



# 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 Edd Spencer

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# Valley Christian Church

January 8, 2023

## PRELUDE

*"A Celebration of Carols"*

*Margaret Cox  
Pianist*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Whitney Devine  
Worship Leader*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world."  
People: We are gathered in your house, O God, to celebrate the light.  
Leader: Jesus said, "Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life."  
People: We praise you, Lord Jesus, for illuminating our path and helping us master our fear of the dark, even the dark tunnel of death.  
Leader: Jesus said, "You are the light of the world. Let your light shine before others so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."  
People: Spirit of God, in this new year of life, empower our witness to the light, as women and men claimed by the light., Amen.

*Whitney Devine  
Worship Leader*

## HYMN OF PRAISE

*"Wonderful Words of Life!"*

*Hymn 323  
All Verses*

*Sing them over again to me Wonderful words of life  
Let me more of their beauty see Wonderful words of life  
Words of life and beauty teach me faith and duty*

*[Refrain]*

*Beautiful words, wonderful words Wonderful words of life  
Beautiful words, wonderful words Wonderful words of life*

*Christ the blessed One, gives to all wonderful words of life  
Sinner, list to the loving call Wonderful words of life  
Oh, so freely given, wooing us to heaven [Refrain]*

*Sweetly echo the Gospel call Wonderful words of life  
Offer pardon and peace to all Wonderful words of life  
Jesus, only Saviour, sanctifying forever [Refrain]*

## OPENING PRAYER

*Whitney Devine  
Worship Leader*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*"The Shell"*

*Rev. Edd Spencer*

## SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

*Rev. Edd Spencer*

## PASTORAL PRAYER

*Rev. Edd Spencer*

## SCRIPTURE

Luke 9:51-55  
Mark 10:35-40

*Whitney Devine  
Worship Leader*

## MESSAGE

*"James – The Son of Thunder"*

*Rev. Edd Spencer*

## HYMN

*"Spirit of the Living God"*

*Hymn 259*

*Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me,  
Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me.  
Break me, melt me, mold me, fill me.  
Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me.*

## 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.

*Whitney Devine  
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

*"Star of the East"*

*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

*Whitney Devine  
Worship Leader*

## CALL TO COMMUNION

*Rev. Edd Spencer*

**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. Edd Spencer*

*Our deacons will come by each pew to serve you individually wrapped communion elements. Please partake of communion together when the pastor says "take eat and take drink"*

**HYMN OF INVITATION**

*"Jesus Is Tenderly Calling Thee Home"*

*Hymn 343  
Verses 1-3*

*Jesus is tenderly calling thee home-  
Calling today, calling today;  
Why from the sunshine of love wilt thou roam  
Farther and farther away?*

*Refrain:  
Calling today, Calling today,  
Jesus is calling, Is tenderly calling today.*

*Jesus is calling the weary to rest-  
Calling today, calling today;  
Bring Him thy burden and thou shalt be blest-  
He will not turn thee away. [Refrain]*

*Jesus is waiting; O come to Him now-  
Waiting today, waiting today;  
Come with thy sins, at His feet lowly bow-  
Come, and no longer delay. [Refrain]*

**BENEDICTION**

Jesus is tenderly calling us today to follow Him in the new year of 2023. Let us follow Him and serve Him always, in our words and deeds. Amen.

*Rev. Edd Spencer*

**POSTLUDE**

*"He Is Lord/ O Come, Let Us Adore Him"*

*Margaret Cox  
Pianist*

*You are invited to join us for light refreshments in the church parlor after worship*

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(DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

*"People Serving God Serving People"*

## January 8, 2023



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## *Life in the Valley*

Sunday, Jan 8	10:30am Worship (Sanctuary) 12:00pm Elders' Meeting
Monday, Jan 9	Voice Deadline 6:00pm Embellishments Bell Choir Group (Yellow Room)
Tuesday, Jan 10	8:00am Manna Market Sale (Fellowship) 11:30am Men's Luncheon 6:30pm Adult Sunday School Class by Zoom
Wednesday, Jan 11	9:00am New Horizons Group (Fellowship)
Thursday, Jan 12	9:00am New Horizons Group (Fellowship) Katelyn Richardson's Birthday
Friday, Jan 13	9:00am New Horizons Group (Fellowship)
Saturday, Jan 14	8:00am ESQG Sit and Sew (Fellowship)
Sunday, Jan 15	10:30am Worship (Sanctuary) 12:00pm Board Meeting

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

*Please be in prayer for our sister congregation, Macedonia Christian Church*

Church office hours: 8:00 am – noon, Monday – Friday  
Pastor Edd's office hours: 8:00 am – noon, Monday – Wednesday

### Today's Servers

WORSHIP LEADER: Whitney Devine ELDER: Ted Stuckenschneider GREETERS:  
Carolyn Nunnally and Beth Collier DEACONS: Team 2 – Captain: Ginny Guindon Members:  
Carol Speed, Ed Guindon and Tim Devine OPEN: Pastor CLOSE: Ed Guindon COFFEE  
FELLOWSHIP: Sara Simon

## Scripture

### Luke 9:51-55

51 As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem. 52 And he sent messengers on ahead, who went into a Samaritan village to get things ready for him; 53 but the people there did not welcome him, because he was heading for Jerusalem. 54 When the disciples James and John saw this, they asked, "Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to destroy them[a]?" 55 But Jesus turned and rebuked them.

### Mark 10:35-40

35 Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. "Teacher," they said, "we want you to do for us whatever we ask."

36 "What do you want me to do for you?" he asked.

37 They replied, "Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory."

38 "You don't know what you are asking," Jesus said. "Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?"

39 "We can," they answered.

Jesus said to them, "You will drink the cup I drink and be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with, 40 but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared."