



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

Second Sunday of Advent

December 5, 2021

PRELUDE

*"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel/
Of the Father's Love Begotten"*

*Margaret Cox
Pianist*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Do not become egotistical or place your hope in money

*Ginny Guindon
Worship Leader*

People: We need to hope in God

Leader: God richly provides everything

People: With which we are to do good, to be generous, and to share with others

Leader: This is treasure that is good for the future

People: This treasure is what is truly life

(1 Timothy 6:17-19, CEB)

HYMN OF PRAISE

"People, Look East"

Hymn 142
Verses 1, 3, 4

*People look east, the time is near of the crowning
Of the year. Make your house fair as you are able
Trim the hearth and set the table
People, look east, Love the Guest, is on the way*

*Stars, keep the watch, when night is dim, one more
Light the bowl shall brim, shining beyond the frosty
Weather, bright as sun and moon together
People, look east: Love, the Star, is on the way*

*Angels announce with shouts of mirth him who brings
New life to earth. Set every peak and valley humming
With the word, the Lord is coming
People, look east: Love, the Lord, is on the way*

OPENING PRAYER

*Ginny Guindon
Worship Leader*

ADVENT CANDLES

Devine family

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

Mark 12:41-44

*Ginny Guindon
Worship Leader*

MESSAGE

"Bronze Without Tin"

Rev. Dr. Eric Atcheson

ANTHEM

*"Waiting, Wandering, Wondering"
Ruth Elaine Schram*

*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.

*Ginny Guindon
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

*"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus with
Dona Nobis Pacem"*

*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

*Ginny Guindon
Worship Leader*

CALL TO COMMUNION

Like coins made of copper, a meal made of bread is humble. Out of that humility Christ exhibited, may we be strengthened to turn pridefulness into humbleness.

Rev. Dr. Eric Atcheson

COMMUNION PRAYER

Conclude by praying together the Lord's Prayer

*Clarence Sellers
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**

"Christians All, Your Lord is Coming"

*Hymn 136
Verses 1, 2, 4*

*Christians all your lord is coming, drawing near
In holy birth. Ring the bells and sound the trumpets
Let your music fill the earth. Dance and move to
Show God's glory, kneel and pause to hear God's word
Alleluia, alleluia, rise and let your songs be heard*

*Christians all your lord is coming, calling you to
Serve in deed. See the ones who hurt and suffer
Hear their cry and act with speed. Set all selfish
Ways behind you, purge your hearts of sinful greed
Alleluia, alleluia, Christ in you will meet their need*

*Christians all your lord is coming, hope for peace is
Now at hand. Let there be no hesitation
Walk in faith where life demands. Bear the word
That God has given, share the birth that stirs your soul
Alleluia, alleluia, Christ will come and make you whole*

BENEDICTION

May the God who sees in all your imperfections someone to be perfected, loved, and made whole send you out to share that perfect love, that others may be made whole, and may the blessing of that God be with you now and always, amen.

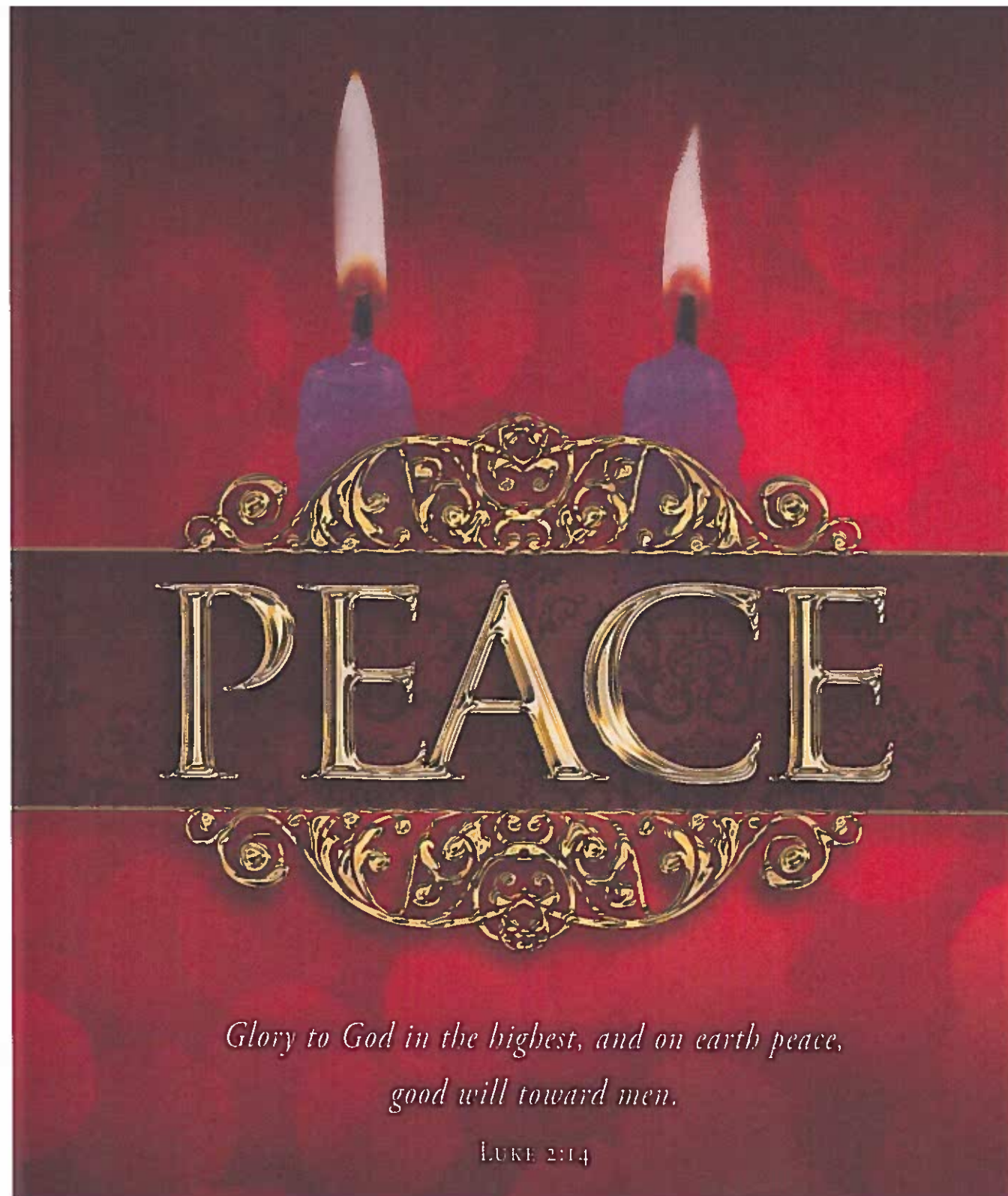
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POSTLUDE

(Reprise) "Rejoice, Rejoice! 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.



*Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace,
good will toward men.*

LUKE 2:14

Life in the Valley

Upcoming Events

Sunday, Dec 5	10:30 am: Valley Worship, sanctuary Food Pantry Sunday Peace Sunday
Monday, Dec 6	Voice Deadline Lola Kiser's Birthday
Tuesday, Dec 7	6:30 pm: Adult Sunday School class on Zoom (Meeting Room 1) 7:00 pm Barony Group
Wednesday, Dec 8	9:15am AAA Event – Confederate White House - Montgomery 6:30 pm: Valley Choir practice, choir room 7:30 pm Bell Choir Practice, choir room
Thursday, Dec 9	Rob Robertson's Birthday
Friday, Dec 10	Peggi Zinser's Birthday Beth Collier's Birthday
Saturday, Dec 11	8am ESQG Sit and Sew 9am-12pm Valley Work Day
Sunday, Dec 12	10:30 am: Valley Worship, sanctuary 12pm Elders' Meeting Christmas Special Offering

*Our Disciples of Christ congregation to be in prayer for this week is
United Christian Church in Montgomery, 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: Clarence Sellers WORSHIP LEADER: Ginny Guindon GREETER(S): Stewart and Sarah Draper DEACONS: : Team 1, Leader – Carolyn Nunnelly Members – Marilyn Cutcliffe, Stewart Draper, Terry Nunnelly, Sara Simon OPEN: Pastor CLOSE: Stewart Draper COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: Postponed

Waiting, Wandering, Wondering Ruth Elaine Schram

Waiting for the light of the World,
Wand'ring in the darkness alone;
Wond'ring when the promised Redeemer will come.
Waiting for the Light to show us the way;
Wand'ring in the darkness day after day;
Wond'ring when we'll see God's salvation, God's Son.

Promise of ages, Promise of old,
Promise by faithful prophets foretold;
Promise of hope and promise of peace,
We are waiting, wand'ring, wond'ring

Waiting for the blessed Child to be born;
Wand'ring longing for the light of the morn;
Wond'ring when we will behold our Emmanuel.
Waiting, Wand'ring, Wond'ring.

Our thanks to the following people who helped with our decorations of the sanctuary through the gift of poinsettias in honor of and in memory of their loved ones.



Carolyn and Terry Nunnelly	in honor of Vickie Deason
Carolyn and Terry Nunnelly	in loving memory of Wayne Deason, Sr.
Peggi Zinser	in honor of Taylor Ann Brent at her last Christmas before her marriage in January.
Sara Simon	In honor of Brett, Tiffany, Cada, and Will Simon, and Lauren and David Lambert
Sara Simon	In loving memory of Bill and Grace Guindon
Mary Ellen and Bill Caughran	
Ed and Ginny Guindon	In honor of Bill and Carolyn Gwaltney
Ed and Ginny Guindon	In honor of Robert Scott McWhirter
Ed and Ginny Guindon	In loving memory of the Guindon and Gwaltney family members
John and Beth Gregory	In loving memory of Agnes Hurst Gregory, mother
John and Beth Gregory	In loving memory of Joan Frances Knode, sister
Melinda Robertson	In honor of the Robertsons - Rob, Stephanie and George IV
Melinda Robertson	In loving memory of John, Marilyn and Marshall Thraikill
Sarah and Stewart Draper	In honor of Carol Speed
Sarah and Stewart Draper	In loving memory of Stephen Draper
Judy and Clarence Sellers	In loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Elint and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence W. Sellers, Sr.
Marilyn T. Cutcliffe	In honor of Akira, Cerys, Tia and Matt Cutcliffe
Marilyn T. Cutcliffe	In loving memory of John, Marilyn and Marshall Thraikill and Nancy McGinnis
Jim Taylor	In loving memory of Sandra Taylor

Please pick up your plant(s) after the Christmas Eve Service.