



Village Church

FOLLOWING JESUS FOR LIFE

February 9, 2025

10:30 AM

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

I Would Be True

Christian Elliott
Suzanne Shick, organ

WELCOME

The Rev. Janice Y. Cook

CALL TO WORSHIP

Matthew 25:34-40

Leader: The king will say to those at his right hand, Come, you who my Father blesses,
inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world,

**People: For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty, and you gave me something to drink,
I was a stranger, and you welcomed me, I was naked, and you gave me clothing,
I was sick, and you took care of me, I was in prison, and you visited me.'**

Leader: Then the righteous will answer him...

**People: Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty
and gave you something to drink?**

**And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you,
or naked and gave you clothing?**

And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?'

Leader: And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to
one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.'

All: All glory and praise to God, whom we worship with our whole hearts!

+ HYMN 697

Take My Life (verses 1-2, 5-6)

HENDON

+ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Elder Peggy Stackle, liturgist

Gracious and merciful God, we thank You for this moment to confess. We are grateful that You call us to release destructive thoughts and actions, guiding us toward healing and wholeness. When our words are filled with judgment, grant us Your forgiveness. When we remain silent in the face of injustice, help us to be brave and speak out. Draw us closer to You, O God, and forgive us when we hide or run away from your summons. We humbly ask for Your mercy and support as we recognize our deep need for it. Please help us remember our need for mercy, even as we struggle to extend it to others. Let Your grace inspire us to show compassion and kindness in all our actions.

+ 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.

As the congregation shares personal greetings, children 5th grade and younger may meet their Sunday School leaders at the back of Sanctuary. Youth 6th grade and older will gather in the Youth Room.

ANTHEM

The Good Samaritan

Lynn Shaw Bailey
Village Children's Choir
Elise Cho, piano
Calieanne Grossheim, director

VILLAGE LIFE

Offering Ourselves to God

OFFERTORY

Adagio (from Sonata I)

Felix Mendelssohn

+ 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

THE WORD READ

Luke 10:25-37 (NT pg. 96)

Twyla Arant, lay reader

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

“Loving Our Neighbors:
How Neighborly Are You?”

The Rev. Janice Y Cook

Responding to God's Word

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

1 John 4:16-21

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, “I love God,” and hate a brother or sister are liars, for those who do not love a brother or sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

+ HYMN 372

O For a World (verses 1-4)

AZMON

+ BENEDICTION

+ CHORAL BENEDICTION

Go Forth for God

C. Winifred Douglas

POSTLUDE

Fanfare

Gordon Young



The Deacon of the Day, Ursula Kuster, 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.

This service is being livestreamed.

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The Good Samaritan

Who is my neighbor? Who can it be?
Who should I love in word and deed?
Is it my friend or is it my foe?
Who is my neighbor, and just how far
should my love go?

Jesus said the most important thing that we can do
is love the Lord with all our hearts
and love our neighbor too.

A lawyer tried to justify his lack of love for all.
"Good teacher can you clarify,
who is my neighbor by law?"

Jesus told the story of a robbed and beaten man,
was left for dead along the road, the robbers quickly ran.
A priest came by the hurting man but chose to walk away.
A Levite also saw the man, but he was busy that day.

But then a good Samaritna, though hated and despised,
chose to help the hurting man, compassion in his eyes.

He cleaned and wrapped the painful wounds,
he saved the man in need;
And loved his neighbor as himself,
loved him in word and deed.

The good Samaritan, though hated and despised
chose to help the one in need.

While others walked away, he chose to stay,
regardless of religion, race, or creed.

The Good Samaritan showed God's love indeed.

Love the Lord with all your heart
and love your neighbor, too.

The Good Samaritan showed us what to do.

Love your neighbor, too!

Ubi Caritas

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
Exsultemus, et in ipso jucundemur.
Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum.
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.
Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.

Amen.

*Where charity and love are, God is there.
Christ's love has gathered us into one.*

Let us rejoice and be pleased in Him.

Let us fear, and let us love the living God.

And may we love each other with a sincere heart.

Amen.

Go Forth for God

Go forth for God, go to the world in love;
strengthen the faint, give courage to the weak;
help the afflicted; richly from above
God's love supplies the grace and power we seek.
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