



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
Christmas Eve Candlelight Lessons & Carols Service
Friday, December 24, 2021, 4:00pm

WELCOME Rev. Dr. Eric Atcheson

PRELUDE "Sweet Little Jesus Boy" Margaret Cox
Pianist

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev Dr. Eric Atcheson
Leader: With all our hearts may we glorify God
People: May we rejoice in God our Savior
Leader: Holy is God's name
People: God shows mercy to all from one generation to the next who honor him as God
Leader: God pulls down the powerful and lifts up the lowly
People: God fills the hungry with good things, comes to our aid and remembers mercy

(Luke 1:46-56, CEB)

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE The Nunnelly and
Collier Families

FIRST CAROL "O Come All Ye Faithful,"
#148, v 1 - 4

*O Come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem
Come and behold him, born the king of angels
O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord*

*Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, O sing all ye citizens of heaven above
Glory to God, all glory in the highest
O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord*

*Child for us sinners, poor and in the manger
We would embrace thee with love and awe
Who would not love thee, loving us so dearly
O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him
O come let us adore him Christ the Lord*

*Yea Lord we greet thee, born for our salvation, Jesus to thee be all glory given
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing
O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord*

FIRST SCRIPTURE Luke 1:26-38

SECOND CAROL "Angels from the Realms of Glory,"
#149, v. 1, 3, 4

*Angels from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth
You who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ the newborn king*

*Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar
Seek the great desire of nations, you have seen his natal star
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ the newborn king*

*Saints before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear
Suddenly the Lord descending, here among us shall appear
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ the newborn king*

SECOND SCRIPTURE Luke 2:1-7

THIRD CAROL "Away in a Manger/
Still, Still, Still," VCC Handbell Choir
directed by
Mary Ellen Caughran
Arr. Lloyd Larson

THIRD SCRIPTURE Luke 2:8-20

FOURTH CAROL "The First Noel,"
#151, v. 1, 2, 4

*The first Noel the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds
in fields as they lay
In fields where they lay, keeping their sheep on a cold winters night
that was so deep
Noel, noel, born is the king of Israel*

*They looked up and saw a star shining in the east beyond them far
And to the earth it gave great light and so it continued both day and night
Noel, noel, born is the king of Israel*

*This star drew nigh to the northwest, o'er Bethlehem it took its rest
And there it did both stop and stay right over the place where Jesus lay
Noel, noel, born is the king of Israel*

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE "A Sign Unto You" Rev Dr. Eric Atcheson

FIFTH CAROL

"O Holy Night"

Rev. Jan Watts

**CALL TO
COMMUNION**

Rev. Dr. Eric Atcheson

**COMMUNION
PRAYER**

Sarah Draper, Elder

**WORDS OF
INSTITUTION**

Rev. Dr. Eric Atcheson

**COMING TO THE
LORD'S TABLE**

Our deacons and elders will come by each pew to serve you individually wrapped communion elements. Please do not unmask to partake of communion until asked to do so. After you receive Communion, please place your mask back fully over your nose and mouth and take one of the candles and form a circle around the Sanctuary.

SHARING THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

SIXTH CAROL

"Silent Night, Holy Night"

#145, v 1-3

*Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and child, holy infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.*

*Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight
Glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing alleluia
Christ the Savior is Born! Christ the Savior is born!*

*Silent night, holy night, son of God love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth! Jesus, Lord at Thy birth!*

BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Eric Atcheson

Thank you for spending your Christmas Eve with us to worship God together. You are warmly invited to take your time in exiting if you wish to take a few moments for prayer or fellowship.
Merry Christmas!

