

Traditional Service

11:00 am

Prelude

Now Thank We All Our God, BWV 657  
(Composer: J.S. Bach)

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD;  
Let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.  
Let us come before him with thanksgiving  
and extol him with music and song.  
Come, let us bow down in worship,  
Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker.  
For he is our God and we are the people of his pasture.  
ALL: We are the flock under his care.

Hymn #473

Come, You Thankful People, Come

Responsive Reading

Psalm 27

The Lord is my light and my salvation— whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life— of whom shall I be afraid?  
When the wicked advance against me they will stumble and fall.  
Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear;  
Though war break out against me, even then I will be confident.  
One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek:  
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,  
to gaze on the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.  
For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling;  
he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent and set me high upon a rock.  
Hear my voice when I call, Lord; be merciful to me and answer me.  
My heart says of you, “Seek his face!” Your face, Lord, I will seek.  
I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.  
Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Our Father, forgive us for thinking small thoughts of you and for ignoring your immensity and greatness. Lord Jesus, forgive us when we forget that you rule the nations and our small lives. Holy Spirit, we offend you in minimizing your power and squandering your gifts. We confess that our blindness to your glory, O triune God, has resulted in shallow confession, tepid conviction, and only mild repentance. Have mercy upon us. In Jesus’ name.  
(People silently offer their personal confessions to God.)  
In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Pastor: Friends, believe the Good News:  
People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Response

Glory Be to the Father #961

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

Joining God’s Mission

Advent Devotions

Hymn #956

To God Be the Glory  
(sing chorus twice)

Scripture Reading

1 Thessalonians 4:14-5:19

This is the Word of the Lord  
Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Encouraging Each Other with Hope  
Deeply Connected: Fostering Christ-Centered Fellowship

Musical Reflection

For the Beauty of the Earth  
(music by John Rutter)

Doxology

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him, all creatures here below  
Praise Him, above ye heavenly hosts  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name;  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For yours is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.

Hymn #543

Now Thank We All Our God

Benediction

Postlude

Fanfare  
(Composer: Michael Helman)

Worship Participants	
Welcome & Sermon	Rev. Greg Buell
Liturgist & Prayers of the People	Wally Kelley
Contemporary Worship Leader	Luke Stoner
Praise Music	Village Church Worship Band
Director of Traditional Music	Dr. Yongmin Kim
Choral Music	Village Church Choir
Song Leader	Joe Cloonan
Organist	Sharon Peterson
Scripture Reader	Suzanne Nelson (9:30) Stacy Carver (11:00)
Prayers of the People	Roger Smith (9:30)
Joining in God’s Mission	Sylvie Vanhoozer
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Contemporary Service9:30 am

Welcome and Call to Worship

Praise and Prayer

I Thank God

This Is How I Thank the Lord

Prayer of Confession

Christ Be Magnified

Passing the Peace

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(Offerings are received weekly via mail and online giving at <https://villagechurchnorthbrook.org/give/> . Those attending live worship can leave their donations in the offering plates at the back of the sanctuary.)

Scripture Reading1 Thessalonians 4:14-5:19

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon

Encouraging Each Other with Hope

Deeply Connected: Fostering Christ-Centered Fellowship

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Closing SongThe Church

Blessing

Questions for Discussion

- Opening Question
1.

In what ways does the world potentially distract us from living a faithful life in Christ?
2.

What in life discourages you or challenges your faith? What can keep a person from persevering in the faith?

- Read 1 Thessalonians 4:16- 5:19 (NIV)
1.

What is central to our hope in Jesus Christ and how does it bring encouragement to all who believe? (4:16-18)
2.

When will Christ come again? What will it be like? In what way is it similar to the story of the Flood in Genesis? How is it different? (5:1-3)
3.

Why should believers not be surprised about the Lord’s coming? (5:4-5)
4.

How should we live in light of Christ’s coming? Is Paul talking about sleeping and sobriety in a literal sense? Why or why not? (v. 6-8)
5.

How does Paul summarize the Good News of Jesus Christ in verses 9-10?
6.

In light of the good news – what are brothers and sisters in Christ supposed to do for one another? What do you think this looks like? (v.11)
7.

In addition to pastors, who are the Christian leaders in your life? In what way does Paul encourage believers to encourage leaders? (v.12-13a)
8.

Why is living in peace with one another so important for the Church? How does distrust and discord harm our faith and our unity in the Spirit? (v.13b)
9.

What specific groups of people are lifted up as especially needing encouragement? Why is patience so important? (v.14)
10.

What final commands does Paul give to the Thessalonians in this passage? Why are these important components for us all of us to persevere in the faith? (v.15-19)

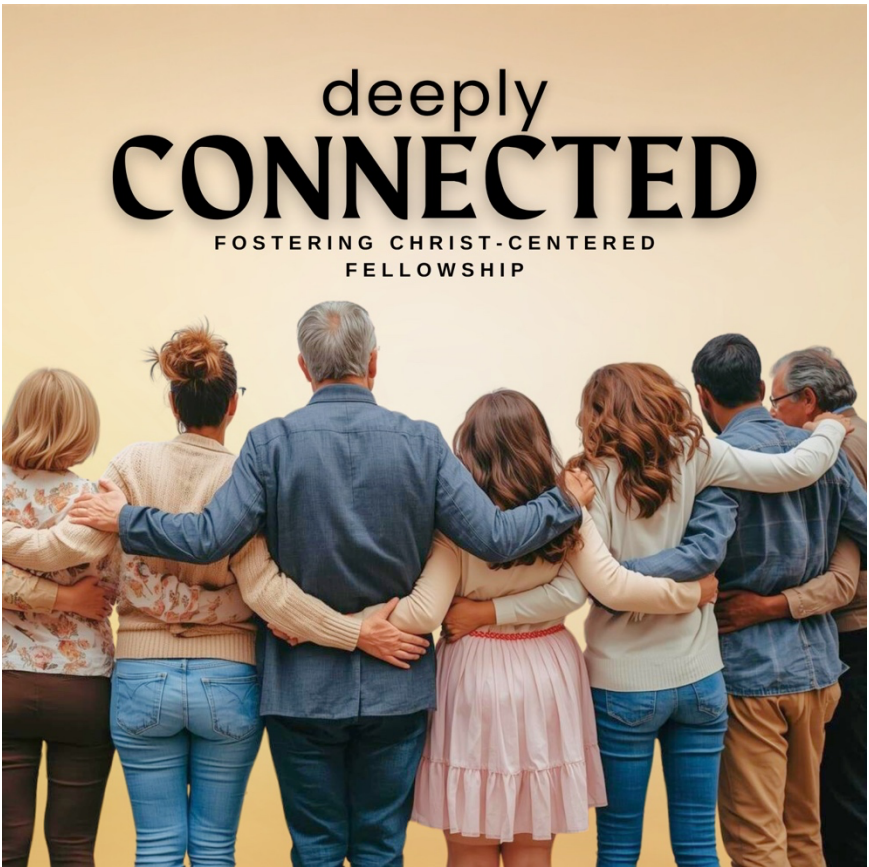
Prayer Concerns & Closing Prayer

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