

**Glen Echo Christian Church  
(Disciples of Christ)  
November 28, 2021**

Prelude  
Welcome and Announcements

Patty Bellus  
Pastor Dawn

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: The prophet said, “The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah.”

**All: We want to live in a way that will prepare us for the coming of Christ.**

One: Let us seek God’s divine ways.

**All: Let us follow Christ’s holy path.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE            “Joy to the World”**

**Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare him room,  
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.**

**He rules the world with truth and grace,  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of his righteousness  
And wonders of his love, and wonders of his love,  
And wonders, wonders of his love.**

**\*INVOCATION**

## **THE STORY OF THE PARAMENTS**

**Choral Response: "One Candle Is Lit" v. 1**

**Come surely, Lord Jesus, as dawn follows night,  
Our hearts long to greet you, as roses, the light.  
Salvation, draw near us, our vision engage.  
One candle is lit for the hope of the age.**

## **THE STORY OF POINSETTIAS**

**Choral Response: "One Candle Is Lit" v. 2**

**Come quickly, shalom, teach us how to prepare  
For a gift that compels us with justice to care.  
Our spirits are restless till sin and war cease.  
One candle is lit for the reign of God's peace.**

## **THE STORY OF CHRISTMAS TREES AND CHRISMONS**

**Choral Response: "One Candle Is Lit" v. 3**

**Come, festively sing while awaiting the birth,  
Join angels in dancing from heaven to earth.  
Wave banners of good news, lift high thankful praise.  
One candle is lit for the joy of these days.**

## **SCRIPTURE**

**Jeremiah 33:14-16**

**The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time, I will cause a righteous branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."**

# **THE STORY AND LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

**Candlelighter: Jim**

**Unison Prayer:**

**Come to us, Lord Jesus. As Advent is here, full of expectations and full of hope, help us to see the means in which your promise is being fulfilled. Guide our lives in your righteousness. We pray this in your name. Amen.**

## **HYMN OF PREPARATION “One Candle Is Lit” v. 4**

**Come, wander where lion and lamb gently play,  
Where evil is banished and faith takes the day,  
A babe in a manger to fool the world’s eyes.  
One candle is lit for God’s loving surprise.**

**Invitation to Commune**

Rosemarie

**Communion Sentences**

**One: God’s promises were fulfilled through the birth of Jesus.**

**All: God’s love and righteousness are seen in God’s Son.**

**Prayer of Consecration and the Lord’s Prayer**

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

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

**“Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates”**

**Lift up your heads, O mighty gates;  
Behold the glorious Ruler waits!  
The Sovereign One is drawing near;  
The Savior of the world is here.**

## **\*BENEDICTION**

**\*Benediction Response “Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates”**

**So, come, our Sovereign, enter in!  
Let new and nobler life begin;  
Your Holy Spirit guide us on,  
Until the glorious crown be won.**

## **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:*

Dixon, Sandy. *Everlasting Light: A Resource for Advent Worship*.  
Saint Louis: Chalice Press, 2000. Reproduced by permission.

# NEWS IN THE PEWS

- \* Free **Advent devotional books** are available on the Deacon's table.
- \* People are needed to light the **Advent Wreath** on December 19<sup>th</sup> and Christmas Eve. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.
- \* 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 12<sup>th</sup>. At that time, we will approve 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 AM on Saturday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, followed by costume fittings downstairs.
- \* We will feature **different flowers of Christmas** each week during Advent. Bulletins, virtual images, and music will include references to poinsettias, Christmas cacti, holly and ivy, and "a rose e'er blooming."
- \* Thank you for your contributions to the Food Pantry during the month of November. 64 items of food and \$100 were collected to alleviate hunger in our area.
- \* Your generous donations to the Thanksgiving Offering are appreciated. \$155 was collected to support D.O.C. Higher Education Ministries.

**EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK**  
**NOVEMBER 28 – DECEMBER 4, 2021**

<b>Today</b>	Worship Elders' Meeting	10:15 AM After church
<b>Wednesday</b>	Encouraging Echoes	7:30 PM
<b>Thursday</b>	Contemplative Prayer	2:00 PM

**Today's Serving Schedule**

<b>Accompanist:</b>	Patty Bellus
<b>Deacon:</b>	To Be Announced
<b>Elder:</b>	Rosemarie
<b>Minister:</b>	The Reverend Dawn Ingram
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<b>Worship Leader:</b>	Pastor Dawn

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