

**Glen Echo Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)
December 19, 2021**

Prelude

Patty Bellus

Welcome and Announcements

Dorothy

Opening Music

Patty Bellus

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: The birth of our Lord is near. Our waiting is almost over.

All: We have tried to live this Advent season as children of God. We have tried to take God's words seriously and to change our lives in preparation for the coming of God's Son.

One: In the name of God the Creator, and in the name of Jesus who comes, let us celebrate the Incarnation.

All: Let us, like Mary, rejoice in the goodness of God.

***HYMN OF PRAISE "Angels, We Have Heard on High"**

**Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.**

Refrain:

Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

**Come to Bethlehem and see, Christ, who comes in lowly birth.
Come, adore on bended knee, Jesus, joy of heav'n and earth.
(Refrain)**

***INVOCATION**

***GLORY TO GOD**

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

ADVENT WREATH

Pam, Lighter

PRAYER HYMN

“like a child”

**like a child love would send to reveal and to mend,
like a child and a friend, Jesus comes
like a child we may find claiming heart soul and mind,
like a child strong and kind, Jesus comes**

**like a child we will meet, ragged clothes, dirty feet,
like a child on the street, Jesus comes
like a child we once knew coming back into view,
like a child born anew, Jesus comes**

PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD’S PRAYER (debts)

SCRIPTURE

Micah 5:2-4

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth.

SERMON

“Divine Gaze”

Pastor Dawn

HYMN OF PREPARATION “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

**O come, O come Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.**

Refrain:

Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

**O come, Desire of nations, bind
All peoples in one heart and mind;
Bid envy, strife and quarrels cease;
Fill the whole world with heaven's peace. (Refrain)**

Communion Sentences

One: God uses ordinary and unlikely elements to change the world.

All: As we receive this ordinary bread and wine, we are changed by the extraordinary presence of Christ in our lives.

Prayer of Consecration

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

***HYMN OF INVITATION AND DEDICATION**

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

**O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him, born the King of angels:
(Refrain) O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!**

***BENEDICTION**

***Benediction Response “O Come, All Ye Faithful”**

**Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest; (Refrain)**

POSTLUDE **Please stand if you are comfortably able to do so.*

(Please place your offerings in the basket on the stand
at the back of the sanctuary.)

Portions of this service were adapted from:

Everlasting Light: A Resource for Advent Worship, by Sandy Dixon

*A Surprising God: Advent Devotions for an Uncertain Time, by
Thomas G. Long and Donyelle C. McCray*

*Ministry Matters: Public Prayers for Advent & Christmas 4, by
Steve Langhofer*

NEWS IN THE PEWS

- * You are invited to bring children's hats and mittens to the church and place them on the Christmas tree in the church entryway. The Outreach Committee will take the items to a local school after Christmas.
- * We will feature different flowers of Christmas each week during Advent. This week's focus is holly and ivy.
- * Bells are on the small table at the back of the sanctuary. Please feel free to ring them during the carols.
- * The Christmas Offering is being received today. All of the funds stay in our Region to support ministries in the Upper Midwest.
- * Cool-Aid is complete! Thank you to everyone who planned the capital campaign and donated funds for the new air conditioning units!
- * Pastor Dawn will be on vacation December 25, 2021 – January 3, 2022. The Reverend Dr. L. Louise will share sermons on December 26th and January 2nd.
- * Encouraging Echoes will not meet next Wednesday, December 29th.
- * Please wear masks when you are in the building.

**EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK
DECEMBER 19-25, 2021**

Today	Worship	10:15 AM
Wednesday	Encouraging Echoes	7:30 PM
Thursday	Contemplative Prayer	2:00 PM
Friday	Christmas Eve Service	7:30 PM
Next Sunday	Elders' Meeting	After church

Today's Serving Schedule

Accompanist:	Patty Bellus
Deacon:	Mary
Elder:	Carol
Guest Minister:	The Reverend Dawn Ingram
Videographer:	David
Worship Leader:	Dorothy

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