

First Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 2, 2018

8:30 and 11 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.

MOMENT OF RECOGNITION

VOLUNTARY 8:30 "O Bread of Life from Heaven" setting by

David Cherwien

11:00 "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 first Sunday of Advent. The word advent means "arrival" or "coming." The season reminds us that Jesus' birth is not a one-time occurrence, but that Jesus can be reborn in our lives today too.

God sent Christ at Christmas!

Jesus was sent to reconcile broken hearts and broken people. You may be hurting this morning. You may have hurt others, or maybe someone has hurt you. But Jesus gathers us together to forgive us and show us how to repent and love. In sending Jesus, God showed us that God is bigger than our circumstances. God will give us hope!

And Christ sends us.

We light this candle in hope today, hope that we experience and that we share God's healing love this Advent!

*HYMN

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"
(stanzas 1, 2 and 3)

UMH #211

OPENING PRAYER (said together)

Merciful God, no one but you knows the day or the hour of Christ's coming. Keep us ever watchful, doing your work, practicing the things that make for peace. Give us the joy of receiving Jesus when we least expect him. Open our lives to his coming in many ways throughout the day and the week, the seasons and the years. Make us glad in the hope of Christ's glorious arrival in your good time. Tune our ears to hear the words of promise and challenge that come to us through the prophets and angels. We pray this in Jesus's name. Amen

THE WORD IS PROCLAIMED

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Julie Wilson

Children's Church is available for children ages 5 years old through 3rd grade. It is held in the Activities Room of the Education Building. Parents are asked to escort their children to sign them in and then pick them up after the Service. Children are also welcome to stay in the worship service.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

UMH # 39

11:00 Caroline Lewis Proudfoot, daughter of Lawrence and Christine Proudfoot

FIRST LESSON

2 Corinthians 5: 14-21

*GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 2:8-10

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION

"O Day of God Draw Nigh"

UMH #730

SERMON

Jesus Reconciles

Rev. Steve Larsen

MOMENT FOR REFLECTION AND COMMITMENT

OUR RESPONSE

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Shannon Sullivan

WE OFFER OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

8:30

"Advent Promise"

Pamela Martin

Gospel and Cathedral Choirs

11:00 "O Bread of Life from Heaven"

setting by
David Cherwien

*DOXOLOGY

UMH #219

**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.**

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Musical Setting A

UMH# 17

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**

SHARING AT THE LORD'S TABLE

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion in this service of worship. Those wishing to receive should follow the direction of the ushers to the communion rail up front. The server will hand each person a piece of bread. The bread is to be dipped in the cup of juice and then eaten. Individual juice cups and gluten free wafers are also available on the tables near the front if you prefer to use these instead of the bread and common cup. If you need to be served where you are seated, please speak with the usher and a server will come to you.

SENDING FORTH

*CLOSING HYMN

“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

UMH #213

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*VOLUNTARY

“Father, We Thank Thee”

setting by
Charles Callahan

*GOING FORTH TO SERVE

The Advent Wreath was lit by the Grateful Hearts Class. For more information on how you can serve in this ministry, please contact Margie Wilde.

The flowers on the altar are in loving memory of my mother on her birthday today, Lois Stromberg Arnette, given by Gail and David Colby.

The flowers by the pulpit are in memory of my forever husband, Dick Shipley, by Norie.

<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 2</u>	<u>8:30 a.m.</u>	<u>11:00 a.m.</u>
Greeter	Paul Nelson	The Ballenger Family
Acolyte	Jonah Miller	Paige Willard
Lay Reader	Beth Strakonsky	Zan Fleming
Coffee/Tea	Cliff and Sally Meyers	Sue Krause

<u>Next, Sunday, December 9</u>	<u>8:30 a.m.</u>	<u>11:00 a.m.</u>
Greeter	The Austin Family	The Tritt Family
Acolyte	Alaina Pond	Steven Zalatoris
Lay Reader	Cindy Mills	Bonnie Strine
Coffee/Tea	Ray & Becky McKinnon	Helen Sheppard

Open Prayer will pause for the Christmas season because of the Advent Study. It will resume in the New Year.

Calvary UMC Blood Drive - December 5, 2018 1:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. If you are interested, please contact Eric Anderson for an appointment at 240.506.5759 or email him at eric.anderson3@redcross.org

Saturday, December 8 at Calvary

UMM Breakfast at 8:00 a.m.

Church and Society at 9:30 a.m.

Assembly of the Cookie Trays from Bake-A-Batch 10:00 a.m. in the Activities Room

Pageant Rehearsal at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall

Advent by Candlelight at 2:00 p.m.

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.

Family of Virginia Metcalf

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

Larry Johnson

Dottie Mitchell

Carl Reed

Steven Wells

Christina Wells

Mary Louise Schueler

Shirley Kelly

(Daughter of Dottie Marsh)

Joe and Yvonne Harris

(Friends of Rita Sharpe)

Velma Hoffman

Claudia Bulkowski (Mother of Wanda Bulkowski-Larsen)

Lillian Mingola (Mother of Maria Calcagni)

Steve Mossburg

Bob Strine

Eli Yanike (Great-grandson of Ramonia Yanike)

Dylan Hawkins

Fannie Johnson

Ruby Eavey

Roy Byers (Brother of Bob Byers)

Deb Tracy

(Sister in-law to Carol Fennington)

Frank West

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Barbara Crane (Friend of Tom and Linda Mullineaux)

Gay Ann Mazac (Niece of Steve and JoAn Ehlers and cousin of Alice Zalatoris)

Michelle Muller

(Mother of Allison MacDonald)

Martha Nelson

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Bill Winn (Friend of Rita Sharpe)

Pam Walden (Sister in-law of Julie Schwarzenberg)

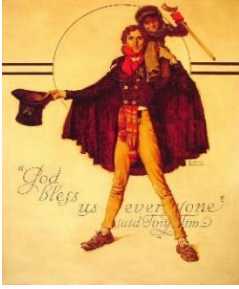
June Walden

(Mother of Julie Schwarzenberg)

Harriett Lakel

(Sister of Anne Mossburg)

“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 5, 12 and 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.

This Week at Calvary UMC December 2- December 9

Today, Sunday Dec. 2

- 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
- 4:30 p.m. Voices of Praise
- 5:30 p.m. Youth Group
- 6:00 p.m. Disciple Fast Track

Monday, Dec. 3

- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry
- 7:00 p.m. Lay Leadership

Tuesday, Dec. 4

- 10:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study
- 12:30 p.m. UMW Ex. Committee
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Yoga
- 6:30 p.m. Joyful Noise Handbell Choir
- 7:30 p.m. Gospel and Cathedral Choir

Wednesday, Dec. 5

- 1:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Blood Drive
- 7:00 p.m. Advent Book Study

Thursday, Dec. 6

- 6:30 p.m. Kitchen Committee
- 6:30 p.m. Agape

Friday, Dec. 7

- 6:00 p.m. **Kris Kringle Parade**

Saturday, Dec. 8

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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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