

**Glen Echo Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)
December 3, 2023**

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Julie

Greeting One Another in Christian Love

(Please return to your seats to worship when the lights flash.)

PRELUDE

“Advent Meditation”

arr. Judith

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: We lift up our eyes to you, O God,

All: Longing for a glimpse of your grace.

One: Come and meet us here, O God,

All: In your mercy and your grace.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

The Brunner Family

***HYMN OF PRAISE #150 “Hark, the Herald Angels Sing” vv.1-2**

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

**Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold him come, offspring of a 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 new-born King!"**

***INVOCATION**

***GLORY TO GOD #34**

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

FIRST READING

Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.
In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as

the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

PRAYER HYMN #172 "We Three Kings of Orient Are"

**We three kings of Orient are, bearing gifts we traverse afar
field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.**

Refrain (*after first and last verse only*):

**O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.**

**Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown him again
King forever, ceasing never, over us all to reign.**

**Glorious now behold him arise, Christ and God and sacrifice:
Alleluia, alleluia, sounds through the earth and skies. (Refrain)**

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER (debts)

CHOIR MUSIC "Everything Will Change" Jennie Riddle, Robbie Seay

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Aaron Brunner

SECOND READING

Matthew 1:1-17

An account of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham. Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Aram, and Aram the father of Aminadab, and Aminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of King David.

And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asaph, and Asaph the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amos, and Amos the father of Josiah, and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon. And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Salathiel, and Salathiel the father of Zerubbabel, and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called the Messiah. So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; and from David to the deportation to Babylon, fourteen generations; and from the deportation to Babylon to the Messiah, fourteen generations.

SERMON

“The Importance of Genealogy”

Aaron Brunner

HYMN OF PREPARATION

#321 “Break Thou the Bread of Life” vv.1-2

**Break thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,
As thou didst break the loaves beside the sea;
Beyond the sacred page I seek thee, Lord,
My spirit pants for thee, O living Word.**

**Bless thou the truth, dear Lord, to me, to me,
As thou didst bless the bread by Galilee;
Then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall;
And I shall find my peace, my all in all.**

Invitation to Commune

Rosemarie

Communion Sentences

One: God is the potter; we are the clay.

**All: May God fashion us into vessels of beauty and purpose
this Advent season.**

Prayer of Consecration

(Please partake of the Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation.)

Communion Music

Charles Wesley/arr. Jay Rouse

“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

***INVITATION AND HYMN OF DEDICATION**

#163 “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly” vv. 1-2

**Infant holy, infant lowly,
For his bed a cattle-stall;
Oxen lowing, little knowing
Christ the Babe is Lord of all.
Swiftly winging angels singing,
Bells are ringing, tidings bringing:
Christ the babe is Lord of all,
Christ the babe is Lord of all.**

**Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping
Vigil till the morning new;
Saw the glory, heard the story--
Tidings of a gospel true.
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow,
Praises voicing, greet the morrow:
Christ the babe was born for you,
Christ the babe was born for you.**

(Please be seated for the Postlude.)

POSTLUDE

arr. Bill Wolaver

“Carol of the Bells/I Heard the Bells On Christmas Day”

BENEDICTION

Aaron Brunner

**Please stand, if you can.*

Portions of the worship service were adapted from:

The Abingdon Worship Annual 2023: Worship Planning Resources for Every Sunday of the Year. Scifres, Mary and Beu, B.J., Editors. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2022.

News in the Pews

Who to Contact: For general concerns or questions, please contact our President, Kathleen. For pastoral concerns, please contact our Elder Chair, Rosemarie. If you would like to speak with the pastor, please contact Aaron.

Shampoo for the Outreach Committee: Outreach is now collecting shampoo for the kids at juvenile detention. If the shampoo contains conditioner, that's fine, but it does need to be shampoo too. They are also looking for ChapStick – 33 of each item is needed.

Winter Clothes for Kids: With the onset of winter, the children at Oak Park Elementary are in need of mittens, gloves and hats.

Good Fellowship – On a Tuesday: December's Good Fellowship dinner will be on Tuesday, December 19th at the Chicago Speakeasy, starting at 5:30 pm. Please sign up on the sheet in the hallway.

Candlelight Service: Our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be Sunday night, December 24th at 7:30 p.m. Live baby! All are welcome.

Choir Practice Cancelled: The choir will NOT be meeting on Wednesday, December 20th.

Worship Leaders for 2024: The new sign-up sheet for worship leaders is now up in the hallway.

EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK
DECEMBER 3-9, 2023

Sunday	Worship Coffee Fellowship in Lounge Deacon Callers	10:15 AM After church After church
Next Sunday	Congregational Meeting	After church

Today's Serving Schedule

Accompanist:	Judith Henry
Deacon:	Denny
Elder:	Rosemarie
Interim Minister:	Aaron Brunner
Videographer:	Teresa
Worship Leader:	Julie

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