

CALVARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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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.*

December 6, 2020

Second Sunday of Advent

Online Worship

Opening Music

You are invited to light a candle during the time of worship. Please greet one another in the comments online.

Welcome, announcements

Rev. Shannon Sullivan

Call to Worship

John the Baptist said, "Prepare the way."

So family of faith, how do we prepare our minds for worship?

We silence the inner critic. We let go of busy thoughts.

We make space for God to speak.

How do we prepare our *hearts* for worship?

We bless all emotions. We feel what we feel.

We open ourselves up to be moved.

How do we prepare our *bodies* for worship?

We take in the scent, sight, and feel of this space.

We breathe in God's mercy. We exhale God's love.

How do we prepare our *souls* for worship?

We bring our full selves into this time and place.

We wear our hearts on our sleeves. We trust that even now, God is here.

Family of faith, what we practice in worship, we must live out in our daily lives.

So prepare the way.

Let us worship Holy God.

Advent Wreath Candlelighting: Peace

The MacDonald Family

Opening Prayer

God of Peace, we must admit, there are a million things on our minds.

We would like to be as focused as John the Baptist—preparing the way,

gathering the crowd, spreading the word of your arrival. Maybe then we'd know

peace. However, more often than not, we are a swirling compilation of grocery lists,

text messages, e-mails, and over-referenced to-do lists. So today, we ask for your help

in preparing the way. Could you start with our ears, and then maybe move to our

hearts? We'd like to hear you more clearly. Maybe then we'll know peace. Gratefully

we pray, Amen.

Hymn

"All Earth Is Waiting"

UMH #210

Lesson from the Hebrew Bible

Isaiah 40:1-11

Gospel Lesson

Mark 1:1-8

Response

The word of God for the people of God.

THANKS BE TO GOD.

Time with the Children

Sermon

Those who dream... prepare the way

Rev. Steve Larsen

Our sermon series this Advent is Sanctified Art series: Those Who Dream. "This theme is for the dreamers in all of us— those who dream of a deeper connection with God and those who dream of a better world. It is for those who dream of comfort and for those who have given up on their dreams. It is for those whose dreams have been crushed and for those who show us that dreams take time. Join us this Advent as we dream alongside prophets and angels, Mary and the Magi. Join us as we seek and sow God's dreams for our world."

Pastoral Prayer

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.

Offering

Although we are not able to put our contributions in the offering plate, there are other ways that we can give. Checks can be sent to the church office at 131 West 2nd St, Frederick, MD 21701. Online payments can be made easily and securely by going to the church website and clicking on the "Donate" button to find several options.

Offertory

"Comfort, Comfort These My People"
Sanctuary Choir

by Martin Armstrong

Doxology

Prayer Over the Offering

Hymn

"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

UMH #218

Benediction

Organ Voluntary

Our liturgy this morning is from Sanctified Art.

The online worship service premieres on both Facebook and YouTube each Sunday at 9:00 am. The services can be viewed at any time. You can find links at www.calvaryumc.org or search for “Calvary United Methodist Church, Frederick” in either YouTube.com or Facebook.com.

In need of a pastoral call, a prayer, or just someone to talk to? Call one of your pastors! Rev. Steve Larsen at 301-848-8216 or Rev Shannon Sullivan at 410-937-8835.

Looking for other ways to connect with your Calvary family?

Join our Facebook group where you can share prayer concerns and connect with church members and friends. Join here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/212630313297563/>.

Telephone one another. If you need a directory, let us know or click on “MyCalvary” on our website: www.calvaryumc.org.

Our Women's Ministry Gratitude Group on Facebook is another place you can join us. We share daily gratitude and joys, daily prayer requests, and share inspirational messages. All are welcome. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/783900735353923/>

The Asbury Class is meeting through Zoom Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. Here are the details, shared by class leader Pat Herber: We leave the first 15 min (10:00-10:15 a.m.) for folks to join and chat (and overcome any technical difficulties). Then we have a check in where we invite everyone to share a bit and then Dave leads a scripture based discussion. We encourage folks to have their bibles available. We invite and welcome anyone to join us, please contact Pat Herber at pkherber@gmail.com for log in information.



Our Children's Sunday School program happens every Sunday morning with a short Zoom Story Time led by Rev. Shannon Sullivan and our Children's Sunday School leaders. If you are not already part of this group, email Christy Mossburg for details at christy@calvaryumc.org.

Prayer Concerns:

Recent Passing: Pete Allen, Hayleigh Gibson (Niece of Maryjane McClement), Thom Zufull (Brother of Nancy Strine), Tom Van Pelt (Father of Becky Bostian and Beth Waskey), Nancy Molesworth, Libby Hale

Members of Calvary: Anna Belle Childers, Josie Manger, Paulette Shockey-Petrucci, Mike Issacs, Beth Richards, Mitch Reading, Peggy Griffiee, Shauna Main, Nancy Slovikosky, Dottie Mitchell, Linda Sheridan, Eleanor Pickard, JoAn Ehlers, Nancy Dobbs, Charles Orrison, Jill Benton, Leslie Bell, Betty Fawley, Ann Crum, Buck Isaacs, Nancy Crum, Fannie Johnson, Bob Strine, Michael Boyer, Verner Sundell, Norie Shipley, Joyce Dixon, Wave Starnes, Larry Johnson, Sebastian Duthoy, Grace Heller, Jack Heller, The Fennington Family

Friends of Calvary: Family of Scott Irwin, Martha Major (Friend of Rita Sharpe), Suzanna Simpson and Adam Shake (Sister and Brother-in-law to Christy Mossburg), Stacey Gadbois (Friend of the Moked Family), John and Lynn Mills (Friends of Charles Geisbert), Linda Horinie Henke (Niece of Charles Geisbert) Bob Judak (Husband of Terri Hudack), Pamela Pomblin (Daughter of Grace Sheetenhelm), Sanvana Drone (Great granddaughter of Grace Sheetenhelm), Mark Farnham (Brother-in-law to Mark and Allison MacDonald), Doug Millette (Uncle of Mark and Allsion MacDonald), Lillian Mingola (Mother of Maria Calcagni), Ed Kinsey, Jr (Father of Ed Kinsey), Anastasia Spadacino (Mother of Anastasia Slovikosky), Wendy Koch (Niece of Bruce and Helen Sheppard), Alice Woodward (Sister of Rita Sharpe), Eli Yanike (Great-grandson of Ramona Yanike), Gay Ann Mazac (Niece of Steve and JoAn Ehlers), Harriett Lakel (Sister of Anne Mossburg)

The Hannah Circle invites you join us in providing Christmas gift cards for those families we serve through the Religious Coalition and the Salvation Army. With the pandemic, families need help more than ever, but we also want to keep givers safe. This year we are asking for gift cards to grocery stores and stores like Target and Wal-Mart.

All gift cards need to be returned to the tree no later than **Sunday Dec. 13th**. If you wish to contribute but do not have time to grab a gift card, checks or cash donations will be gratefully accepted. The Hannah Circle will be glad to do your shopping for you! Please make checks out to Calvary United Methodist Women and reference "Angel Tree". There is a place in the narthex for your donations, but you can also mail them or leave them in the church office.

The Calvary Christmas Card Challenge

Watch for details this weekend -- we're going to work together to make others smile this holiday season! Spread the spirit of Christmas!