



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

Third Sunday of Advent

December 11, 2022

PRELUDE

"Mary, Did You Know?"

*Margaret Cox
Pianist*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: From the flurry of holiday busyness,
People: We come to worship for peace.
Leader: From full calendars and hectic schedules,
People: We come to taste the Bread of Life and drink from the Cup of Blessing.
Leader: From the worry of our days,
People: We come to put our trust in the Lord.
All: We all come to follow the Prince of Peace and our everlasting joy.

*Sarah Draper
Worship Leader*

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HYMN OF PRAISE

"What Child is This"

*Hymn 162
All Verses*

*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.*

[Refrain]

*This, this is Christ the King
whom shepherds guard and angels sing.
Haste, haste to bring Him laud. The babe, the son of Mary.*

*Why lies He in such mean estate,
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christians, fear, for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading. [Refrain]*

*So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh,
Come, rich and poor, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings,
Let loving hearts enthrone him.! [Refrain]*

OPENING PRAYER

*Sarah Draper
Worship Leader*

LIGHTING OF THE JOY ADVENT CANDLE

*Peggi Zinser
Ted
Stuckenschneider*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Edd Spencer

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

Rev. Edd Spencer

SCRIPTURE

*Luke 1:26-35, 38
Matthew 1:18-21*

*Sarah Draper
Worship Leader*

MESSAGE

"Mary and Joseph"

Rev. Edd Spencer

HYMN

"Into My Heart"

Hymn 304

*Into my heart
Into my heart
Come into my heart, Lord Jesus
Come in today
Come in to stay
Come into my heart, Lord Jesus*

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.

*Sarah Draper
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

"Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne"

*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

*Sarah Draper
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

"Angels, From the Realms of Glory"

*Hymn 149
Verses 1, 2 & 4*

*Angels from the realms of glory,
Wing your flight o'er all the earth,
Ye who sang creation's story,
Now proclaim Messiah's birth,*

[Refrain]

Come and worship, Come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King!

*Shepherds, in the fields abiding,
Watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with man is now residing,
Yonder shines the infant Light, [Refrain]*

*Saints before the altar bending,
Watching long in hope and fear,
Suddenly the Lord, descending,
Here among us shall appear, [Refrain]*

BENEDICTION

We take from this time of worship a sense of Emmanuel. God is with us. We will not be afraid. We will not despair. The spirit of Christ is with us. To save us, to calm us with His divine love and delight us with His heavenly music. We go with God's love. Amen.

Rev. Edd Spencer

POSTLUDE

"Rejoice, Rejoice! Emmanuel"

*Margaret Cox
Pianist*

Please join us at 3:00pm today for our "Walk to Bethlehem" We have a big event planned for you, rain or shine!

Joy

LET ALL WHO TAKE REFUGE

IN YOU BE GLAD:

LET THEM EVER SING FOR JOY.

PSALM 5:11 (NIV)



Life in the Valley

Sunday, Dec 11	Third Sunday of Advent Christmas Offering 10:30am Worship (Sanctuary) 3:00pm Walk to Bethlehem
Monday, Dec 12	6:00pm Embellishments Bell Choir Group (Yellow Room)
Tuesday, Dec 13	6:30pm Adult Sunday School Class by Zoom
Wednesday, Dec 14	9:30am – AAA – Classic on Noble Restaurant in Anniston
Saturday, Dec 17	10:00am Children's Birthday Party for Jesus Peggy Hiller's Birthday
Sunday, Dec 18	Fourth Sunday of Advent Christmas Offering 10:30am Worship (Sanctuary) 11:30am Congregational Meeting Jan Clark's Birthday

*Our Disciples of Christ congregation to be in prayer for this week is
Westwood Christian Church in Pensacola, Florida*

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: Sarah Draper ELDER: Ted Stuckenschneider GREETERS: Clarence and Judy Sellers DEACONS: Team 1 – Captain: Carolyn Nunnelly Members: Terry Nunnelly and Beth Collier OPEN: Pastor CLOSE: Stewart Draper COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: Walk to Bethlehem snacks (3:00pm)

Scripture

Luke 1:26-35, 38

26 In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, 27 to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. 28 The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."

29 Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. 30 But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. 31 You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. 32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, 33 and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end."

34 "How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?"

35 The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God.

38 "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled." Then the angel left her.

Matthew 1:18-21

18 This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. 19 Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

20 But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 21 She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."