



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

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 19, 2021

PRELUDE

O Come O Come Emmanuel
Arr. by Lloyd Larson

VCC Bells directed by
Mary Ellen Caughran

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Generosity produces thanksgiving to God
People: May we multiply the many expressions of thanksgiving
Leader: Give honor to God through the Gospel
People: May our service show our generosity
Leader: Share with each other and with everyone
People: Thank God for the gift that words cannot describe
(2 Corinthians 9:11-15, CEB)

Peggi Zinser
Worship Leader

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

Hymn 160
Verses 1 & 2

*Lo how a rose e'er blooming
From tender stem hath sprung
Of Jesse's lineage coming by faithful prophets sung
It came a floweret bright amid the cold of winter
When half spent was the night*

*Isaiah 'twas foretold it the rose I have in mind
With Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind
To show God's love aright she bore to us a Savior
When half spent was the night*

OPENING PRAYER

Peggi Zinser
Worship Leader

ADVENT CANDLES

Atcheson 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

2 Corinthians 8:1-15

Peggi Zinser
Worship Leader

MESSAGE

"A Matter of Equality"

Rev. Dr. Eric Atcheson

ANTHEM

"In the Bleak Midwinter"
Arr. by Lloyd Larson

VCC Bells directed by
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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.

Peggi Zinser
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

"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"

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

Peggi Zinser
Worship Leader

CALL TO COMMUNION

In love, God came to earth in the form of Jesus Christ, and in love, God died and resurrected in that same form. May we remember both this Christmas.

Rev. Dr. Eric Atcheson

COMMUNION PRAYER

Conclude by praying together the Lord's Prayer

Ted Stuckenschneider
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**

"Joy to the World"

*Hymn 143
Verses 1 – 3*

*Joy to the world, the Lord is come
Let earth receive her king
Let every heart prepare him room
And heaven and nature sing
And heaven and nature sing
And heaven, and heaven, and nature sing*

*Joy to the world, the Savior reigns
Let all their songs employ
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy
Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy*

*He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness
And wonders of his love, and wonders of his love
And wonders, and wonders of his love*

BENEDICTION

May the God who spoke you into being out of love, breathed life into you out of love, and saved you out of love, send you forth to love as well and may the blessing of that God be with you now and always, amen.

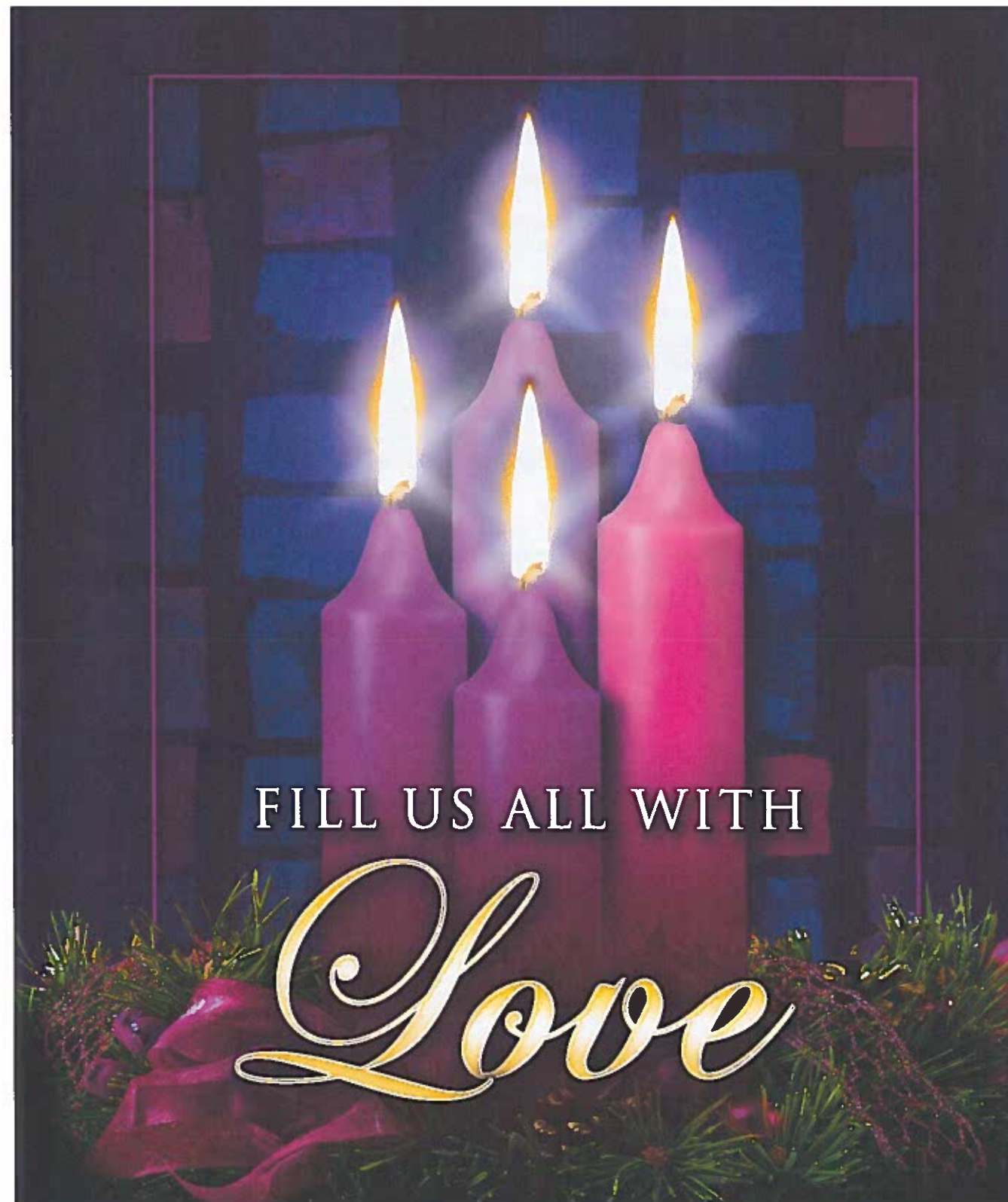
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POSTLUDE

"Gloria, in Excelsis Deo"!

*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 19	10:30 am: Valley Worship, sanctuary 11:30 am Valley Congregational Meeting 12:00 pm Cabinet Meeting Christmas Special Offering
Monday, Dec 20	Terry and Carolyn Nunnelly's Anniversary
Tuesday, Dec 21	6:30 pm: Adult Sunday School class on Zoom (Meeting Room 1)
Wednesday, Dec 22	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 23	Office Closed – Christmas Eve Observed
Friday, Dec 24	Office Closed – Christmas Day Observed 4:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Saturday, Dec 25	Merry Christmas! The Lord has come!
Sunday, Dec 26	10:30 am: Valley Worship, sanctuary

*Our Disciples of Christ congregation to be in prayer for this week is
Ambassadors of Christ Christian Church in Greenville, 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: Ted Stuckenschneider WORSHIP LEADER: Peggi Zinser 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

Anthem

Valley Christian Church Bell Choir

“In the Bleak Midwinter”

Arr. by Lloyd Larson