



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 Edd Spencer

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Valley Christian Church

First Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2022

PRELUDE

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

Margaret Cox
Pianist

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ginny Guindon
Worship Leader

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come hope.
People: Lift us from despair.
Leader: Come peace.
People: Ease our frantic worry.
Leader: Come joy.
People: Lighten our spirits.
Leader: Come love.
People: Shine in all we do.
Leader: Come, Jesus.
People: Be born in us.
Leader: Come, God.
People: Rule in our hearts and teach us to be faithful.

Ginny Guindon
Worship Leader

HYMN OF PRAISE

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Hymn 148
Verses 1-3

*O, come all ye faithful joyful and triumphant
O, come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem
O, 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 of exultation
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*

OPENING PRAYER

Ginny Guindon
Worship Leader

LIGHTING OF THE HOPE ADVENT CANDLE

Stewart Draper
and Sara Simon

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

"Baby Shower"

Rev. Edd Spencer

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

Rev. Edd Spencer

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:1-14

Ginny Guindon
Worship Leader

MESSAGE

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

Rev. Edd Spencer

HYMN

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

Hymn 150
Verse 1

*Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations rise; Join the triumph of the skies;
With angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."*

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

"Hark! The Herald Angel's Sing"

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

COMMUNION PRAYER

Conclude by praying together the Lord's Prayer

*Stewart Draper
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

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel!"

*Hymn 119
Verses 1-3*

*O come, O Come Emmanuel And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appears.*

[Refrain]

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel

*O come, thou Day-spring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight. [Refrain]*

*O come, thou Wisdom from on high,
who ordered all things fair and nigh;
to us the path of knowledge show
and cause us in her ways to go. [Refrain]*

*O come, Desire of nations, bind
All peoples in one heart and mind.
Bid envy, strife and quarrels cease
Fill the whole world with heaven's peace. [Refrain]*

BENEDICTION

Christ has come in the past, He is coming today, and will come again at the end of time. May we go from this place surrounded by the power, the presence and the peace of our everlasting Lord. Amen.

Rev. Edd Spencer

POSTLUDE

*"Reprise)
Rejoice, Rejoice! Emmanuel"*

*Margaret Cox
Pianist*

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

Hope

THE PEOPLE WALKING IN DARKNESS
HAVE SEEN A GREAT LIGHT;
ON THOSE LIVING IN THE LAND
OF DEEP DARKNESS A LIGHT HAS DAWNED.

ISAIAH 9:2 (NIV)



Life in the Valley

Sunday, Nov 27	First Sunday of Advent 10:30am Worship (Sanctuary)
Monday, Nov 28	6:00pm Embellishments Bell Choir Group (Yellow Room)
Tuesday, Nov 29	6:30pm Adult Sunday School Class by Zoom
Wednesday, Nov 30	11:30am Advent Brown Bag Lunch and Program (Parlor)
Saturday, Dec 3	10:00am Disciples Women Christmas Coffee (Parlor)
Sunday, Dec 4	Second Sunday of Advent 10:30am Worship (Sanctuary) Food Pantry Sunday – Cake, Cookie and Brownie Mixes

*Our Disciples of Christ congregation to be in prayer for this week is
Fairfax Christian Church in Valley, 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: Ginny Guindon ELDER: Stewart Draper GREETERS: Peggi Zinser
and Carol Speed DEACONS: Team 2 – Captain: Ginny Guindon Members: Ed Guindon,
Carol Speed and Tim Devine OPEN: Pastor CLOSE: Terry Nunnelly COFFEE
FELLOWSHIP: Judy Sellers

Scripture

Luke 2:1-14

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. 2 (This was the first census that took place while[a] Quirinius was governor of Syria.) 3 And everyone went to their own town to register.

4 So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. 5 He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. 6 While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, 7 and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

8 And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. 9 An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 10 But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. 11 Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. 12 This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

13 Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

14 "Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."