

**Glen Echo Christian Church  
(Disciples of Christ)  
November 21, 2021**

Prelude

Patty Bellus

Welcome and Announcements

Mary Ann

Opening Music

Patty Bellus

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Give thanks to God!

**All: We thank God for joy, for laughter, for abundant blessings of every kind.**

One: Give thanks to God at all times and for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**All: We thank God that our joys as well as our pain, our losses as well as our laughter, are in God's heart and hands.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"**

**Come, ye thankful people, come,  
Raise the song of harvest home;  
All is safely gathered in,  
Ere the winter storms begin;  
God, our Maker, does provide  
For our wants to be supplied;  
Come to God's own temple, come,  
Raise the song of harvest home.**

**All the blessings of the field,  
All the stores the gardens yield,  
All the fruits in full supply,  
Ripened 'neath the summer sky,  
All that spring with bounteous hand  
Scatters o'er the smiling land,  
All that liberal autumn pours  
From its rich o'erflowing stores.**

**\*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.**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Pastor Dawn

**PRAYER HYMN****“We Gather Together”**

**We gather together to ask the Lord’s blessing;  
He chastens and hastens his will to make known;  
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing.  
Sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.**

**We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant,  
And pray that thou still our defender wilt be.  
Let thy congregation escape tribulation;  
Thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!**

**PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD’S PRAYER (debts)****SCRIPTURE**

Psalm 126

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream. Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, “The Lord has done great things for them.” The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.

Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses in the Negeb. May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy. Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

**SERMON**

“The Great Thanksgiving”

Pastor Dawn

**HYMN OF PREPARATION “Seed, Scattered and Sown”****(Refrain)**

**Seed, scattered and sown, wheat, gathered and grown,  
Bread, broken and shared as one, the Living Bread of God.  
Vine, fruit of the land, wine, work of our hands,  
One cup that is shared by all,  
The Living Cup, the Living Bread of God.**

**Is not the bread we break, a sharing in our Lord?  
Is not the cup we bless, the blood of Christ outpoured?**

**(Refrain)**

**The seed which falls on rock will wither and will die.  
The seed within good ground will flower and have life.**

**(Refrain)**

**As wheat upon the hills was gathered and was grown,  
So may the church of God be gathered into one.**

**(Refrain)**

## Invitation to Commune Communion Sentences

Carol

One: We give thanks to God for feeding us with the bread of heaven.

**All: God's gift of Christ sustains our lives.**

One: The Holy Spirit's presence brings the promise of divine love.

**All: God fills our hearts with everlasting delight.**

### Prayer of Consecration

(Please partake of the bread of life and the cup of salvation.)

### \*HYMN OF INVITATION AND DEDICATION

#### **"Let All Things Now Living"**

**Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving  
To God the creator triumphantly raise;  
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,  
By guiding us on to the end of our days.  
God's banners are o'er us, pure light goes before us,  
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night.  
Till shadows have vanished, all fearfulness banished  
As forward we travel from light into light.**

### \*BENEDICTION

#### **\*Benediction Response "Let All Things Now Living"**

**By law God enforces, the stars in their courses,  
The sun in its orbit obediently shine;  
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,  
The deeps of the ocean proclaim God divine.  
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;  
With glad adoration, a song let us raise:  
Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving,  
"To God in the highest, Hosanna and praise!" Amen.**

### POSTLUDE

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

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

Portions of the worship service were adapted from:

- 1) *Feasting on the Word, Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year B, Volume 2*; Trinity Sunday through Reign of Christ. Bracken Long, Kimberly, Editor. Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2015.
- 2) *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2021: Worship Planning Resources for Every Sunday of the Year*. Scifres, Mary and Beu, B.J., Editors. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2020.
- 3) Shuman, Thom. *Lectionary Liturgies*. [lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.ca](http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.ca)

## NEWS IN THE PEWS

**Food Pantry “Tree”:** Please place your Food Pantry donations on the “food tree” to the left of the pulpit.

**Thanksgiving Day:** If you are going to be alone on Thanksgiving, please plan to join us at the church for a potluck on Thanksgiving Day. We will eat at 1:00 PM. Folks have already volunteered to bring the following menu items: turkey breast, stuffing, ham, green bean casserole, sweet potato casserole, pecan pie, pumpkin pie and whipped cream, and a cranberry-orange Jell-O salad. If you would like to come, add your name to the sign-up sheet. If you can bring a dish, please add that information, as well.

**Advent:** Advent is early this year. It begins next Sunday, November 28<sup>th</sup>.

Free **Advent Devotional Books** will be distributed today, so folks will have them by the beginning of Advent. Advent preparations will begin after church today as we bring Christmas decorations down from the attic. If you are able to “catch” the boxes as they are handed down, your efforts will be greatly appreciated.

Everyone is invited to a **Decorating Party** at 9:00 AM, Saturday, November 27<sup>th</sup>. Pictures from past Christmases will be on a bulletin board and can be referenced when decorating.

Please add your name to the **Advent Wreath** sign-up sheet if you would like to light a candle on the wreath on one of the following days: November 28<sup>th</sup>, December 5<sup>th</sup>, December 12<sup>th</sup>, December 19<sup>th</sup>, or Christmas Eve.

Next Sunday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, we will have a “**Hanging of the Greens Service.**” The traditional origins of the decorations in our sanctuary will be highlighted during worship. Come and enjoy the beauty of the sanctuary during this season.

**Salvation Army Casseroles:** Joan, Kathleen and Brian, and friends will make casseroles for the Salvation Army today after church. Cooking will commence approximately 30 minutes after the end of the service. Please speak with Joan or the Smiths for more details.

**COVID Protocols:** Please wear masks when you are in the building.

## Poinsettia Order Form

Once again, we are ordering poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary for Advent. The cost of each flower is \$11.00. 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)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(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 21-27, 2021**

<b>Today</b>	Worship Get down Christmas decorations Make Salvation Army Casseroles	10:15 AM After church Approx. 11:30
<b>Wednesday</b>	No Encouraging Echoes this week	
<b>Thursday</b>	Thanksgiving Potluck	1:00 PM
<b>Friday</b>	<i>Office Closed for Thanksgiving</i>	
<b>Saturday</b>	Advent Decorating Party	9:00 AM
<b>Next Sunday</b>	Hanging of the Greens Service	10:15 AM

**Today's Serving Schedule**

<b>Accompanist:</b>	Patty Bellus
<b>Deacon:</b>	To Be Announced
<b>Elder:</b>	Carol
<b>Minister:</b>	The Reverend Dawn Ingram
<b>Videographer:</b>	David
<b>Worship Leader:</b>	Mary Ann

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