



Third Sunday of Advent

December 15, 2024

10:30 AM



Village Church

FOLLOWING JESUS FOR LIFE

THE VILLAGE COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Approaching God in Praise and Prayer

+All who are able may stand

*As you enter this holy space and sacred time, please quiet your mind, meditate on the Scriptures,
and pray for the Holy Spirit to prepare you to worship the Living God.*

PRELUDE

Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine

Keith Chapman
Suzanne Shick, organ

WELCOME

The Rev. Dr. Jack W. Baca

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Leader: The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made
to the house of Israel and the house of Judah.

**People: In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David;
and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.**

Leader: In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety.

People: And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Leader: Let us worship God!

+ HYMN 140

Once in Royal David's City

IRBY

+ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Janice Y. Cook

God of Light and Lord of Nations: In the darkness of night you came to bring light. To an oppressed people you came to bring hope. To a world torn by violence you came to bring peace. We confess that we have not always received your precious gifts. Too often we have preferred the destructive pathways of our old lives over the blessed pathway that is found in our following you. Forgive us, and restore in us the joy of that first Christmas morn when Bethlehem and all the world awoke to discover the Savior in their midst. Then help us follow him, so that we may bring light, hope, and peace to your world. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

+ MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

+ ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

+ RESPONSE: HYMN 108

Of the Father's Love Begotten

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

Of the Father's love begotten, ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega; he the source, the ending he,
Of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see,
Evermore and evermore!

+ PASSING THE PEACE

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

The Shaffalo Family

*At this time, children 5th grade and younger may meet their Sunday School leaders at the back of the Sanctuary.
Youth 6th grade and older are gathered in the Youth Room.*

Offering Ourselves to God

OFFERTORY

Lo, How a Rose

Cathy Mokebust
Village Ringers
Phyllis Graham, director

+ **RESPONSE: HYMN 121**

O Little Town of Bethlehem

ST. LOUIS

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!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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.

Receiving God's Word

ANTHEM

O Radiant Dawn

James MacMillan
Chancel Choir
Juan Carlos Acosta, director

THE WORD READ

Matthew 2:1-8, 13-18 (NT pg. 4)

Margot Wallace, lay reader

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

"Meeting Jesus for the First Time:
The Political Establishment"

The Rev. Dr. Jack W. Baca

Responding to God's Word

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Adapted from Luke 1:46-54

Our souls magnify the Lord, and our spirits rejoice in God our Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servants. Surely, from now on all generations will call us blessed. For the Mighty One has done great things for us, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy.

+ **HYMN 113**

Angels We Have Heard on High

GLORIA

+ **BENEDICTION**

+ **CHORAL BENEDICTION**

Let Us Now Depart in Thy Peace

Lee Hastings Bristol

POSTLUDE

Angels We Have Heard on High

Diane Bish

The Deacon of the Day, Don Colapinto, can be found at the Welcome Table after service.

If you desire prayer, prayer ministers are available after worship. Please inquire at the Welcome Table.

*The cover art for today depicts King Herod,
and was created by Amanda Thompson with the assistance of AI.*

This service is being livestreamed.

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O Radiant Dawn

O Radiant Dawn,
Splendour of eternal Light,
Sun of Justice.

Come,
shine on those who dwell in darkness
and the shadow of death.

Isaiah had prophesied,
“The people who walked
in darkness have seen a great light;
upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom
a light has shone.”

O Radiant Dawn,
Splendour of eternal Light,
Sun of Justice.

Come,
shine on those who dwell in darkness
and the shadow of death.

Amen.

Let Us Now Depart in Thy Peace

Let us now depart in thy peace, blessed Jesus.
Send us to our homes with God’s love in our hearts.
Let not the busy world claim all our loyalties.
Keep us ever mindful, dear Lord, of thee.
Amen.