

What Child is This?

What child is this who, laid to rest,
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping?

Chorus This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing!
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the Babe the Son of Mary!

Why lies he in such mean estate,
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian fear, for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading.

Chorus

Nails, spear, shall pierce him through,
The cross be borne for me, for you.
Hail, hail, the Word made flesh,
The Babe, the Son of Mary!

Chorus

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;
Come peasant, king, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
Let loving hearts enthrone him.

End Raise, raise the song on high! The Virgin sings her lullaby.
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the Babe, the Son of Mary

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

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Don Ferrell

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Nancy Manter

Most holy and righteous God, you who dwell in unapproachable light, in the company of angels; we need to acknowledge before you now our fallenness and sin. Intended for intimacy with you, we have wandered away in self-sufficiency and pride. And yet you seek us out in love and mercy. Let us know, therefore, that the message of the angels is for us and all the world: "Unto you is born a Savior - Christ the Lord!" Let us seek him, adore him, follow him, and serve our neighbor for his sake. Draw us, O Christ, to your cradle; cleanse us by your cross; enliven us by the expectancy of your coming again. In your wondrous name we pray. 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: "Ordinary People"

Pastor Tony Conragan, CLP

Scripture: Luke 2:1-18

Pew Bible Pages 1590 - 1591

WORSHIP SONG

***O Little Town of Bethlehem**

Hymn # 178

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see Thee lie!
Above the deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth!
And praises sing to God the king, and peace to men on earth

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His heaven.
No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him still, the dear Christ enters in.

O holy child of Bethlehem! Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

***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.*

Thank you for silencing your cell phones during worship

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Don & Karen Ferrell

WORSHIP ASSISTANT

Nancy Manter

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Don Ferrell

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTOR TONY CONRAGAN is sharing God's word with us this morning. Tony is a Commissioned Lay Pastor and our church's youth pastor. He also helps manage our Thrift Shop. His wife, Stephanie, serves as a Preschool teacher at our Preschool.

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!

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.

UN-DECORATING 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.

THE LORD'S SUPPER AND DEACONS' MINISTRY - NEXT SUNDAY. We will be celebrating our Lord's Supper during worship on Sunday, January 7th. Each Sunday we share in the meal our Lord has provided. We also assist our Deacons' ministry by donating household products such as paper towels and dish soap as well as personal care items such as shampoo and soap. You can place your donations in the basket in the church Narthex. These items will be distributed to the needy in our North Shore area. Thank you for helping.

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.

A THOUGHT FROM CHRISTIANS PAST... "The Son of God became man to enable men to become the sons of God." C. S. Lewis



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A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS. This is a very busy time of the year. Thanks to our volunteers in making it a special time in the life of our church. We appreciate all that you do. Thanks for being the hands and feet of Jesus!

CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING: For our special Christmas Eve offering, over \$3,400 was collected. This will go to our Deacon's food ministry and our church mission trips. Thanks to all who joined us for Christmas Eve worship.

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 apayne@thevillagechurchnv.org.


2018 FLOWER CALENDAR is on the bulletin board in the church Narthex. Remember and honor a loved one or special event in your life by providing flowers for worship. Ann or another volunteer in the church will purchase your flowers, arrange them and deliver them to the church for only \$25. Sign up early and often!

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.

SERMON NOTES

SAVE THE DATE!

- 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



The Village Church is affiliated with ECO:
A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians.
For more information, see our website:
www.TheVillageChurchNV.org or www.eco-pres.org.



MINISTRY OF THE WEEK
December 31, 2017 - January 7, 2018

TODAY

8 & 10 a.m.
8:15 a.m.

Worship Service in the Sanctuary
Choir Practice - Fireside Room
No Sunday School

TUESDAY

2:37 p.m.

Staff Meeting - Pastor's Study

WEDNESDAY

6:30 a.m.
10:00 a.m.

Christ, Coffee, and Cinnamon Rolls Men's Study - Fireside Room
Intercessory Prayer - Pastor's Study

THURSDAY

7:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.

AL-ANON Meeting - Room A
AA Meeting - Fireside Room

SUNDAY

8 & 10 a.m.
8:15 a.m.
9:15 a.m.
10:15 a.m.
11:30 a.m.
12:30 p.m.

The Lord's Supper and Potluck Lunch
Pastor Tony Conragan Preaching
Message: "The Way of Wisdom"
Scripture: Psalm 1:1-6
Worship Service in the Sanctuary
Choir Practice - Fireside Room
Praise Team Practice - Sanctuary
Sunday School
Covered Dish Potluck - Fireside Room
Un-decorate the Church

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Church Leadership:

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| 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 Sacchi - Preschool Staff |
| Jon Fay - Choir Director | Nathalie Sacchi - Assistant Preschool Director |
| Roxanne Fernandez - Preschool Staff | Ann Schofield - 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 31, 2017
10:00 A.M.

WE WORSHIP THE LORD

WELCOME & NEWS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor Tony Conragan CLP

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

***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!

Hymn #177

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!