

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 5, 2021

The Second Sunday of Advent

10:00 A.M. Worship

Prelude

“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

arr. C. Callahan



Welcome and announcements

We Open the Door

The Candle of Peace

The Strakonsky Family

Advent Song

“*Hope Waits for Us at Advent*” Song Leader Karen Dobbs

Peace waits for us at Advent. Peace waits for us to rest. Peace waits for
Our acceptance of the truth that we are blessed. In this time
of preparation for the work of concretion, for the birthing of a world of
gentleness and play, Peace is born in us each day.

*Passing the Peace of Christ

1. People, look east. The time is near of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair you are able, trim the heart and set the table.
People, look east and sing today, people look east:
Love, the Guest, is on the way.
2. Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is planted there.
Give up your strength the seed to nourish, that in course the flower may flourish.
People, look east and sing today, people look east:
Love, the Rose, is on the way.
3. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the bowl shall brim,
Shining beyond the frosty weather, bright as sun and moon together.
People, look east and sing today, people look east:
Love, the Star, is on the way.
4. Angels announce with shouts of mirth him who brings new life to earth.
Set every peak and valley humming with the word, the Lord is coming.
People, look east and sing today, people look east:
Love, the Lord, is on the way.

Time with the Children

First Lesson	Malachi 3:1-4	Margie Wilde
*The Gospel Lesson	Luke 3:1-6	Margie Wilde

*Response

The word of God for the people of God.

THANKS BE TO GOD.

Special Music	“Word of God, Come down on Earth” Karen Dobbs, soloist	James J. Quinn
Sermon	A Place at the Table (Peace)	Rev. Steve Larsen

Prayers of the People

We Offer Our Tithes and Gifts

Offertory	“Every Valley Shall Be Exalted”	J. Ness Beck
*Doxology	“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”	UMH #94

*The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...and so, with you people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

...and so in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ... as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again

...all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

Amen

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

*Hymn

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”
(Stanza 1-4)

UMH #211

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.

Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

2. O come, thou Wisdom from on high, and order all things
far and nigh; to us the path of knowledge show
and cause us in her ways to go. *Refrain*

3. O come, O come, great Lord of might, who to thy tribes on
Sinai's height in ancient times once gave the law
in cloud and majesty and awe. *Refrain*

4. O come, thou Root of Jesse's tree, an ensign of thy
people be; before thee rulers silent fall;
all peoples on thy mercy call. *Refrain*

*Dismissal with Blessing

*Voluntary "Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding!" William Monk

*Going Forth

Baskets for your offering are located at the doors going out.

This advent season we are using materials from Worship Design Studio to shape and enrich our worship. The advent song, artwork, lessons with the children and much of the prayers come from the Advent program called "The Inn: Making Room for the Holy". How can we be a place where the Holy can find room to be born? How might we offer respite, welcome and care to those seeking shelter from the challenges that life brings? How might we find Hope, Peace, Joy and Love.

Ushers: Anne Mossburg, Susan Baggette, Rick Miller, David Mills

Organist: Ann Thompson

The flowers on the altar are in memory of our parents, by Doug and Josie Manger

The flowers by the lectern is in loving memory of Richard Gardner, Jr.

Given By: Basil Eavey, Patsy Eavey, Jordan, Becky, Logan, and Audra Clawson

The flowers on the pulpit is from the Hamilton Family in honor of Delphine's 60th and Neidel's 25th birthdays.

The altar flowers on Sunday, November 28th were in memory of Anne Mossburg family. Grover and Agnes Mossburg, Paul and Norman Mossburg, Virginia Fisher and Harriett Lakel. (Omitted from November 28 bulletin)

If interested in being a flower sponsor, please sign up by calling the church office or at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080d4faaa72fa75-altar> to sign up for altar flowers, pulpit or communion table. Many dates available. New Dates have been added to for 2022.

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/>

Sign up for our weekly e-news. Every Tuesday you will get a thought from Pastor Steve, links to upcoming events and service opportunities and a list of prayer concerns. Simply share your name and email with office@calvaryumc.org.

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

Covid-19 Update Our goal is to maintain our in-person worship and do it safely, even as we continue our on-line worship opportunities as well.

Masks are required when attending worship services or events with more than twelve persons within the church building. We will, however, continue to sing and read responsively. We are masking for the safety of all and will announce all changes or enhancements to our protocols by all our media means. We want everyone to BE safe and FEEL safe. If unvaccinated, we ask you to continue to social distance and wear your mask.

If you have any questions, or wish to share your feelings, feel free to speak with me or any other member of the Re-Open Task Force.

The Church Nursery is open for children up to 4 years of age. Temperature checks, masks and social distancing are required. Contact Christy Mossburg or Amy Stone for more information. The Nursery is now HIRING!! The nursery is looking for an adult supervisor for Sunday mornings, please contact the Nursery Director Cathleen Gough if interested.

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/>

****New -The Asbury Class** is now meeting in a hybrid format. Some folks may join from the Memorial room while others will join remotely using Zoom. We share fellowship and prayer joys and concerns at 9:00 a.m. followed by bible study/discussion each week. Join us virtually or onsite any time between 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. on Sundays. Please contact Pat Herber at pkherber@gmail.com for our weekly email and log on information.

Look for our **Children's Worship Bags** in the narthex, filled with activities to keep little hands busy during worship! **Please return these bags to the narthex at the end of the church service** so they are available for others to use. Each bag contains a small erasable whiteboard, a notebook, crayons, and several fidget toys, including pipe cleaners and coloring pages.



Traditional Children's Christmas Pageant
Sunday December 12 at 9:00 am in Parish Hall.
All are invited!

UMW Advent by Candlelight Tea Join the UMW to celebrate the Advent Season. A program, tea, treats, and fellowship are planned for Saturday, December 11 at 2:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. All are welcome. Please RSVP on the sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall or by emailing Jane Sowers at jsowers@fred.net by December 5.

Outreach to our Grateful Hearts Margie Wilde is gathering volunteers to deliver Christmas gift bags to our Grateful Hearts on Friday December 17th between 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. If you are interested, please contact Margie Wilde at skywilde@comcast.net

Important Bake-A-Batch News

Bake a Batch will not be taking place this year. We look forward to bringing back this much-loved tradition in 2022.

REMINDER: I was a stranger and you welcomed me!

As the colder temperatures of winter set in, Calvary is blessed to be able to provide warm shelter again this December to families that are in transition from being homeless to having a home of their own. In support of the Family Shelter Program of The Religious Coalition for Emergency Human Needs, we will host such families in our Education Building from December 18-Jan 1. We will need a few helpers to set up cots in our Education Bldg. on Saturday, December 18 and again two weeks later to take them down; and evening meals for the families are always welcomed. Helping in either of these ways requires not much more than 30' on site! There are generally no more than half a dozen such families, the specific number of whom we will know closer to the date of their arrival.

Please consider volunteering for either of these service opportunities to welcome our neighbors in need at this time when we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus! If you are able to help, please contact me (paul.d.nelson@outlook.com) or Jacki Stranathan (discipleship@calvaryumc.org). Merry Christmas!



Christmas Eve Services:

December 24th at 7:00 p.m. & 9:00 p.m.

Prayer Concerns:

Recent Passing: Verner Sundell

Members of Calvary: Scott English, Bill Pasquerette, Rev. Shannon Sullivan, Aaron and Zeke Sullivan Harrington, Bruce Caruthers, Joann Crum, Betty Brewer, Lois Pacheco, Lynn Schumacher, Rita Sharpe, Georgia Riggleman, Laura (Daughter of Carol and Art Fennington), Nancy Dobbs, Anna Belle Childers, Beth Richards, Nancy Slovikosky, Linda Sheridan, JoAn Ehlers, Ann Crum, Nancy Crum, Fannie Johnson, Bob Strine, Michael Boyer, Judith Allen

Friends of Calvary: Ellis Larsen (Father of Rev. Steve Larsen), Dawn Albertini (Friend of the Andersons, Chaney's and Jones), Bethany Bajsert (Friend of Rita Sharpe), Heather (Friend of Jean Flory and Becky Kile), Rich Lamont (Friend of the Schwarzenbergs), Mary Jo Martin (Friend of Paul Nelson), Sis McKee (Aunt of Didi Willard), Don Kessel and Ken Kessel (Brothers of Susan Baggett), Joni Kline (Cousin of Meg Winter), Audrey Cash (Friend of Helen Sheppard), Kristy Johnson, Vivian Warner (Mother of Jan Cline), Lena Dietz (Friend of Friendly Circle Class), Mary Fraser (Friend of Terri Giambarresi), Kitty Cooley (Sister of Connie Scoggins), Ellie (Friend of Gloria Orrison), Suzanne Simpson and Adam Shake (Sister & brother-in-law to Christy Mossburg), John and Lynn Mills (Friends of Charles Geisbert) Linda Horinie Henke (Niece of Charles Geisbert), Lillian Mingola (Mother of Maria Calcagni), Ed Kinsey, Jr (Father of Ed Kinsey), Wendy Koch (Niece of Helen Sheppard), Alice Woodward (Sister of Rita Sharpe), Virginia Painter Floyd (Friend of Rita Sharpe), Gay Ann Mazac (Niece of Steve and JoAn Ehlers), Zakaria El fatihi, Tracy Sizemore, Stacey (Sharpe) Steinhouse

This Week at Calvary December 5 ~ December 12

Sunday, December 5

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship

5:30 p.m. Youth Group

Tuesday, December 7

10:00 a.m. Pastors Bible Study

1:30 p.m. UMW Ex. Committee

Wednesday, December 8

6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study

7:00 p.m. Open Prayer

Saturday, December 11

9:00 a.m. Fellowship Group

(Activity Room)

10:00 a.m. Christmas Pageant Rehearsal

10:00 a.m. WRS Ringers

2:00 p.m. UMW Candlelight Tea

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