



# 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

## First Sunday of Christmas

December 26, 2021

### PRELUDE

"Gesu Bambino"

Margaret Cox  
Pianist

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Bless the Lord God of Israel

**People: For God has come to help and deliver**

Leader: God has raised up a mighty savior for us

**People: Just as God said God would**

Leader: Because of our God's deep compassion, the dawn of heaven will break upon us

**People: To give light to those in the shadow of death and guide us on the path of peace**

(Luke 1:68-70, 78-79, CEB)

Andrea Clark  
Worship Leader

### HYMN OF PRAISE

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

Hymn 155  
Verses 1 - 3

Angels we have heard on high  
Sweetly singing o'er the plains  
And the mountains in reply  
Echoing their joyous strains

Gloria, in excelsis Deo, gloria in excelsis Deo

Shepherds why this jubilee  
Why your joyous strains prolong  
What the gladsome tidings be  
Which inspire your heavenly song

Gloria, in excelsis Deo, gloria in excelsis Deo

Come to Bethlehem and see  
Christ who comes in lowly birth  
Come adore on bended knee  
Jesus, joy of heaven and earth

Gloria, in excelsis Deo, gloria in excelsis Deo

### OPENING PRAYER

Andrea Clark  
Worship Leader

### 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

Luke 2:25-38

Andrea Clark  
Worship Leader

#### MESSAGE

"Christmas Continues"

Rev. Dr. Eric Atcheson

#### ANTHEM

"A Celtic Noel," Michael Barrett

VCC Bells 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.

Andrea Clark  
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

"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

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

Andrea Clark  
Worship Leader

#### CALL TO COMMUNION

Christmas continues beyond the manger, beyond the nativity with the magi and the shepherds and the angels, in the form of the incarnated Christ at this table.

Rev. Dr. Eric Atcheson

#### COMMUNION PRAYER

Conclude by praying together the Lord's Prayer

Sarah 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. 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**

*"Hark the Herald Angels Sing"*

*Hymn 150  
Verses 1 – 3*

*Hark the herald angels sing, glory to the newborn king  
Peace on earth & mercy mild God & sinners reconciled  
Joyful all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies  
With angelic hosts proclaim  
Christ is born in Bethlehem  
Hark the herald angels sing, glory to the newborn king*

*Christ by highest heaven adored  
Christ the everlasting lord  
Late in time behold him come  
Offspring of the virgin's womb  
Veiled in flesh the godhead see, hail the incarnate deity  
Pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Jesus our Emmanuel  
Hark the herald angels sing, glory to the newborn king*

*Hail the heavenborn Prince of Peace  
Hail the Sun of Righteousness  
Light and life to all he brings  
Risen with healing in his wings  
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die  
Born to raise us from the earth  
Born to give us second birth*

**BENEDICTION**

*Hark the herald angels sing, glory to the newborn king  
May the God who came to the earth in angels' song and  
shepherds' watch put a song in your heart to share, and  
may the blessing of that God be with you always, amen.*

*Rev. Dr. Eric Atcheson*

**POSTLUDE**

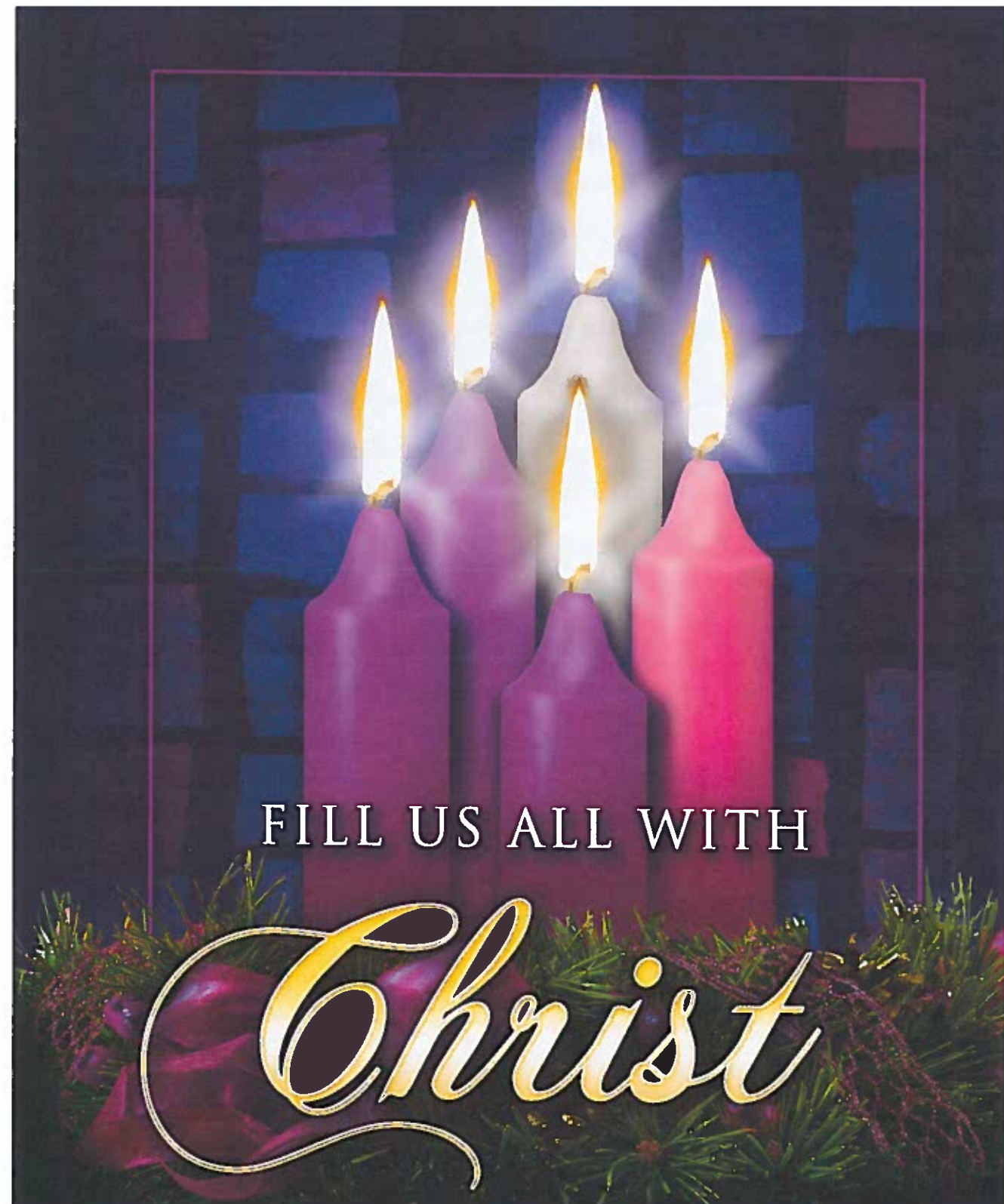
*"Carol of the Bells"*

*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.*



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## *Life in the Valley*

### Upcoming Events

Sunday, Dec 26	10:30 am: Valley Worship, sanctuary
Monday, Dec 27	Pastor Eric – vacation Jim and Janice Clifford’s Anniversary
Tuesday, Dec 28	Pastor Eric – vacation Fred Patton’s Birthday
Wednesday, Dec 29	6:30 pm: Valley Choir practice, choir room 7:30 pm Bell Choir Practice, choir room Pastor Eric - vacation
Thursday, Dec 30	Pastor Eric – vacation Dana Stuckenschneider’s Birthday
Friday, Dec 31	New Year’s Eve Office Closed – New Year’s Day Observed Daniel Neville’s Birthday
Sunday, Jan 2 2022	10:30 am: Valley Worship, sanctuary Guest Pastor – Rev. John Churchill Food Pantry Sunday Pastor Eric - vacation

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

*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: Sarah Draper    WORSHIP LEADER: Andrea Clark    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

## A Celtic Noel Michael Barrett

Noel, Noel! The heavens are ringing, Creation is singing as angels take wing.  
Sing Alleluia, alleluia! Gloria, Gloria! Glory to God!  
Noel, Noel! The song is beginning with praise and thanksgiving. Sing “Jesus is  
born.”

Noel, Noel! The angels are praising. The shepherds are raising their voice to  
the sky.  
Noel, Noel! Lay gifts now before Him. Come kneel and adore Him, The Savior  
divine.  
Sing Alleluia, alleluia! Gloria, gloria! Glory to God.  
Noel, Noel! God’s light is upon us. His Word is among us, for Jesus is born.

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,  
From angels bending near the earth, to touch their harps of gold.  
“Peace on earth, good will to all, from heav’n’s all gracious King.”  
The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the glorious angels sing!

Noel, Noel! The heavens are ringing, Creation is singing as angels take wing.  
Noel, Noel! Let great jubilation resound through creation to welcome the King.  
Sing alleluia, alleluia! Gloria, Gloria! Glory to God!  
Noel, Noel! The song is beginning with praise and thanksgiving.  
Sing gloria, gloria, gloria! Glory to God!  
Sing Noel!