

November 27, 2022

1st Sunday of Advent

10:00 a.m. Worship



The shiny additions to our Advent and Christmas visuals remind us we are called to reflect the sacred each and every day. “Incarnation” is a word meaning God’s presence came to dwell among all people, and we believe this happened in a special way in the birth of Jesus. All creation has always been imbued with the Creator’s brilliance. This season, we will remember the call to shine with this holy light.

GATHERING

Prelude

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

Setting by Rowland Prichard

Dr. Adela Peeva, Organ

Welcome and announcements

*Passing the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

*Advent Song

The Faith We Sing

TFWS #2090

Light the Advent candle, one:

Now the waiting has begun;

**We have started on our way,
time to think of Christmas day.**

Refrain:

**Candle, candle, burning bright,
shining in the cold winter night;**

**candle, candle, burning bright,
fill our hearts with Christmas light.**

*Lighting the Advent Candles: HOPE

We pray for Hope this day.

We our eyes open to see the Sacred reflected in all things.

We open to see each moment as a gift of holy presence. This is the gift of the Christ Mystery,

lighting the way to hope.

The candle is lit this morning by the Tuesday Morning Bible Study

*Hymn

“Come Thou Long Expected Jesus”

UMH #196

Opening Prayer

Living God, Christ Mystery, Spirit of Hope, we give you thanks for this holy moment together. As we take in the hope you offer, may we be a reflection of your light, expanding the sacred time of “right now” into the sacred time of “always and for all time.” Amen.

PROCLAIMING

Epistle Lesson

Romans 13: 11-14

Beth Strakonsky

Anthem

“Prepare the Way of the Lord”

text on Isaiah 40:4-5

Sanctuary Choir

Music by William Rowan

Joyce Summers, Pianist

*Gospel Lesson

Matthew 24: 36-44

Beth Strakonsky

*Response

The word of God for the people of God.

THANKS BE TO GOD.

Time With the Children

Following the Time with the Children, all children in K-3rd grade are invited to Children's Church either in the Chapel or in the Nursery for the remainder of the worship service. Parents are asked to walk their children to narthex/lobby where they will find the children's church leader.

*Hymn

“Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying”

UMH #720

Sermon

Sacred Time (Hope)

Rev. Steve Larsen

RESPONDING

Time for Reflection and Commitment

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory

“Now Come, Savior”

Johann Pachelbel

When we pass the offering plate in the worship service we are linking our giving with other ways we worship God.

Checks can also 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 www.Calvaryumc.org/give/. (See QR code on the back of this bulletin) You can make a one-time gift or set up ongoing electronic payments.

Please use this time to register your attendance here today in the red folders found in the pews.

*Doxology

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

UMH #211

**O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

*Prayer of Dedication

GOING FORTH

*Hymn

“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

UMH #213

We invite those who have had a birthday in November to come forward for blessing during the singing of the last hymn today.

*Dismissal with Blessing

*Postlude

“Now Come, Savior of the heathens”

Karl Wolfrum

*Going Forth

Material for the worship service today and throughout this month are adapted from a series called “Reflecting the Sacred” from Worship Design Studio. www.worshipdesignstudio.com/sacred.

Ushers: Dave Mills, Fran Haller, Paul Muehl, Bill Pasquerette

Become an usher, help pass the offering plate, communion, distribute bulletins and direct seating, if interested sign up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080d4faaa72fa75-monthly> or see Dave Mills at dacmills78@gmail.com

Altar Flowers: If you are interested in being a flower sponsor, please sign up by calling the church office or at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080d4faaa72fa75-altar1> to sign up for altar flowers, pulpit, or communion table. Many dates are available.

Acolytes Needed! Calvary is seeking youth members (ages 8 and up) to serve as acolytes during Sunday morning worship. If your child may be interested, please contact Stefanie Harris at 301-639-7376 or jujubee820@yahoo.com for more information and training.

The Church Nursery is open for children up to 5 years of age. Look for our **Children's Worship Bags** in the narthex, filled with activities to keep little hands busy during worship!

Our **Nursery** policies and procedures require two adults over the age of 18 be always present when our nursery is in use. We just need a second adult to be on our rotating schedule. Contact Cathleen Gough, in the nursery on Sunday mornings.

Children's Church is for ages 5 - 3rd grade and meets either in the Chapel or in the Nursery during our worship service, immediately following our *Time with The Children*.

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/>

We need hosts for our **2023 Coffee and Donut time** in the Parish Hall on Sunday mornings. To sign up go to: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080d4faaa72fa75-coffee2> and chose a date. Contact Margie Wilde at skywilde@comcast.net for more information, or contact the Church office.



Use this code to learn how to give online, or visit <https://calvaryumc.org/give/>

Please help our community's homeless youth: Homeless for the Holidays!

From mid-November through December, Calvary is collaborating with SHIP of Frederick (Student Homelessness Initiative Partnership), by collecting *personal hygiene articles* for middle and high school age youth who do not have permanent homes. Toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorants and shaving items for boys and girls, shampoo, hairbrushes, feminine hygiene products, and soaps are examples of the types of items needed. For a complete list of needed items, see:

<https://shipfrederick.com/events/homeless-for-the-holidays>

In Parish Hall by the coat racks, each Sunday from November 13 through December, there will be a box decorated with Christmas wrappings and marked HOMELESS-FOR-THE-HOLIDAYS. At this time of year when we give thanks for the many blessings bestowed upon us through God's grace, and prepare our hearts spiritually for the birth of Jesus, let us be generous in helping our community's youth in need. If in addition to or in lieu of giving the items above you wish to make a financial contribution to SHIP of Frederick, you may do so through that organization's website or the offering plate in our church narthex, with a check made out to Calvary UMC noting SHIP in the lower left memo line.

UMW Advent Tea, 2 p.m. Saturday, December 3 in the Parish Hall

Angel Tree

The Angel tree is back! The Hannah Circle invites you to join us in providing Christmas gifts for children from the Religious Coalition. The Christmas tree will be in the Fellowship Hall after the Christmas Bazaar concludes. The Christmas tree is covered with ornaments. Each of children's ornaments contain toys from their Christmas wish list, clothing needs of the children and grocery store gift cards for their Christmas dinner.

Participation is easy and instructions are included on the back of each ornament. Remember to sign out the ornaments you select in the white ring binder. All gifts need to be returned to the tree no later than **Sunday, December 4.**

If you choose to purchase a clothing item, it is very helpful if you include a gift receipt in the package. This helps to make exchanges easier for the family in case they need a different size. We are still collecting gift cards (Target, Walmart, Kohls, and grocery stores) and cash donations for those who are uncomfortable shopping. There is a red box near the tree that you may drop your cash donations and gift cards in. Please make checks out to Calvary United Methodist Women and reference "Angel Tree."

If you need further information, call Sheila Howard at 301-676-4382.

Kris Kringle Procession will be held at 6:30 p.m. Friday, December 9. Cookies and hot cocas will be served in the Parish Hall to follow the procession.



Saturday, December 10, 10 a.m.-noon

Children's Christmas Pageant Dress Rehearsal in the Parish Hall.

Sunday, December 11, 9:00 a.m.

Annual Children's Sunday School Christmas Pageant

Seating is available in the Parish Hall

Bake A Batch is BACK!

We are pleased to announce after a two-year hiatus, our beloved Bake-A-Batch fundraiser for Jenn Esler is back. Jenn is a Calvary member and served as the Nursery Director before being diagnosed with a brain tumor years ago. Following surgery, she had extensive rehabilitation to improve her quality of life. Proceeds from Bake A Batch serve to help Jenn in her rehab and to remind her that she is not forgotten by her Calvary family. All cookie donations can be dropped off in the kitchen or church office on Friday, December 9 or the parish hall by 9:00 a.m. Saturday, December 10.

Cookie trays will be available for purchase Sunday, December 11.

Baking cookies is a great activity to do with your children or grandchildren and for a great cause. All homemade cookies whether family favorites or holiday classics are welcomed. So get those mixers moving!!

Any questions, please contact Julie Schwarzenberg at 240-626-7666.

Prayer Concerns:

Members of Calvary: Nancy Huffman, Lou Finneyfrock, Todd Main, Shauna Main, Anna Stroh, Donna Loeb, Scott English, Bruce Caruthers, Betty Brewer, Rita Sharpe, Nancy Dobbs, Beth Richards, JoAn Ehlers, Steve Ehlers, Ann Crum, Nancy Crum, Fannie Johnson, Judy Allen, Lois Pacheco, Kitty and Nathan Robinson, Charlotte Elliott, Leo Giambarresi, Lynn Schumacher, Jack Heller, Art Fennington

Friends of Calvary: Family of Bob Levering (Father of Sandy Moreland), Brian Jones (Friend of the Linda and Scott English), Bev Hitchens (Friend of Paul Nelson), Erik Karl (Son of Cathy Karl), Janet Stone (Mother of Jeff Stone), Father and Brother of Shane Wickline, Barbara Crutchley (Friend of Jan Cline), Hope Patterson and Cathy Short (Sisters of Charlotte Pasquerette), Ken Kessel (Brother of Susan Baggette), Audrey Cash (Friend of Helen Sheppard), Vivian Warner (Mother of Jan Cline), 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), Wendy Koch (Niece of Helen Sheppard), Gay Ann Mazac (Niece of Steve and JoAn Ehlers), Alice Woodward, sister, Becky Woodward niece, Louise Bricto, cousin of Rita Sharpe, Virginia Painter Floyd, Tracy Sizemore, Gill Crippen, Ryan Anderson (Friends of Rita Sharpe)

This Week at Calvary November 20 ~ November 27

Today, Sunday, November 27

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship
11:15 a.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal

Monday, November 28

7:00 p.m. Church Council

Tuesday, November 29

10:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study
6:00 p.m. AGAPE
6:30 p.m. Joyful Noise Bells
7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, November 30

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

Saturday, December 3

2:00 p.m. UWM Advent Tea

Next Sunday, December 4

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship
11:15 a.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal
5:30 p.m. Youth Group

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