

**Glen Echo Christian Church**  
**(Disciples of Christ)**  
**November 26, 2023**

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Myssie

Greeting One Another in Christian Love

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

**PRELUDE** “Rejoice, the Lord Is King” John Darwall/arr. Craig Curry

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Make a joyful noise, a noise of service and love.

**All: Praise God with lives of compassion.**

One: Sing with acts of kindness.

**All: Glorify God with acts of mercy.**

One: Praise God with works of justice.

**All: Praise God with overflowing love.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE #2 “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” vv.1-3**

**Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive our fear and doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.**

**All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy  
rays,**

**Stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.**

**Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,  
Well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou the Father, Christ our Brother, all who live in love are thine;  
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.**

**\*INVOCATION**

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

**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. Amen.**

**FIRST READING**

Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

**PRAYER HYMN #16 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”**

**Come, thou Fount of every blessing,  
Tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
Call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
Sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,  
Mount of thy redeeming love.**

**Here I raise to thee an altar;  
Hither by thy help I've come;  
And I hope, by thy good pleasure,  
Safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
Wandering from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger,  
Interposed his precious blood.**

**O to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,  
Bind my wandering heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, how I feel it,  
Prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,  
Seal it for thy courts above.**

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

### **SPECIAL MUSIC**

Charles Wesley/arr. Ken Medema

“Jesus, Lover of My Soul”

### **CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

Aaron Brunner

### **SECOND READING**

Matthew 25:31-46

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’ Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was

thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

**SERMON** "How Do We Treat the Least of Us?" Aaron Brunner

### **HYMN OF PREPARATION**

#### **#398 "Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread"**

**Be known to us in breaking bread, but do not then depart;  
Savior, abide with us, and spread thy table in our heart.**

**There sup with us in love divine; thy body and thy blood,  
That living bread, that heavenly wine, be our immortal food.**

**Invitation to Commune**

Carol

### **Communion Sentences**

One: There is overwhelming greatness in God's power and grace.

**All: God's steadfast love lasts forever, offering grace upon  
grace and mercy upon mercy.**

### **Prayer of Consecration**

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

### **Communion Music**

Philip Bliss/arr. Craig Curry

"Wonderful Words of Life"

### **\*INVITATION AND HYMN OF DEDICATION**

#### **#494 "They'll Know We are Christians" vv. 1-2**

**We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,  
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,  
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored:**

### **Refrain:**

**And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

**We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,  
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,  
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land:  
(Refrain)**

*(Please be seated for the Postlude.)*

**POSTLUDE** Menuetto from “Sonata in E Flat Major” Franz Haydn

**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.

**Security Meeting:** There will be a meeting on Tuesday at 7:00 pm to discuss the break-in, and what needs to be done as follow-up.

**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.

**In Need of Pants:** The kids at Julie's grade school need pants for the coming year. All kinds - girls and boys, sizes 4 to 5 or 5 to 6. Sweat pants, leggings and underpants. Accidents happen!

**Poinsettias:** On the following page, you will find an order form for poinsettias. If you'd like to order any this year, please return the form next Sunday.

# POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

Once again, we are ordering poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary for Advent. The cost of each flower is \$12.00. If you would like to order a poinsettia(s), please complete the enclosed form and return it with your payment to the church.

My name is \_\_\_\_\_.

I am ordering \_\_\_\_\_ poinsettia(s) in memory of/in honor of:  
(number) (circle one)

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(name or names of people being remembered/honored)

Please choose one:

My payment accompanies this form. \_\_\_\_\_

My payment has been added to my offering check. \_\_\_\_\_

**EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK**  
**NOVEMBER 25 – DECEMBER 2, 2023**

<b>Sunday</b>	Worship Coffee Fellowship in Lounge	10:15 AM After church
<b>Tuesday</b>	Church Security Meeting	7:00 PM
<b>Wednesday</b>	Choir Rehearsal	7:15 PM

**Today's Serving Schedule**

<b>Accompanist:</b>	Judith Henry
<b>Deacon:</b>	Agatha
<b>Elder:</b>	Carol
<b>Interim Minister:</b>	Aaron Brunner
<b>Videographer:</b>	Teresa
<b>Worship Leader:</b>	Myssie

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