



Valley Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Dear Friend in Christ,

We would be very pleased to have you join our Sunday morning worship on Zoom by using the following instructions.

Please use these phone numbers and links between 10:15am and 10:30am Central Time. You can join in one of two ways:

By computer, smart phone or tablet:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86757133623?pwd=OTFUQWJvU21MMmR6bkY5SitpelR1UT09>

By Phone: 1 (312) 626 6799 ID 867 5713 3623, Passcode 205879

(If you need a live link to the Worship link, you can go to the homepage of our website at www.vccbhm.org and click on “Links to Zoom” then click on the Sunday Worship link.)

I look forward to seeing you on Sunday!

Christ's and yours,

Pastor Eric Atcheson

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Valley Christian Church

First Sunday of Advent

November 28, 2021

PRELUDE

*"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring with
Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"*

Margaret Cox
Pianist

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Above all, show sincere love to each other
People: For love brings about the forgiveness of sins
Leader: Open your homes to each other without
complaint
People: We serve each other according to our gifts
Leader: Be good managers of God's diverse gifts
**People: So that in everything God may be honored
through Jesus Christ**
(1 Peter 4:8-11, CEB)

Stewart Draper
Worship Leader

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Come, O Long Expected Jesus"

Hymn 125
Verses 1 & 2

*Come O long expected Jesus
Born to set your people free
From our fears and sins release us
Christ in whom our rest shall be
You our strength and consolation
Come salvation to impart
Dear desire of many a nation
Joy of many a longing heart*

*Born your people to deliver, born a child and yet a king
Born to reign in us forever
Born your gracious realm to bring
By your own eternal spirit rule in all our hearts alone
By your all sufficient merit raise to your glorious throne*

OPENING PRAYER

Stewart Draper
Worship Leader

ADVENT CANDLES

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Dr. Eric Atcheson

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Loving God, in such holy and sacred moments with you and before you, we pray to you for the people we have named aloud and the people and places that are in the silence of our souls. We lift them to you at this time...

Rev. Dr. Eric Atcheson

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 4:3-16

Stewart Draper
Worship Leader

MESSAGE

"The First Gift"

Rev. Dr. Eric Atcheson

ANTHEM

"Of the Father's Love Begotten"
Arr. Marty Parks

VCC Choir directed by
Mary Ellen Caughran

CALL TO OFFERING

Share your financial offering with the church by offering plate, by mail or bring it by the church office. Thank you for your love gifts.

Stewart Draper
Worship Leader

Our deacons will come by each pew to receive the offering. Simply place your offering and any contact/prayer cards into the plate when it is offered to you. Please do not pass the plate.

OFFERTORY

"In the Bleak Midwinter"

Margaret Cox
Pianist

DOXOLOGY

*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*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Stewart Draper
Worship Leader

CALL TO COMMUNION

On this first Sunday of Advent, the Sunday of Hope, may we find our hope in the broken and restored body of Christ we remember in this meal.

Rev. Dr. Eric Atcheson

COMMUNION PRAYER

Conclude by praying together the Lord's Prayer

Sarah Draper
Elder

**WORDS OF
INSTITUTION**

Hear the words of Jesus when He said, "Take and eat, this is my body, broken for you. Take and drink, this is the cup of the covenant poured out for you."

Rev. Dr. Eric Atcheson

Our deacons will come by each pew to serve you individually wrapped communion elements. Please do not unmask to partake of communion during the Words of Institution until asked to do so. Place your mask back fully over your nose and mouth immediately afterwards.

**HYMN OF
INVITATION**

"O Come O Come Emmanuel"

*Hymn 119
Verses 1 – 4*

*O come o come Emmanuel and ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear
Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel shall come to thee O Israel*

*O come thou dayspring come and cheer
Our spirits by thy advent here
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
And death's deep shadows put to flight
Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel shall come to thee O Israel*

*O come thou wisdom from on high
And order all things far and nigh
To us the path of knowledge show
And cause us in her ways to go
Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel shall come to thee O Israel*

*O come desire of nations bind all peoples in one heart
And mind. Bid envy strife and quarrel cease
Fill the world with heaven's peace
Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel shall come to thee O Israel*

BENEDICTION

May the God who has promised to us a savior, who is Christ the Lord send you forth with that promise to others that they, and we, might prepare the way, and may the blessing of the Lord be with you always, amen.

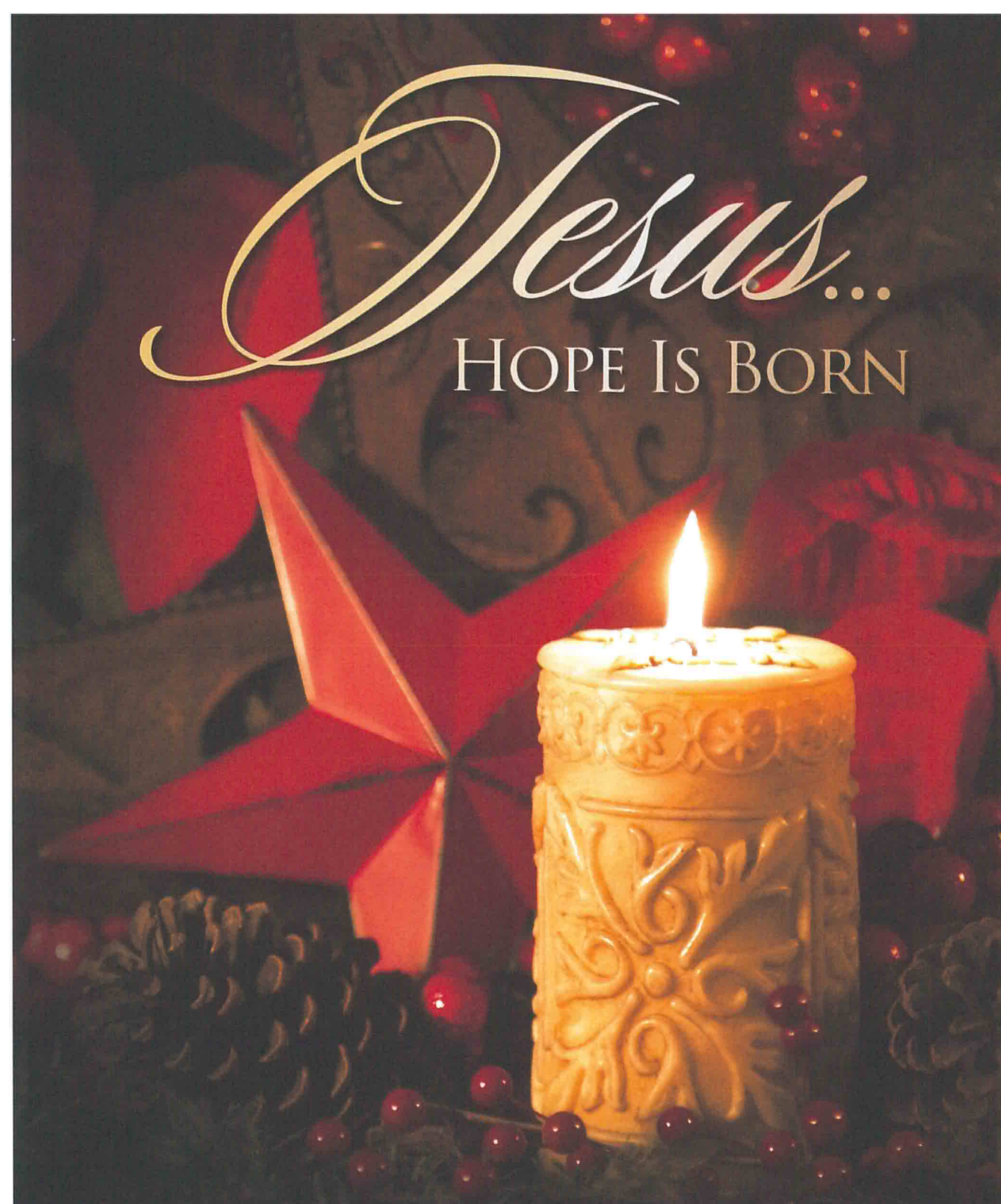
Rev. Dr. Eric Atcheson

POSTLUDE

"Emmanuel"

*Margaret Cox
Pianist*

The serving of food and drinks indoors is temporarily suspended due to the delta variant of covid-19, but you are warmly invited to remain here in fellowship time after worship concludes.



Life in the Valley

Upcoming Events

Sunday, Nov 28	9:30 am Sunday School Autumn Series 10:30 am: Valley Worship, sanctuary Blessing of the Greens
Tuesday, Nov 30	6:30 pm: Adult Sunday School class on Zoom (Meeting Room 1)
Wednesday, Dec 1	11:30am Sounds of Advent Carol Sing – optional lunch off-site 6:30 pm: Valley Choir practice, choir room 7:30 pm Bell Choir Practice, choir room
Thursday, Dec 2	Marilyn – vacation
Friday, Dec 3	Marilyn - vacation
Saturday, Dec 4	10:30am Disciples Women Christmas Coffee
Sunday, Dec 5	9:30 am Sunday School Autumn Series 10:30 am: Valley Worship, sanctuary Food Pantry Sunday Peace Sunday

*Our Disciples of Christ congregation to be in prayer for this week is
Fairfax Christian Church in Valley, Alabama*

*Please also be in prayer for our sister congregation, Macedonia Christian Church, and our
neighbors at Primera Iglesia Cristiana*

Church office hours: 8:00 am – noon, Monday – Friday
Pastor Eric's office hours: 9:30 am – noon, Monday – Thursday

Today's Servers

ELDER: Sarah Draper WORSHIP LEADER: Stewart Draper GREETER(S): Carol Speed and
John Gregory DEACONS: : Team 2, Leader – Peggi Zinser Members – Jim Taylor, Ginny
Guindon, Carol Speed OPEN: Pastor CLOSE: Peggi Zinser COFFEE FELLOWSHIP:
Postponed

Of the Father's Love Begotten

Plainsong, 13th Century

Words: Aurelius Clemens Prudentius (4th Century)

Of the Father's love begotten, ere the worlds began to be,
Christ 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!

O ye heights of heaven sing praises; angels and archangels sing!
And on earth let all the faithful now your joyous anthems ring,
Ev'ry tongue Christ's name confessing, countless voices answering,
Evermore and evermore!

Christ, to thee with God Creator, and O Holy Ghost, to thee,
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving, and unwearied praises be;
Honor, glory, and dominion, and eternal victory,
Evermore and evermore!