

JOY



From our fears
and sins
release us

Third Sunday of Advent

December 16, 2018

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship Services

The following abbreviations are used in this bulletin:

UMH = *United Methodist Hymnal* (blue hardcover); TFWS = *The Faith We Sing* (black soft cover).

GATHERING

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Julie Wilson

We invite you to let us know you're here today. Please record your attendance in the friendship pad and pass the book to those next to you. You can also indicate that you wish to receive our weekly e-newsletter.

VOLUNTARY

“Noel”

Chris Tomlin

AGAPE

Please use this time to prepare to worship

*CALL TO WORSHIP AND LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH (Read responsively)

Today is the third Sunday of Advent, a season in which we remember God is anything but indifferent! God is relational and draws us to love through grace.

God sent Christ at Christmas.

Jesus was sent to be “God with us” always--- in our pain, in our waiting, and in our rejoicing. Jesus as Emmanuel can help us take our life experiences, even the hard times, and transform them so that we can be the hands and feet of Christ. God is bigger than our circumstances.

And Christ sends us.

We light this candle in joy, allowing God's light to radiate through us--- even in the darkest places!

*HYMN

“Savior of the Nations, Come”

UMH # 214

St. 1- Choir

St. 2-5 All

THE WORD IS PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE LESSON Isaiah 12:2-6

CHORAL RESPONSE “A Maiden Most Gentle” French melody
Gospel and Cathedral Choirs arr. Andrew Carter

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Rev. Julie Wilson
At the 8:30 Worship Service, Children’s Church is available for children ages 5 years old through 3rd grade. This involves worship related activities for children. Parents are asked to escort their children to the narthex (lobby) at the back of the sanctuary to meet the Children’s Church leader for the morning. Children are also welcome to stay in the worship service.

ANTHEM “Jesus Child” John Rutter

*GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 1:18-25
The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

CHORAL RESPONSE “What Shall I Render to the Lord?” Peter Tiefenbach

SERMON Jesus Is God With Us Rev. Steve Larsen

MOMENT FOR REFLECTION AND COMMITMENT

“Comfort Ye My People” Matthew Armstrong

OUR RESPONSE

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Shannon Sullivan

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

WE OFFER OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY “He Just Had to Come Down” Bill Williams

*DOXOLOGY

“What Child Is This”

UMH #219, v. 3

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh,
come, peasant, king, to own him;
the King of kings salvation brings,
let loving hearts enthrone him.

This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

“Joy to the World”

UMH #246

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE “Rejoice!

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall
Come to thee, o Israel.**

*VOLUNTARY

“Savior of the Nations, Come”

setting by Paul Manz

*GOING FORTH TO SERVE

The Advent Wreath was lit by members of Volunteers in Mission Ministry. VIM members lighting candles, John Slovikosky, Sue Krause, Pat and Dave Herber and Bruce and Helen Sheppard. If you would like to learn more about this ministry, please contact Deacon Julie Wilson.

The flowers on the altar in honor of our Father and Grandfather, Jim Dobbs, on his 80th birthday, with love from Janet, Karen, Curtis and Lauren.

Thank you to the Gospel and Cathedral choirs for providing our special Advent music this morning.

Emergency Family Shelter Volunteers are needed to serve as host or prepare meals. See Deacon Julie Wilson for more information. Training for new volunteers will be held on Monday, December 17 at the church office at 11:00 a.m.

** If you are interested in being a flower sponsor, please contact the church office. We are in need of altar flowers for 12/30 for the altar.

<u>Serving Schedule</u>	<u>8:30 a.m.</u>	<u>11:00 a.m.</u>
Ushers:	Dave Mills , Randy McClement, Paul Nelson, Frank Strakonsky, Bret Slovikosky, Mark MacDonald, Richard DeLauter, Addy Benton	Elaine Childs , Anne Mossburg, Bill Pasquerette, Jack Tritt, Richard Miller

<u>Today, Sunday, December 16</u>	<u>8:30 a.m.</u>	<u>11:00 a.m.</u>
Greeter	The Stull Family	The Moked Family
Acolyte	Kendal Wickline	
Lay Reader	Didi Willard	Ronda Dudley
Coffee/Tea	Bob and Kay Jacobs	Helen Sheppard

<u>Next, Sunday, December 23</u>	<u>8:30 a.m.</u>	<u>11:00 a.m.</u>
Greeter	The Duthoy Family	The Heller Family
Acolyte	Logan Boston	Molly Rhoades
Lay Reader	David Cline	Zan Fleming
Coffee/Tea		Sue Krause

Open Prayer will pause for the Christmas season. We invite you to join us for the Advent Study on Wednesday evenings during this time. Open Prayer will resume in January.

“Somebody Build a Manger” Christmas album will be available to purchase. Our very own Rev. Dr. Ray Moreland will be featured in the album. Cost \$10. All proceeds go to Habitat for Humanity of Frederick. To order contact Rev. Moreland at morelandraymond@gmail.com

Advent Series: *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens

Join us Wednesday evenings December 19 at 6:45 p.m. for light refreshments and enjoy the sharing of Dicken’s tale, and the interpretation of the many religious references in the Carol.

Keepsake Christmas Join us on Sunday, December 16 for an engaging retelling of the Christmas story while you create a Keepsake Nativity scene to cherish for years to come. Led by Rev. Shannon Sullivan and the leaders of Mission Possible Kids. All are invited but **RSVPs are required** so that we have enough supplies for everyone.

Interfaith Dinner and Discussion the December Dilemma, finding meaning in our most commercialized holidays. Join us at Brewer’s Ally on Tuesday, December 18 at 7:00 p.m. Led by Rev. Shannon Sullivan and Rabbi Simon Stratford.

The Longest Night Service A quiet meditative worship experience for those grieving or hurting this Christmas season. Thursday, December 20 at 7:00 p.m. in the chapel.

Volunteers in Mission Trips- Dates have been set for VIM trips for 2019. A small skilled group will be going to Veiques, Porto Rico, July 24-31. A large group of any skill level will be going to the Henderson Settlement, Frakes KY, October 13-19, 2019. If you are interested in either trip, please contact Deacon Julie Wilson, or Pat and Dave Herber or Helen and Bruce Sheppard.

VISTING WITH US?

Welcome! We are glad that you chose to worship with us this morning. More information about Calvary UMC is available in our welcome packets, or by speaking with a pastor or with someone at the Welcome Center in the Parish Hall.

- We invite you to sign in using the registration pads that are located in each pew. You can also use these pads to see who is sitting with you today!
- Please join us in the Parish Hall for fellowship following worship today!
- Nursery care available Sundays for children who are newborn – 4yrs. old.
- An audio recording of today's sermon will be available online on Monday, or you can request a CD by contacting the church office.
- Large print bulletins and hymnals are available from the ushers.

Children's Bulletins are available for children ages 3-6 and 7-12 that connect to the weekly sermon. These can be found in the coloring center in the Narthex or ask a ushers for guidance.

Want to keep up to date with what's happening? You can find the pastor's blog, find upcoming events, link to volunteer opportunities, recent pictures and more with our weekly email "What's Happening". Subscribe by sending a request: office@calvaryumc.org

Prayers Concerns Names are added to this list by request. Please do your best to keep the office apprised of any changes in status. The list will be reviewed monthly and names removed unless you request otherwise when you call or email. Email to office@calvaryumc.org. For all pastoral care concerns, please contact Pastor Steve at revsteve@calvaryumc.org at the office: 301-662-1464 or via cell phone: 301-848-8216.

Virginia Floyd

(Friend of Rita Sharpe)

Tom Van Pelt (Father of Beth

Waskey and Becky Bostian)

Patrick Houston (Brother in-law to

Sue & Mark Metzger)

John Simpson (Friend of Nancy and

Jim Dobbs)

Owen Duthoy

Joan Cooley

Dottie Mitchell

Steven Wells

Christina Wells

Mary Louise Schueler

Joe and Yvonne Harris (Friends
of Rita Sharpe)

Velma Hoffman

Claudia Bulkowski (Mother of
Wanda Bulkowski-Larsen)

Bob Strine

Eli Yanike (Great-grandson of
Ramonia Yanike)

Dylan Hawkins

Fannie Johnson

Ruby Eavey

Roy Byers (Brother of Bob Byers)

Deb Tracy
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Michael Boyer
(Friend of Linda English)

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(Mother of Julie Schwarzenberg)

Harriett Lakel

(Sister of Anne Mossburg)

This Week at Calvary, December 16-December 23

Today, Sunday December 16

8:30 a.m. Worship
9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all Ages
11:00 a.m. Worship
12:30 p.m. Genesis Choir/Bells for Jesus
1:00 p.m. Sonshine Choir
3:30 p.m. Mission Possible Kids Caroling
4:30 p.m. Keepsake Nativity Creations
4:30 p.m. Voices of Praise
5:30 p.m. Youth Group

Monday, December 17

3:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Color Guard Ceremony
6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry

Tuesday, December 18

10:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study Party
12:00 p.m. Staff Christmas Luncheon
6:00 p.m. Yoga

6:30 p.m. Joyful Noise Handbells
7:30 p.m. Gospel and Cathedral Choirs

Wednesday, December 19

7:00 p.m. Advent Book Study

Thursday, December 20

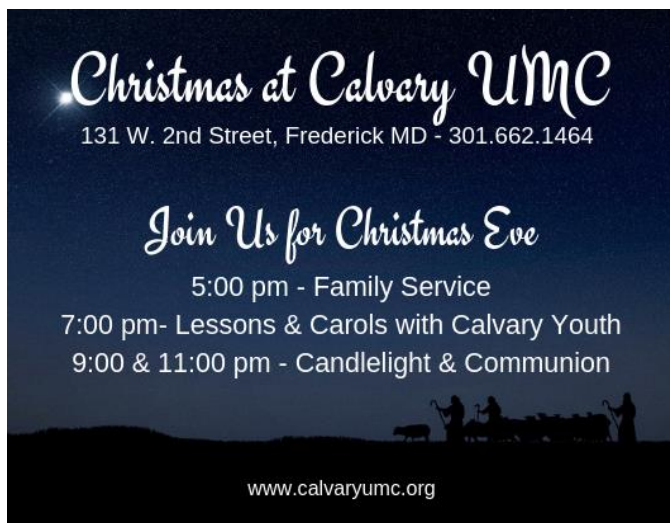
7:00 p.m. Longest Night Service

Saturday, December 22

Emergency Family Shelter 12/22-1/5/2019
8:30 a.m. Set Up for Family Shelter

Next Sunday, December 23

8:30 a.m. Worship
9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all Ages
11:00 a.m. Worship
4:30 p.m. Voices of Praise
5:30 p.m. Youth Group



Christmas at Calvary UMC
131 W. 2nd Street, Frederick MD - 301.662.1464

Join Us for Christmas Eve
5:00 pm - Family Service
7:00 pm- Lessons & Carols with Calvary Youth
9:00 & 11:00 pm - Candlelight & Communion

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32nd Annual
Candlelight Tour of
Historic Houses of
Worship

December 26
4pm-9pm

December 30th Worship Service

There will be a 10:00 a.m. service only and no Sunday School classes will be held.

Tour of Churches Help Needed! We need volunteers to make soup from 8 am-12pm and then to serve and make cookies from 4pm-9pm on Dec. 26. Additionally, we need greeters from 4pm-9pm. Sign up in 1-hour increments or volunteer for more time if you wish. This is a great opportunity to highlight our church and our amazing congregation! Sign-up sheets are located at the welcome center or speak with Kay Jacobs, khirsch@capron.con for more information.



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Calvary United Methodist Church seeks and invites all to become disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of our community and our world.

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