



# 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](http://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

## Third Sunday of Advent

December 12, 2021

### PRELUDE

*"The Birthday of a King"*

Margaret Cox  
Pianist

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We are saved by God's grace through our faith

**People: This salvation is God's gift**

Leader: It is not something we possess

**People: It is not something we did to be proud of**

Leader: Instead, you are God's accomplishment,  
created in Christ Jesus to do good things

**People: God planned for these good things to be the  
way that we live our lives**

(Ephesians 2:8-10, CEB)

Sarah Draper  
Worship Leader

### HYMN OF PRAISE

*"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"*

Hymn 163  
Verses 1 & 2

*Infant holy, infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall  
Oxen lowing, little knowing  
Christ the babe is Lord of all  
Swiftly winging, angels singing  
Bells are ringing, tidings bringing  
Christ the babe is Lord of all  
Christ the babe is Lord of all*

*Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping  
Vigil til the morning new  
Saw the glory, heard the story, tidings of a Gospel true  
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow  
Praises voicing, greet the morrow  
Christ the babe was born for you  
Christ the babe was born for you*

### OPENING PRAYER

Sarah Draper  
Worship Leader

### ADVENT CANDLES

Clark & Richardson  
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

James 1:13-18

Sarah Draper  
Worship Leader

#### MESSAGE

"Every Good Gift"

Rev. Dr. Eric Atcheson

#### ANTHEM

*"Noel Alleluia"*  
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.

Sarah 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

*"O, How Joyfully"!*

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

Sarah Draper  
Worship Leader

#### CALL TO COMMUNION

Joy may be difficult to find at this meal—with the arrest, trials, and crucifixion all to soon follow—and yet find it we ought, for in God's joy is our own joy.

Rev. Dr. Eric Atcheson

#### COMMUNION PRAYER

Conclude by praying together the Lord's Prayer

Katelyn Clark  
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**

*"What Child Is This"*

*Hymn 162  
Verses 1 – 3*

*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*

*Refrain*

*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  
Refrain*

*So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh  
Come rich and poor to own him  
The king of kings salvation brings  
Let loving hearts enthrone him  
Refrain*

**BENEDICTION**

May the God who rejoiced in the birth of the Messiah send you forth in that same joy to share, and may the blessing of that God be with you now and always, amen.

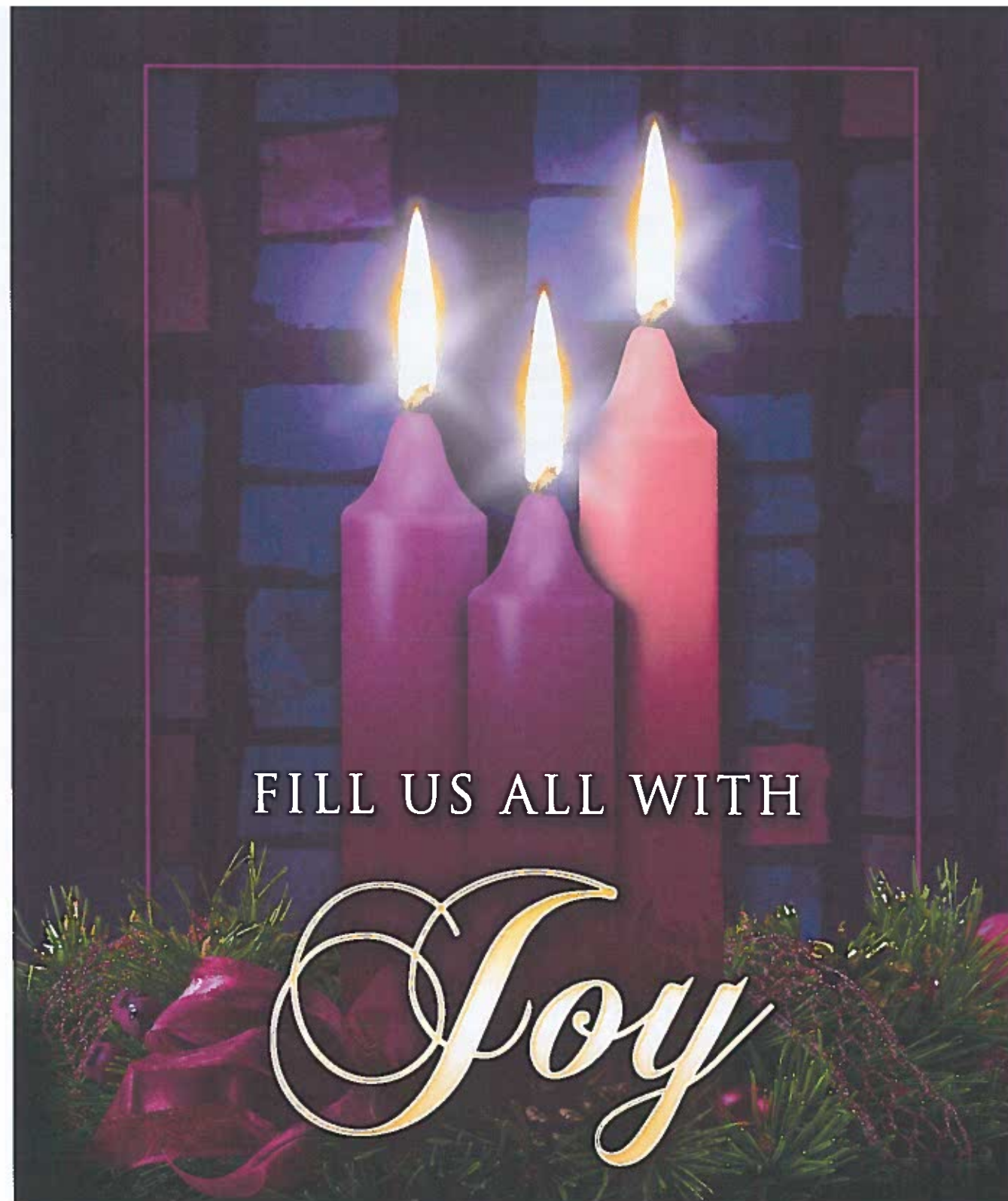
*Rev. Dr. Eric Atcheson*

**POSTLUDE**

*"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.*



## *Life in the Valley*

### Upcoming Events

- Sunday, Dec 12      10:30 am: Valley Worship, sanctuary  
12:00 pm Elders' Meeting  
Christmas Special Offering
- Tuesday, Dec 14      11:30 am – Men's Luncheon  
2:00 pm Manna Market Produce Sale  
6:30 pm: Adult Sunday School class on Zoom (Meeting Room 1)
- Wednesday, Dec 15      11:30 am Sounds of Advent Carol Sing – optional lunch offsite  
6:30 pm: Valley Choir practice, choir room  
7:30 pm Bell Choir Practice, choir room
- Thursday, Dec 17      Voice Deadline  
Peggy Hiller's Birthday
- Saturday, Dec 18      Jan Clark's Birthday
- Sunday, Dec 19      10:30 am: Valley Worship, sanctuary  
11:30 am Valley Congregational Meeting  
12:00 pm Cabinet Meeting  
Christmas Special Offering

*Our Disciples of Christ congregation to be in prayer for this week is  
Westwood Christian Church in Pensacola, Florida*

*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: Katelyn Clark    WORSHIP LEADER: Sarah Draper    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

## Noel, Alleluia Ruth Elaine Schram

Noel Alleluia,  
Glory to God in the highest;  
Angels are singing His birth.  
Glory to God in the highest;  
Welcome the King to earth!

Noel! Alleluia!  
Glory to God in the highest;  
Jesus our Savior, is born.  
Glory to God in the highest;  
Welcome Him, Christ the Lord!

Noel! Alleluia!  
Glory to God in the highest!