

**SAVE THE DATE!**

December 7<sup>th</sup>: Women's Book Club Meeting  
December 12<sup>th</sup>: Third Sunday in Advent; Election of Church Officers  
December 13<sup>th</sup>: New Reno Small Group Meet & Greet  
December 15<sup>th</sup>: Session Meeting; Preschool Happy Birthday Jesus Celebration  
December 18<sup>th</sup>: Winter Warmth & Wellness Community Event  
December 19<sup>th</sup>: Fourth Sunday in Advent; Preschool Children Singing  
December 24<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Eve Candlelight Services 5pm & 7pm

*OUR PRAYERS:* George Saavy - healing; Church Visioning; Advent Season; Everyone with cancer; Everyone who is grieving the loss of a loved one.

**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**

**DEDICATION SUNDAY.** Today we are dedicating our time, talents and treasure to the life of our church and to its continued mission to preach the Good News of our Lord and Savior.

**CHRISTMAS HAM POTLUCK:** Today following our 10:00 a.m. service.

**VISIONING GATHERING:** Today during the potluck, we will be discussing ideas of the visioning of the church.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR Winter Warmth & Wellness.** Volunteers are needed for Monday December 13-17 and for the event Saturday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. To Volunteer call 775-230-1066.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED For Preschool Christmas Dinner on 12/15.** We need volunteers to cook, serve, and cleanup dinner for the party. Volunteers to be at the church by 5:00 p.m. (unless you can only help with the cleanup). The dinner is a simple spaghetti, garlic bread, fruit, and salad/veggies. . Please contact Anne Payne [apayne@thevillagechurchnv.org](mailto:apayne@thevillagechurchnv.org) if you would like to volunteer.

**BRIEF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING NEXT SUNDAY, 12/12.** We will have a very brief Congregational meeting in the sanctuary next Sunday following the 10:00 a.m. worship service to elect church officers.

**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS** to decorate the Sanctuary. The cost is \$10.00 and you may take them home after the last Christmas Eve service. Forms on counters.



*Lord's Supper*  
**CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP**  
December 5, 2021 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**

*Luke 1:67-75*

Ann Schofield

**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... "GOD'S KINGDOM is not a place, but rather a relationship. It exists wherever people enthrone Jesus as lord of their lives."***  
*J. I. Packer*

### ***Living Hope***

How great the chasm that lay between us;  
How high the mountain I could not climb;  
In desperation I turned to heaven  
And spoke Your name into the night.  
Then through the darkness, Your loving-kindness  
Tore through the shadows of my soul;  
The work is finished, the end is written;  
Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Who could imagine so great a mercy;  
What heart could fathom such boundless grace;  
The God of ages stepped down from glory  
To wear my sin and bear my shame.  
The cross has spoken, I am forgiven;  
The King of kings calls me His own.  
Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever;  
Jesus Christ, my living hope.

*Chorus x2* Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free;  
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me;  
You have broken every chain,  
There's salvation in Your name;  
Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Then came the morning that sealed the promise;  
Your buried body began to breathe.  
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion  
Declared the grave has no claim on me.  
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Your buried body began to breathe.  
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion  
Declared the grave has no claim on me.  
Jesus, Yours is the victory!

*Chorus*

*Ending* Jesus Christ, my living hope! Oh God, You are my living hope!

### **ADVENT CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Pastor Tony Conragan

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

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**

### **DEDICATION OF GIFTS, OFFERINGS, AND PLEDGES**

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

**Message: "Christos"**

**Scripture: Mark 8:27-38**

Pastor Jeff Ogden

Pages 1566-1567

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

#### **INVITATION**

#### **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.

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

#### **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!

*Ending* He shall reign forevermore, forevermore  
And He shall reign forevermore, forevermore  
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.

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

##### **\*BENEDICTION**

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

*\*Those who are able will please stand*