



Village Church
FOLLOWING JESUS FOR LIFE

Second Sunday of Advent

December 7, 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

Of The Father's Love Begotten

arr. Wilbur Held
Suzanne Shick, organ

WELCOME

The Rev. Janice Y. Cook

CALL TO WORSHIP

Colossians 1:15-20

Leader: Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation,

**People: For in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible,
whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created
through him and for him.**

Leader: He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

**People: He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead,
so that he might come to have first place in everything.**

Leader: For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,

**People: And through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things,
whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.**

All: All glory and honor and praise to our God and our Lord.

+ HYMN 82

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

HYFRYDOL

+ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Dr. Jack W. Baca

We mourn, O God, for we have heard the pleas of Your people, yet too often we respond with a heavy silence. We confess that we are witnesses to the cruel devastation of lost futures, shattered by the burdens of addiction, poverty, and oppression. Still, we hesitate, waiting for others to rise, and in our negligence, we become complicit in their pain. Forgive our complacency and awaken our hearts with love. Convict us of the neglect that dims the light of hope. Help us to embody Your salvation, remind us of our calling, and let us praise Your name forever.

+ MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

+ ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

+ RESPONSE: HYMN 132

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

IN DULCI JUBILO

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this!
He has opened heaven's door, and we are blest forever more.
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

+ PASSING THE PEACE

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

The Walker Family
Brandon, Brooke, Brody & Blake

*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.*

VILLAGE LIFE

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Scholar Leaders International, Christopher M. Hays, President

Offering Ourselves to God

OFFERTORY

Sing We Now Of Christmas

arr. Sondra K. Tucker
Village Ringers
Phyllis Graham, director

+ RESPONSE: HYMN 143

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

REGENT SQUARE

Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
you, who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth:
come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king!
All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son,
Evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One:
come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king!

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

Hope For Resolution (A Song for Mandela and de Klerk)

arr. Paul Caldwell and Sean Ivory
Chancel Choir
Youth Choir
Juan Carlos Acosta, director

THE WORD READ

John 1:1-18 (NT pg. 122)

Joan Osborne, lay reader

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

"Of the Father's Love Begotten"

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.

+ HYMN 108

Of the Father's Love Begotten (verses 1, 2, 5, and 6)

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

+ BENEDICTION

+ CHORAL BENEDICTION

O Christ Surround Me

Richard Bruxvoort Colligan

POSTLUDE

Now Sing We, Now Rejoice

J. S. Bach



*The flowers in worship today are given by Gena Wilson in honor of
Constance Lea Darfler on her earthly birthday.*

Bulletin Cover Art: The symbolic fresco of Twelve apostles by Enrico Reffo (1914).
La Chiesa di San Dalmazzo. Turin, Italy.

The Deacon of the Day, Ellen Rindell, 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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BIBLE OR HYMNAL
DEDICATION**

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Hope For Resolution
(A Song for Mandela and de Klerk)

Of the Father's love begotten,
E'er 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.

Oh, that birth, forever blessed,
when the virgin full of grace,
by the Holy Ghost conceiving,
bare the Saviour of our race.

And the babe, the world's redeemer,
first revealed his sacred face,
evermore and evermore.

O ye heights of heav'n adore him,
angel hosts his praises sing,
pow'rs, dominions bow before him
and extol our God and King.

Let no tongue on earth be silent,
ev'ry voice in concert ring,
evermore and evermore.

Thula sizwe,
ungabokhala,
uJehovah wakho uzokunqobela.

Inkululeko, sizoyithol,
uJehovah wakho uzokunqobela.

O Christ Surround Me

God, be the love to search and keep me;
God, be the prayer to move my voice;
God be the strength to now uphold me:
O Christ, surround me;
O Christ, surround me.

ANTHEM NOTES

“Hope for Resolution” brilliantly juxtaposes the ancient European chant “Divinum Mysterium” (Of the Father’s Love Begotten) with an anti-apartheid hymn from South Africa. The arrangement features parts for both younger and older voices and reminds us that God has called all of humanity to a peaceful coexistence through Jesus Christ.