



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

Valley Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

2600 Cherokee Place, Birmingham, Alabama 35216

205-879-0419

office@vccbhm.org

Valley Christian Church

Second Sunday of Advent

December 4, 2022

PRELUDE

*"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring/
Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"*

*Margaret Cox
Pianist*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*John Neville
Worship Leader*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: To the Darkness of our world there came a great light!

People: The light came as a child, the Son of God..

Leader: He is the Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

People: May this glorious light shine in our darkness as we offer Him worship and praise.

*John Neville
Worship Leader*

HYMN OF PRAISE

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

*Hymn 144
Verses 1, 2 & 4*

*O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by
Yet in thy dark streets shineth, the everlasting light
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight*

*For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above
While mortals sleep the angels keep their watch of
wondering love*

*O morning stars together, proclaim thy holy birth.
Your voices raise to God in praise, and peace to all on earth.*

*O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray,
cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our God Emmanuel*

!

OPENING PRAYER

*John Neville
Worship Leader*

LIGHTING OF THE PEACE ADVENT CANDLE

*Jim Taylor
Beth Collier*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

"No Room"

Rev. Edd Spencer

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

Rev. Edd Spencer

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:4-7
Mark 10:13-16

*John Neville
Worship Leader*

MESSAGE

"The Innkeeper"

Rev. Edd Spencer

HYMN

"What Child is This?"

*Hymn 162
Verse 1*

*What child is this who laid to rest on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
while shepherds watch are keeping.
This, this is Christ the King
whom shepherds guard and angels sing.
Haste, haste to bring Him laud. The babe, the son of Mary.*

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.

*John Neville
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

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

*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

*John Neville
Worship Leader*

CALL TO COMMUNION

Rev. Edd Spencer

COMMUNION PRAYER

Conclude by praying together the Lord's Prayer

*John Gregory
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**

"Go Tell It on the Mountain!"

*Hymn 167
All Verses*

[Refrain]

*Go, tell it on the mountain
Over the hills and everywhere
Go, tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born*

*While shepherds kept their watching
O'er silent flocks by night
Behold throughout the heavens
There shone a holy light
[Refrain]*

*The shepherds feared and trembled
When lo above the Earth
Rang out the angel's chorus
That hailed our Savior's birth
[Refrain]*

*Down in a lowly manger
The humble Christ was born
And God sent us salvation
That blessed Christmas morn
[Refrain]*

BENEDICTION

Send us forth into this week of Advent seeking your signs, Lord. Send us forth to find hope, peace, joy and love. May these blessings be more important than the tinsel, the cards, the parties and the bills. Send us forth as Your people to experience Your birth into our lives that can bring order and purpose in all we do. Amen.

Rev. Edd Spencer

POSTLUDE

"Rejoice, Rejoice! Emmanuel"

*Margaret Cox
Pianist*

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

Peace

PEACE I LEAVE WITH YOU; MY PEACE I GIVE YOU...

DO NOT LET YOUR HEARTS BE TROUBLED

AND DO NOT BE AFRAID.

[JOHN 14:27 (NIV)]



Life in the Valley

Sunday, Dec 4	Second Sunday of Advent 10:30am Worship (Sanctuary) Food Pantry Sunday – Cake, Cookie and Brownie Mixes
Monday, Dec 5	Voice Deadline 6:00pm Embellishments Bell Choir Group (Yellow Room)
Tuesday, Dec 6	8:00am Manna Market Sale (Fellowship) 6:30pm Adult Sunday School Class by Zoom
Wednesday, Dec 7	11:30am Advent Brown Bag Lunch and Program (Parlor)
Thursday, Dec 8	11:30am Men's Luncheon
Saturday, Dec 10	9:00am Valley Work Day 9:00am – ESQG Sit and Sew Beth Collier's Birthday Peggi Zinser's Birthday
Sunday, Dec 11	Third Sunday of Advent Christmas Offering 10:30am Worship (Sanctuary) 3:00pm Walk to Bethlehem Walking Trail Event

*Our Disciples of Christ congregation to be in prayer for this week is
United Christian Church in Montgomery, 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: John Neville ELDER: John Gregory GREETERS: Clarence and Judy Sellers
DEACONS: Team 1 – Captain: Carolyn Nunnelly Members: Terry Nunnelly and Beth Collier
OPEN: Pastor CLOSE: Stewart Draper COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: Katelyn Richardson

Scripture

Luke 2:4-7

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.

Mark 10:13-16

13 People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. 14 When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. 15 Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." 16 And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.