

**Glen Echo Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)
December 5, 2021**

Prelude
Welcome and Announcements
Opening Music

Patty Bellus
Rosemarie
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***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Let us straighten the roadways of our lives.

All: Let us smooth over the rough places.

One: As we prepare the way of the Lord,

All: We shall see the salvation of God.

HYMN OF PRAISE “Come, O Long-expected Jesus”

Come, O long-expected Jesus, born to set your people free.

From our fears and sins release us;

Christ, in whom our rest shall be.

You, our strength and consolation, Come salvation to impart;

Dear desire of every nation, joy of many a longing heart.

Born your people to deliver, born a child, and yet a king,

Born to reign in us forever, born your gracious realm to bring.

By your own eternal Spirit, rule in all our hearts alone;

By your all-sufficient merit, raise us to your glorious throne.

***INVOCATION**

***GLORY TO GOD**

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

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND CANDLE

Mary Ann

PRAYER HYMN “Emmanuel, Emmanuel” (twice)

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel.

God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel.

PASTORAL PRAY/LORD’S PRAYER (debts)

SCRIPTURE

Colossians 3:12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

SERMON

“Enacting Peace”

Pastor Dawn

HYMN OF PREPARATION “People, Look East”

**People, look east, the time is near
Of the crowning of the year.**

**Make your house fair as you are able,
Trim the hearth and set the table.**

**People, look east and sing today:
Love, the Guest, is on the way.**

**Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim,
One more light the bowl shall brim.**

**Shining beyond the frosty weather,
Bright as the sun and moon together.**

**People, look east and sing today:
Love, the Star, is on the way.**

Invitation to Commune

Carol

Communion Sentences

One: May the Word of God, the Bread of Life, dwell within us.

All: **May these gifts help us to think and act in Christ's name during all the interactions of our lives.**

Prayer of Consecration

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

***HYMN OF INVITATION AND DEDICATION**

“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

**It came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth
To touch their harps of gold;
"Peace on the earth, good will to all
From heaven's all-gracious King!"
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing.**

***BENEDICTION**

***Benediction Response “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”**

**For lo, the days are hastening on,
By prophet seen of old,
When with the ever-circling years,
Shall come the time foretold;
When peace shall over all the earth
Its ancient splendors fling,
And the whole world send back the song
Which now the angels sing.**

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.)

NEWS IN THE PEWS

- * Free Advent devotional books are available on the Deacon's table.
- * 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.
- * The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held after church on December 12th. At that time, we will vote on the 2022 Budget and Slate of Servants for Glen Echo.
- * Please add your name to the list on the bulletin board if you would like to participate in the 7:30 PM Christmas Eve Service. Rehearsal will be held at 10:00 AM on Saturday, December 18th, followed by costume fittings downstairs.
- * We will feature different flowers of Christmas each week during Advent. This week's focus is the Christmas Cactus.
- * Portions of this service were adapted from *Everlasting Light: A Resource for Advent Worship*, by Sandy Dixon, and *A Surprising God: Advent Devotions for an Uncertain Time* by Thomas G. Long and Donyelle C. McCray.
- * Please wear masks when you are in the building.

The Christmas Offering stays in our Region, and it will be received at Glen Echo December 12th and 19th.

IMAGINE
God's Love
REVEALED

A special day offering of Disciples Mission Fund supporting the ministries of our Region



2021
Christmas
Offering!



Support Your Regional Ministries

- . Ordain, Commission, and
. Install Pastors
- . Support congregations in search,
. conflict, or disaster recovery
- . Nurture children and youth through
. the camping program
- . Provide grants for new churches and
ministries
- . Reveal God's Love
. throughout our region!



EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK
DECEMBER 5-11, 2021

Today	Worship Edencrest Service	10: 15 AM 3:00 PM
Wednesday	Encouraging Echoes	7:30 PM
Thursday	Contemplative Prayer	2:00 PM
Next Sunday	All-Congregational Meeting	After church

Today's Serving Schedule

Accompanist:	Patty Bellus
Deacon:	To Be Announced
Elder:	Carol
Guest Minister:	The Reverend Dawn Ingram
Videographer:	David
Worship Leader:	Rosemarie

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