



Village Church

FOLLOWING JESUS FOR LIFE

First Sunday of Christmas

December 28, 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

Rise Up, Shepherd, And Follow

arr. Lloyd Larson
Suzanne Shick, piano

WELCOME

The Rev. Janice Y. Cook

CALL TO WORSHIP

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Leader: Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

**People: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart
and with all your soul and with all your might.**

Leader: Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart.

**People: Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home
and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.**

Leader: Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead,
and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates. Let us worship God!

+ HYMN 136

Go Tell It On the Mountain

GO TELL IT

+ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Dr. Jack W. Baca

Loving Savior, we acknowledge that there are times when we forget Your purpose for us. Please forgive us for overlooking those who are neglected, poor, hurting, and hidden. Forgive us for not paying attention to Your challenging questions about our beliefs and practices, especially when they are hateful or cruel. Guide us, Lord, so that we do not leave You behind unnoticed, as if the future is solely ours to plan. Open our eyes, Lord, so that we may see You as the promised one—the newly born child and the hope of all the world.

+ MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

+ ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

+ RESPONSE: HYMN 118

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

CHRISTMAS

While shepherds watched their flocks by night, all seated on the ground,
the angel of the Lord came down, and glory shone around, and glory shone around.

“Fear not,” said he, for mighty dread had seized their troubled mind:

“Glad tidings of great joy I bring to you and humankind, to you and humankind.

“All glory be to God on high, and to the earth be peace;
good will to all from highest heaven begin and never cease, begin and never cease!”

+ 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.

VILLAGE LIFE

Offering Ourselves to God

OFFERTORY

Impression on "We Three Kings"

Alfred V. Fedak

+ RESPONSE: HYMN 151

We Three Kings of Orient Are

KINGS OF ORIENT

We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.
O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!

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

What Child Is This?

arr. Juan Carlos Acosta
Chancel Choir
Juan Carlos Acosta, director

THE WORD READ

Luke 2:39-52 (NT pg. 79)

Lynn Fauth, lay reader

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

"Our Childhood's Pattern"

The Rev. Janice Y. Cook

Responding to God's Word

+ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

John 1:1-5, 12-13

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

Verse 1, soloist
Verse 2, choir
Verses 3-4, congregation

+ BLESSING

+ CHORAL BLESSING

A Blessing of Grace

Joseph Martin

POSTLUDE

Angels We Have Heard On High

arr. Diane Bish



The Deacon of the Day, Kathy Collins, 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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What Child Is This?

What child is this, who, laid to rest,
on Mary's lap is sleeping?

Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
while shepherds watch are keeping?

This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary!

Why lies he in such mean estate
where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here
the silent Word is pleading.

This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary!

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;
come, one and all, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
let loving hearts enthrone him.

This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary!

A Blessing of Grace

Grow in the grace and knowledge of the Savior,
Learn of the Lord, and know His ways.
Sing the wondrous story,
tell of all His glory,
for Christ is worthy of all praise.

Grow in his love, and let his peace surround,
let His light astound you every day,
know He walks beside us,
like a shepherd guides us,
He guides our journey all the way.

Grown in grace, grow in love.
Let the light of Christ shine through you everyday.
Grown in grace, grow in love.
Give your heart and life to Jesus, grow in grace.
Grow in grace.