

A Celebration of Worship

December 31, 2023

THE BLESSING OF GATHERING

PRELUDE

“He Is Lord/O Come, Let Us Adore Him”

*Margaret Cox
Pianist*

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

*Stewart Draper
Worship Leader*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

God, Creator of all life,

*Stewart Draper
Worship Leader*

You made us in Your image,
and sent your Son to be our flesh.

grant us now in this time of His birth,
that we, who have been born again through His grace,
may daily find all things made new in Him.

Now in this worship, we praise, sing, listen anew,

for the gift of Your presence and peace.

For Jesus lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

“As With Gladness People of Old”

*Hymn 173
All Verses*

***INVOCATION**

*Stewart Draper
Worship Leader*

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Stewart Draper
Worship Leader*

THE GIFT OF THE WORD

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

Rev. John Gregory

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 105:1-5
Luke 2:15-20

*Stewart Draper
Worship Leader*

SERMON

"123123 I Wonder!"

Rev. John Gregory

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

***HYMN OF INVITATION**

“I Wonder as I Wander”

*Hymn 161
All Verses*

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Rev. John Gregory

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. John Gregory

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

*Stewart Draper
Worship Leader*

Offertory

“What Child Is This?”

*Margaret Cox
Pianist*

Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

*Offertory Prayer

*Stewart Draper
Worship Leader*

THE GIFT FROM JESUS

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Rev. John Gregory

COMMUNION PRAYER

Conclude by praying together the Lord’s Prayer

*Sara Simon
Elder*

THE COMMUNION

The passing of the holy communion.

SHARING GOD’S LOVE WITH OTHERS

***HYMN OF DEDICATION**

“God Who Touches Earth With Beauty”

*Hymn 514
All Verses*

***BENEDICTION**

(Hold hands with the person near you.)

Rev. John Gregory

POSTLUDE

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

*Margaret Cox
Pianist*

*Congregation standing – as able or willing

Please join us for coffee fellowship in the parlor after worship.

Life in the Valley

Sunday, Dec 31	New Years Eve 10:30am Worship (Sanctuary)
Monday, Jan 1	New Years Day (Office Closed) 6:00pm Embellishments Bell Choir Group (Yellow Room)
Tuesday, Jan 2	Voice Deadline 6:30pm Bible Study Class on Zoom. Stewart Draper's Birthday
Wednesday, Jan 3	9:00am New Horizons (Fellowship) 6:30pm CPR Certification Group (Choir Room)
Thursday, Jan 4	9:00am New Horizons (Fellowship) 6:30pm Barony Group (Blue Room)
Friday, Jan 5	9:00am New Horizons (Fellowship)
Saturday, Jan 6	9:00am Valley Work Day 10:00am CPR Certification Group (Choir Room)
Sunday, Jan 7	Food Pantry Sunday: Cereal - Hot or Cold 10:30am Worship Guest Pastor - Jan Watts

Today's Servers

WORSHIP LEADER: Stewart Draper ELDER: Sara Simon DEACONS/GREETER: Team 1 –
Captain: Beth Collier Members: Terry Nunnally, Jean Thrasher and John Gregory OPEN: Pastor
CLOSE: Stewart Draper COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: Beth Collier

Valley Christian Church

(DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

“People Serving God Serving People”

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