



VILLAGE CHAPEL
PRESBYTERIAN

"THE VILLAGER" – DECEMBER 15, 2022

NEW YEAR'S DAY SERVICE

St. Ignatius, a Spanish priest, developed a powerful prayer called the Examen in the 1500s to help believers pay careful attention to the movement of God in their lives. What better time to do that than on New Year's Day as we reflect on the past year and look forward to the new one?



So during our regular worship service, we will reflect on the ordinary and the profound, on joys and sorrows, on (inter)national, congregational, and individual events. We will work together to create a milestone timeline on a long sheet of butcher paper that helps us see God's work in our midst!

And of course there will also be singing, and praying, and time to reflect on scripture. It'll be a little different; but it'll be a great way to welcome in the new year!

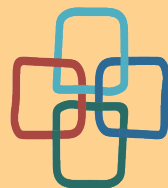
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FOR UNTO US A
Child is born,
UNTO US A
Son
is given; and
the government will
be upon his shoulder, and his name
will be called
Wonderful Counselor
MIGHTY GOD
Everlasting Father
PRINCE OF PEACE.
ISAIAH
9:6

WORSHIP NOTES

Join us in person or virtually for worship during December and January . . .

- Dec. 18 4th Sunday of Advent Matthew 1:18-25
- Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Luke 2:1-14
- Dec. 25 Christmas Day – we will be rebroadcasting the Christmas Eve service
- Jan. 1 Praying in the new year!
- Jan. 8 Epiphany Sunday Isaiah 60:1-6 and Matthew 2:1-12
- Jan. 15 Baptism of the Lord Matthew 3:13-17
- Jan. 22 Matthew 4:12-23



STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Since Dedication Sunday, we have received additional pledges! The total is now \$168,544 toward the 2023 budget which allows us to do the ministry God has called us to do! Thank you for your generosity!

If you haven't yet sent in your pledge, there is still time, but the Session will begin putting together a budget soon.

And if God has blessed you in 2022, please consider an extra gift to the church before the end of the year.

This is what stewardship looks like!

ELDER RETREAT

The new class of elders passed their examination and will join the rest of the elders for a retreat January 13-14. We'll get to know each other better, break bread together, and take care of some business. We will spend Saturday at the Library, meet with two representatives of the Black Mountain School of Theology about the Thriving Congregations program, vote on a budget for 2023, and draft people to serve on the various Ministry Teams. Sounds like fun, right?



LONGEST NIGHT TAIZÉ

On Monday, Dec. 19th, at 7 PM, we will gather in the sanctuary for a Taizé style Longest Night service. There will be ample time to pray, sing, and sit in silence as we reflect on what we are grieving and what gives us hope!

Betty King and Ken Long, who both played at the Taizé service during Lent, will join us again!

Immediately after the service, we will regroup in the library for the final Advent study on names for the Messiah. **(Both events will be available virtually.)**



THE MOST BEAUTIFUL TIME OF THE YEAR



ADVENT & CHRISTMAS AT VILLAGE CHAPEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON & CONCERT

Thursday, December 15, 12:00 Noon

EVERYONE WELCOME

Favorite Christmas carols on piano and organ
at 12:30 PM in the sanctuary
and on Facebook Live.

Reservations required for lunch
(email Leslie@vcpresby.org)

LONGEST NIGHT- TAIZE SERVICE

Monday, December 19, 7:00 PM

(in conjunction with the Advent study)

Time for praying, singing, and being in silence
as we reflect on what we are grieving
and what gives us hope!

CHRISTMAS EVE CAROLING

Saturday, December 24, 4:00 PM

Hubbard Hospice House

Musical talent not required!

CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION & CANDLELIGHT WORSHIP SERVICE

Saturday, December 24, 9:00 PM

Live in the Sanctuary and on Facebook

CHRISTMAS DAY MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, December 25, 11 AM

We will gather together on Facebook Live
to share an encore experience of the
Christmas Eve Candlelight service.

CHRISTMAS DAY CAROLING

Sunday, December 25, 3 PM

Meet at Village Chapel to go caroling
together at the homes of our
home-bound members.
Musical talent not required!

HOLIDAYS AND IMPORTANT DATES

Sunday, December 25th—
Christmas Day
Office is closed Dec. 26th & 27th



Sunday, January 1st—
New Years Day
Office is closed Jan. 2nd



Monday, January 16th—
Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Office Closed



GIVING TUESDAY GOAL SURPASSED!

Village Chapel collected 56 jars of
peanut butter (many JUMBO sized)
and 23 t-shirts!



STAFF CHRISTMAS BONUS

It's the time of year to express our gratitude and
appreciation to those who mean the most to us.

Please consider a donation for staff Christmas
bonuses, which will be divided among all the
members of our amazing Village Chapel staff.

Please designate your donations as Christmas staff
bonus on the envelope or your check.

Thanks, in advance, for your generosity and for
letting them know how much they are
appreciated.

The Personnel Team

**Amy Parker will be on vacation leave
December 26—January 2.**

LETTERS FROM GOD PAGEANT
2022



PLEASE REMEMBER THE
FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR
PRAYERS ON THESE DATES:

JANUARY

	16 Paul Markham
1 Martha King	17 Susie Matulis
2 Sharon King	18 Steve Matulis
3 Janet Kinzer	19 Cathy McClung
4 Kathy Kruk	20 Mike McClung
5 Teresa Lawlor	21 Kathryn McCrary
6 Bruce Lawson	22 Linda Meadows
7 Lisa Lawson	23 Brian Misiti
8 Noah Lawson	24 Mary Ruth Misiti
9 Josie Lawson	25 Richard Mitchell
10 Becky Lippitt	26 Sally Mullins
11 Jeanne MacDonald	27 David Mullins
12 Joan Mansell	28 Phillip Mullins
13 Peter Markham	29 Steve Murray
14 Tara Markham	30 Sherri Murray
15 Addison Markham	31 Joan Myers

TOILET PAPER DONATIONS
NEEDED!

As part of Village Chapel's Ministry to Common Grounds, we donate toilet paper for those less fortunate. The Presbyterian Women have set the second Sunday of every month the official donation Sunday for toilet paper. You can just bring your donation with you to Church and place it in the specified area at the back of the Sanctuary. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

NURTURING FAITH IDEAS

December 18 – Fourth Sunday of Advent:

Read Isaiah 7:10-16

This prophecy from Isaiah likely referred to a young woman who was there before Ahaz, but Christians have long held the tradition that it also anticipates Jesus. Have you ever asked God for a sign? How might the Spirit use the same event to speak different messages to people? Where have you witnessed the Spirit speaking to you lately?

**December 25 – Nativity of the Lord/
Christmas Day:**

Read Luke 2:1-20

Merry Christmas! What good news do you have to share with others this holy day? What treasures are you pondering in your heart? Let us pray together for peace and joy in our world!

PRAYER CHAIN

An important part of our caring for each other is the **Prayer Chain**.

Please let **Betsy White**
(betsywhite06@yahoo.com) know of any prayer concerns you may have.

You may also contact Leslie Bremar in the church office (304-925-7265 or leslie@vcpresby.org). Leslie will direct your prayer request to Betsy.

If you would like to be added to the Prayer Chain, please contact the office.

EPIPHANY SUNDAY / ELDERS ORDAINED AND /OR INSTALLED

On Sunday, January 8th, we will celebrate Epiphany with communion and we will ordain and/or install the elders in the class of 2025: **John France, Tara Markham, Sharon Richardson, and Barb Smith!**

STATISTICAL REPORT	12/11/22	12/4/22	11/27/22	11/20/22
In-Person Attendance	69	66	40	49
Non-Pledged	\$1,345	\$620	\$730	\$325
Pledged Contribution	\$2,110	\$9,341.70	\$1,710	\$2,295
Miscellaneous Income	\$1,590	\$1,700	\$25.26	\$5,677
Total Contributions	\$5,045	\$11,661.70	\$2,465.26	\$8,297.00

RE-WRITE JINGLE BELLS – A MAD LIB


Dashing through the snow, in a one _____ (animal) open sleigh.
O're the fields we go _____ (verb ending in -ing) all the way!
Bells on bobtails ring, making _____ (plural noun) bright.
What fun it is to _____ (verb) and sing a/an _____ (adjective) song tonight!
Jingle _____ (plural noun), jingle _____ (same plural noun). Jingle all the way!
Oh what fun it is to _____ (verb) in a one _____ (same animal) open sleigh!
Jingle bells, jingle bells. Jingle all the way!
Oh what fun it is to ride in a _____ (number) horse open sleigh!





JANUARY 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 11 AM - Worship	2 OFFICE CLOSED	3	4	5 10 AM - PW Coordinating Team 7 PM - Worship Team	6 7:30 PM - NA Group	7
8 9:45 AM - Sunday School 11 AM - Worship with Communion & Ordination & Installation of Elders 12:00 PM - Choir Practice	9 10 AM - Bridge	10 7 PM - Choir Practice	11 7 PM - Stewardship Team Meeting	12 10 AM - PW Circle 11:15 AM - Service Team	13 7:30 PM NA Group	14 Elder Retreat
15 9:45 AM - Sunday School 11 AM - Worship	16  OFFICE CLOSED	17	18 7 PM - Session Meeting	19 12:00 PM - PW Luncheon	20 7:30 PM NA Group	21
22 9:45 AM - Sunday School 11 AM - Worship 12:00 PM - Choir Practice	23 10 AM - Bridge	24	25	26 Newsletter	27 7:30 PM NA Group	28
29 9:45 AM - Sunday School 11 AM - Worship	30 10 AM - Bridge	31	January Birthdays: 1 - Rose Ann Walker 4 - Heather Barry 7 - Mary Howard, Philip Harich 8 - Nate Wright 9 - Sharon King 10 - Kathy Kruk 11 - Bruce Lawson 12 - Mia Velasco 16 - Alex Panger 20 - Richard Callard 22 - Peyton Panger 27 - Vera Forman			