  
Bearing our sins, my Redeemer is He.  
The hand that healed nations stretched out on a tree  
And took the nails for me.

#### *Chorus*

One day the grave could conceal Him no longer;  
One day the stone rolled away from the door;  
Then He arose, over death He had conquered,  
Now is ascended, my Lord evermore!  
Death could not hold Him,  
The grave could not keep Him  
From rising again.

#### *Chorus*

*Bridge* One day the trumpet will sound for His coming;  
One day the skies with His glories will shine;  
Wonderful day, my beloved one bringing;  
My Savior Jesus is mine!

#### *Chorus*

*Ending* O glorious day, glorious day,  
O glorious day!

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE & LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE**

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

O promised Christ: We are a world at war. Our peace depends on your coming. We are a sinful people. We have each sinned by our own very great fault. Our pardon depends on your coming. We are full of good intentions but weak at keeping promises; our only hope of doing God's will is that you should come and help us do it. Lord Christ, Word made flesh, we wait for your peace, for your pardon, and for your grace. Even so: come, Lord Jesus. 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.

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

***Message: "The First Gospel"***

Pastor Jeff Ogden

***Scripture: Genesis 3:1-24***

Pages: 5-6

## **~SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER~**

### **INVITATION**

### **SERVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP**

### **WORSHIP SONG**

#### ***\*Come Thou Long Expected Jesus***

Come, Thou long expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free.  
From our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in Thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art.  
Dear desire of ev'ry nation, joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Born Thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King.  
Born to reign in us forever. now Thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By Thine own eternal spirit, rule in all our hearts alone  
By Thine all sufficient merit, raise us to Thy glorious throne.

*Bridge* You draw the hearts of shepherds;  
You draw the hearts of kings;  
Even as a baby, You were changing ev'rything;  
You called me to Your kingdom; before Your lips could speak,  
And even as a baby, You were reaching out for me.  
And now we are awaiting the day of Your return;  
When ev'ry eye will see You As heaven comes to earth;  
Until the sky is opened, until the trumpet sounds,  
The bride is getting ready - the Church is singing out.

Come Thou long expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free.  
From our fears and sins release us. Let us find our rest in Thee.  
Come Thou long expected King.

### **PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKSGIVING**

### **\*BENEDICTION & BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

### **FLOWERS**

In Loving Memory of Joann Fortier - Guy Fortier