



January 5, 2025

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

Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow

Lloyd Larson
Suzanne Shick, piano

WELCOME

The Rev. Janice Y. Cook

CALL TO WORSHIP

1 Corinthians 13:1-7, 13

Leader: If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels but do not have love,

People: I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.

Leader: And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge,
and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love,

People: I am nothing.

Leader: If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast but do not have love,

People: I gain nothing.

All: Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude.

It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful;

it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things,

believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Leader: And now faith, hope, and love remain, these three, and the greatest of these is love.

+ HYMN 110

Love Has Come

BRING A TORCH

+ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Bill Burch, liturgist

Gentle Savior, we still hear the brush of angel's wings and the echo of the heavenly choirs. But we confess that even as the last note sounds, we are hurrying back to our routines. Forgive us when we do not linger in Bethlehem just a little longer. We are sorry that we let the glow of goodwill dim and worry and fears threaten the gifts of hope and joy. We want to love you again with all the fervor of the first time. Repair us, Lord. With your grace and mercy, create in us a clean heart so that we might start, brand new, this grand adventure of service and love you have so generously called us to.

+ MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

+ ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

+ RESPONSE: HYMN 581

Gloria Patri

GREATOREX

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

+ PASSING THE PEACE

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Offering Ourselves to God

OFFERTORY

Dance Prelude on "Bring a Torch, Jeannette, Isabelle"

Christopher Uehlein

+ RESPONSE: HYMN 606

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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

Love Came Down at Christmas

Stephen Sturk
Chancel Choir
Juan Carlos Acosta, director

THE WORD READ

Revelation 2:1-7 (NT pg. 330)

Suhail Khalil, lay reader

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

"Meeting Jesus for the First Time...Again"

The Rev. Janice Y. Cook

Responding to God's Word

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

We are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

We share one bread and one cup in remembrance of the body and blood of Jesus that was given for us.

Invitation Words of Institution Bread & Cup Thanksgiving

Our communion bread is gluten free, and grape juice is in the cup.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Of the Father's Love Begotten

David Cherwien

Improvisation on Love Hymns

+ HYMN 108

Of the Father's Love Begotten (verses 1-3, 6)

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

+ **BENEDICTION**

+ **CHORAL BENEDICTION**

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Peter C. Lutkin

POSTLUDE

The Star Proclaims the King is Here

Johann Pachelbel



The Deacon of the Day, Nancy Driscoll, 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.

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Love Came Down at Christmas

Love came down at Christmas,
Love all lovely, Love Divine,
Love was born at Christmas,
Star and Angels gave the sign.

Worship we the Godhead, Love Incarnate,

Love Divine, Worship Jesus,
But wherewith for sacred sign?

Love all lovely, Love Divine.
Love be yours, love be mine,
Love shall be our token,
Love be yours and love be mine,

Love to God and all men,
Love for plea and gift and sign.

Love came down.
Love Divine came down.

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

The Lord bless you and keep you,
the Lord lift His countenance upon you;
and give you peace,
the Lord make His face to shine upon you,
and be gracious unto you,
the Lord be gracious unto you.

Amen.