

**Glen Echo Christian Church**  
**(Disciples of Christ)**  
**January 7, 2024**

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Myssie

Greeting One Another in Christian Love

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

**PRELUDE**

“Masters in This Hall”

arr. Mark Hayes

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Christ’s light is shining,

**All: Calling us to respond with joy.**

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**All: Calling us to worship and praise.**

**\*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**

Psalm 29

Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendor. The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters. The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty. The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon. He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox. The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire. The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say, "Glory!" The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forever. May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace!

## **PRAYER HYMN #561 "It Is Well with My Soul"**

**When peace like a river attendeth my way,  
When sorrows like sea billows roll,  
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,  
It is well, it is well with my soul.**

**Refrain:**

**It is well (It is well) with my soul (with my soul),  
It is well, it is well with my soul.**

**Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,  
Let this blest assurance control:  
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,  
And has shed his own blood for my soul. (Refrain)**

**My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!  
My sin, not in part but the whole,  
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more,  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! (Refrain)**

**May God haste the day when my faith shall be sight,  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;**

**The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend,  
Even so, it is well with my soul. (Refrain)**

**PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER (debts)**

**SPECIAL MUSIC** "Blessed Assurance" Dorothy, Soloist

**SECOND READING** Mark 1:4-11

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

**SERMON** "Repent or Perish" Rev. Dr. L. Louise Bruce

**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

Rosemarie

### Communion Sentences

One: As we focus on the Light of the World,

**All: God's vision of justice and love grows clearer and shines more brightly in our thoughts and actions.**

### Prayer of Consecration

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

### Communion Music

"Spirit"

James Manley

### \*INVITATION AND HYMN OF DEDICATION

#### #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.)*

### BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. L. Louise Bruce

### POSTLUDE

"There Is a Happy Land"

arr. C.E. Walz

*\*Please stand, if you can.*

# News in the Pews

**Who to Contact:** For general concerns or questions, please contact our President, Terri. 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:** The children at Oak Park Elementary are in need of mittens, gloves and hats.

**Board Meeting Rescheduled:** Glen Echo Board Meetings are open to all. They are usually on the second Tuesday of every odd-numbered month at 7:30 PM, but the January meeting has been rescheduled to the 16th. We hope to see you there!

**Good Fellowship Dinner:** The next Good Fellowship Dinner will be held on January 26th at 5:30 p.m. at the Drake Diner. Please car pool if you can. Invite a friend! All are welcome! There's a sign-up sheet in the hallway so that we can let the restaurant know how many are coming.

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**EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK**  
**JANUARY 7 – 13, 2024**

**Sunday**

Worship  
Coffee Fellowship in Lounge  
Deacon Callers

10:15 AM  
After church  
After church

**Today's Serving Schedule**

<b>Accompanist:</b>	Judith Henry
<b>Deacon:</b>	Dorothy
<b>Elder:</b>	Rosemarie
<b>Interim Minister:</b>	Rev. Dr. L. Louise Bruce
<b>Videographer:</b>	Teresa
<b>Worship Leader:</b>	Myssie

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