

Glen Echo Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

January 1, 2023

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Dawn Ingram

Greeting One Another in Christian Love

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

PRELUDE “We Three Kings” John Hopkins/arr. Bill Wolaver

***CALL TO WORSHIP & ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING**

One: Arise; shine, for your light has come!

All: We are called out of shadows into the light.

One: Lift up your eyes and look around.

All: We rejoice in the gift of light.

One: Come, let us worship the God of light and joy and peace.

All: We come to kneel at the cradle of the babe, the light incarnate.

***HYMN OF PRAISE #159 “There’s a Song in the Air” vv. 1-3**

**There's a song in the air! There's a star in the sky!
There's a mother's deep prayer and a baby's low cry!
And the star rains its fire while the angel choirs sing,
For the manger of Bethlehem cradles a king!**

**There's a tumult of joy o'er the wonderful birth,
For the virgin's sweet boy is the Lord of the earth.
See, the star rains its fire while the angel choirs sing,
For the manger of Bethlehem cradles a king!**

**We rejoice in the light, and we echo the song
That comes down through the night from the heavenly throng,
And we welcome the glorious gospel they bring,
And we greet in the cradle our savior and king.**

***INVOCATION**

***GLORIA PATRI #35**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen.**

FIRST READING Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born and a time to die; a time to plant and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill and a time to heal; a time to break down and a time to build up; a time to weep and a time to laugh; a time to mourn and a time to dance; a time to throw away stones and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek and a time to lose; a time to keep and a time to throw away; a time to tear and a time to sew; a time to keep silent and a time to speak; a time to love and a time to hate; a time for war and a time for peace.

PRAYER HYMN #572 “Take Time to Be Holy” vv. 1,4

**Take time to be holy, speak oft with thy Lord;
Abide in him always, and feed on his word.
Make friends of God's children, help those who are weak,
Forgetting in nothing God's blessing to seek.**

**Take time to be holy, be calm in thy soul,
Each thought and each motive beneath his control;
Thus led by his spirit to fountains of love,
Thou soon shalt be fitted for service above.**

RESPONSIVE PRAYER #710 & LORD'S PRAYER (debts)

SPECIAL MUSIC “Christmas Carols from 4 Countries”

SECOND READING

Revelation 21:1-6a

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them and be their God; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.”

And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.”

SERMON

“What Time Is It?”

Pastor Dawn

HYMN OF PREPARATION #170 “How Great Our Joy!” vv. 1,2,4

**While by the sheep we watched at night,
Lo, there appeared an angel bright:**

(Refrain) How great our joy! Great our joy!

Joy, joy, joy! Joy, joy, joy!

Glory to God who reigns on high!

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Born is the Child, in manger small,

Whom God has sent to save us all. (Refrain)

Jesus, the gift from heav'n above

Fills all our hearts with joy and love. (Refrain)

Invitation to Commune
Communion Sentences

Rosemarie

One: God's home is among us, and God makes all things new.

All: May we be renewed at the beginning of this year as we receive Christ's gifts of bread and wine.

Prayer of Consecration

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

Communion Music

Richard Willis/arr. Bill Wolaver

"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

***INVITATION AND HYMN OF DEDICATION**

Pastor Dawn

#164 "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" vv. 1-3

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice!

Listen now to what we say: News! News!

Jesus Christ is born today.

Ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now.

Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice!

Now you hear of endless bliss; Joy! Joy!

Jesus Christ was born for this!

He has opened heaven's door, and we are blest for evermore.

Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice!

Now you need not fear the grave: Peace! Peace!

Jesus Christ was born to save!

Calls you one and calls you all, to gain the everlasting hall.

Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

(Please be seated for the Postlude and Benediction.)

POSTLUDE

"Mary Had a Baby"

Spiritual/arr. Craig Curry

BENEDICTION

Pastor Dawn

News in the Pews

Glen Echo 2023 Calendars and “The Christian Echo”: Copies of these items can be found on the narrow table in the entryway.

January 8th Elders’ Meeting: The Elders will meet after church on Sunday morning, January 8, 2023.

January 10th Planning & Board Meeting: On Tuesday night, January 10, 2023, committees will meet at 7:00 and the Board will meet at 7:30. (Committee Chairs, please email your reports to the office.)

De-decorating Party: All are invited to help take down the Christmas decorations on Saturday morning, January 14th. We’ll gather at the church at 10:00 AM, and refreshments will be served. (If you are unable to help on Saturday, you are welcome to come to the church earlier in the week to de-decorate.)

January 27th Good Fellowship Supper: Save the date! The next Good Fellowship Supper will be Friday night, January 27th, at Pizza Ranch (4954 86th Street; Urbandale, IA 50322). Please add your name to the sign-up sheet if you would like to come.

Worship Leaders Needed: We still need worship leaders for three Sundays in January, and many Sundays thereafter. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the hall if you want to volunteer.

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.

Feasting on the Word, Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year A, Volume 1; Advent through Pentecost. Bracken Long, Kimberly, Editor. Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2013

EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK
JANUARY 1 - 7, 2022

Sunday	Worship Coffee Fellowship in Lounge	10:15 AM After church
Thursday	Prayer	2:00 PM

Today's Serving Schedule

Accompanist:	Judith Henry
Deacon:	Dorothy
Elder:	Rosemarie
Minister:	The Reverend Dawn Ingram
Videographer:	David
Worship Leader:	The Reverend Dawn Ingram

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