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!

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

ADVENT CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Don Ferrell

Hymn #177

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

Don Ferrell

Holy, gentle, and loving Savior, we confess that we are people of violence and arguments. We put ourselves first, we step on others to get ahead. Our world is full of hokey religion, dark witchcraft, and pagan hocus-pocus. Wealth is our goal. We stuff our lives with things; there's no end to our machines, screens, and gadgets.

Come and transform us, Lord. Calm our frantic search for wealth by granting us your peace. Make us instruments of your peace for others. Please forgive us of our sin and enable us to begin again in Jesus' name. 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: "God With Us Brings Peace"

Pastor Jeff Ogden

Scripture: Luke 2:8-15 Pew Bible Page 1590

## **WORSHIP SONG**

## \*Infant Holy Infant Lowly

Hymn #194

Infant holy, infant lowly,

For His bed a cattle stall;

Oxen lowing, little knowing

Christ the babe, is Lord of all

Swift are winging angels singing

Newels ringing tidings bringing Christ the babe is Lord of all.

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Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping

Vigil 'till the morning new

Saw the glory, heard the story,

Tidings of a gospel true.

Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow,

Praises voicing greet the morrow:

Christ the babe was born for you.

## \*BENEDICTION RESPONSE (Please join hands with the people next to you.)

## O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Hymn #169 V. 4

O come, Desire of nations, bind In one the hearts of all mankind;

Bid Thou our sad divisions cease,

And be Thyself our king of peace.

Chorus Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel, Shall come to thee. O Israel!

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Ted & Lynn Bandaruk

Don Ferrell

ADVENT CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Don Ferrell

FLOWERS Poinse

Poinsettias from our Church Friends and Families

Thank you for silencing your cell phones during worship

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WORSHIP ASSISTANT

*In Our Prayers:* Doug Baker - healing from knee surgery; Roland Schumann - healing; Tom & Lili Arpino - loss of their son Brandon; Cheryl & Don's Hollingsworth grandson - healing; those affected by the fires in California; youth in our community; those with family difficulties; those away from home at the holidays; those mourning the death of loved ones.

### 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.

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 Christmas carols, special music by our choir, a Christmas message by Pastor Jeff, and the lighting of candles during the last song.

PRESCHOOL INFO: The preschool will be closed from Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup> through Tuesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>.

UNABLE TO ATTEND A WORSHIP SERVICE? Pastor Jeff's Sunday sermon is recorded each Sunday. Check out our website at <a href="http://www.thevillagechurchnv.org/sermons/">http://www.thevillagechurchnv.org/sermons/</a> to hear the sermon you missed.

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.

COVERED DISH THEMED POTLUCK on to January 6<sup>th</sup>. 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

ANNUAL REPORTS from our various ministry areas within our church are due in our Church Office by Wednesday, January  $9^{th}$ . Please provide your reports electronically either on flash drive or e-mail to the church office at

apayne@thevillagechurchnv.org.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED. We are seeking volunteers to teach Sunday school. Mary Gilbert the Christian Education Director has everything already prepared - the lesson, craft, and all of the handouts - and sets up the room; all you have to do is come and lead the class! Our classes are divided by age: PreK thru Kindergarten and Elementary (grades 1-5). Please pray about God touching your heart to help with this very important ministry. This is a great opportunity to serve. If you would like to volunteer please contact Mary at <a href="mailto:mgilbert@thevillagechurchnv.org">mgilbert@thevillagechurchnv.org</a>.

2019 VILLAGE CHURCH ADULT MISSION TRIP OPPORTUNITIES: Samaritan's Purse Mission Trip: Huston, Texas – February 24<sup>th</sup>- March 2<sup>nd</sup> YouthCompass Mission Trip: Romania – April 19<sup>th</sup> -28<sup>th</sup> Belize Dental Mission Trip: Seine Bight, Belize – May 17<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> Please contact the church office if you are interested in learning more info.

A THOUGHT FROM CHRISTIANS PAST... "DO YOU WANT TO SEE the humility of God? Look in the manger and see him lying there. Surely this is our God. Seeing an infant, I wonder how this could be the one who says, "Do not I fill heaven and earth?" I see a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes. Is this the one who is clothed in the beautiful glory of unapproachable light? Listen! He is crying. Is this the one who thunders in the heaven making the angels lower their wings? Yes, but he has emptied himself in order to fill us."



<sup>\*</sup>Those who are able will please stand.

**SERMON NOTES** 

## **SAVE THE DATE!**

- December 24<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Eve Candlelight Services at 5:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.
- December 24th- January 1st: Preschool Closed
- December 30th: No Choir
- January 1st: New Year's Day; Office Closed
- January 6th: Lord's Supper; Un-decorating the Church; Potluck

### MINISTRY OF THE WEEK

December 23, 2018 - December 30, 2018

SUNDAY 8 & 10 a.m. Worship Service in the Sanctuary 8:15 a.m. Choir Practice - Fireside Room 9:15 a.m. Praise Team Practice - Sanctuary 10:15 a.m. Sunday School **MONDAY** Office Closed

5:00 & 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

**TUESDAY** Merry Christmas!

WEDNESDAY

10:00 a.m. Intercessory Prayer - Room A

**THURSDAY** 

7:00 p.m. AA Meeting - Fireside Room

SUNDAY 8 & 10 a.m.

Worship Service in the Sanctuary

No Choir Practice

9:15 a.m. Praise Team Practice - Sanctuary

No Sunday School

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## Church Leadership:

Alfredo Amezaga - Elder Miriella Melara - Deacon Doug Baker - Deacon Marilyn Merritt - Deacon Lynn Bandaruk - Deacon Kira Neil - Preschool Staff Ted Bandaruk - Elder Darlene Nilsson - Elder Patti Boxeth - Deacon Rev. Jeff Ogden - Pastor Gary Boxeth - Elder Vicki Ogden - Deacon Stephanie Conragan - Preschool Staff Annie Payne - Office Manager Pastor Tony Conragan, CLP - AV & Linda Robins - Thrift Shop Manager Youth Pastor Allie Sacci - Preschool Staff Jim Dykstra - Deacon Moderator Ann Schofield - Financial Administration, Jon Fay - Choir Director Clerk of Session, Elder

Don Ferrell - Elder Jason Stanton - Accompanist Betsy Garfinkle - Deacon Lynne Swingley Donat - Deacon Mary Gilbert - Christian Education Director Vickie Twichell - Thrift Shop Manager

Tim Gilbert - Elder & Custodian Paul Twichell - Elder Patti Hanczarek- Preschool Staff Debby Wiens - Pianist

Tasia Irons - Preschool Staff Michele Young - Elder, Treasurer, Cindy Liggett - Preschool Director Women's Ministries Moderator



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www.TheVillageChurchNV.org or www.eco-pres.org.





## **CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP December 23, 2018** 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

## \*The First Noël

Hymn #179 V. 1, 2, & 6

The first noël the angel did say Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay In fields as they lay keeping their sheep, On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Chorus Noël, noël! Noël, noël! Born is the King of Israel!

They looked up and saw a star Shining in the east, beyond them far; And to the earth it gave great light, And so it continued both day and night.

### Chorus

Then let us all with one accord Sing praises to our heavenly Lord, That hath made heaven and earth of naught, And with His blood mankind hath bought.

Chorus