



December 25, 2022

Christmas Day 10:00 a.m. Worship Service

A Celebration of Christmas  
Using Carols and Lessons  
from Scripture and Contemporary Sources

Prelude

“It Came Upon a Midnight Clear” Arranged by Gail Smith  
combined with Chopin’s Nocturne in E flat  
Dr. Adela Peeva, piano

Greetings and Announcements

Rev. Steve Larsen

\*Call to Worship

Some say that Christmas is for children.

**Christmas is also for people of age and experience.**

Elizabeth, Mary’s cousin, and Zechariah, the priest, accepted new birth breaking into all their familiar patterns.

**Simeon the singer and Anna the prophetess hoped for many years to see the Messiah with their own eyes. They found him in a poor couple’s baby boy.**

How then shall we respond to the promise of Christ’s coming?

**With a willingness to be surprised, with patience in our waiting, with a readiness to laugh as well as weep, and with the courage to work for God’s kingdom right where we are.**

Let us worship the Lord.

\*Carol

“Angels from the Realms of Glory”

UMH #220

Prayer for Christmas Day

Lighting the Advent Wreath and the Christ Candle

Advent Song (stanza 5)

TFWS #2090

**Light the Christmas candles, now:  
Sing of donkey, sheep and cow;  
Birthday candles for the King,  
Let the alleluias ring.**

**Candle, candle, burning bright,  
shining in the cold winter night;  
candle, candle, burning bright,  
fill our hearts with Christmas light.**

Time with the Children

First Reading Hebrews 1:1-4 David Cline

A Contemporary Reading “Christmas Miracle”  
by Ann Weems from *Kneeling in Bethlehem*

\*Carol “When Christmas Day is Dawning” UMH #232

\*Gospel Reading John 1: 1-14 David Cline

A Contemporary Reading “Plan A or Plan B?”  
a Meditative Prayer about Incarnation  
by Brian Wren found in *Advent, Christmas and Epiphany: Liturgies and Prayers for Public Worship*

Carol “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly” UMH # 229

A Contemporary Reading “Where the Light Begins: for Christmas Day”  
by Jan Richardson, from *Circles of Grace*

Special Music “Comfort Ye My People” from Handel’s Messiah  
David Cline, soloist

Prayers of the People

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 Bring Our Gifts

Offertory

“Christmas Fantasia”

by Jennifer Linn

*When we pass the offering plate in the worship service we are linking our giving with other ways we worship God. Online payments can be made easily and securely by going to the church website [www.Calvaryumc.org/give/](http://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. Checks can also be sent to the church office at 131 West 2<sup>nd</sup> St, Frederick, MD 21701. Please use this time to register your attendance here today in the red folders found in the pews.*

A Contemporary Reading

“And Did It Happen?”

By Iona Community from *Cloth for the Cradle*

\*Closing Carol

“Love Came Down at Christmas”

UMH #242

\*Dismissal with Blessing

“The Work of Christmas”

by Howard Thurman

from *The Mood of Christmas and Other Celebrations*

When the song of the angels is stilled,  
When the star in the sky is gone,  
When the kings and princes are back home,  
When the shepherds are back with the flock,  
The work of Christmas begins;  
To find the lost,  
To heal the broken,  
To feed the hungry,  
To release the prisoner,  
To rebuild the nations,  
To bring peace among brothers and sisters,  
To make music in the heart.  
Go in peace to love God and serve one another.  
**Amen.**

*Circles of Grace: A Book of Blessings for the Seasons*, © Jan Richardson, janrichardson.com

*Advent, Christmas and Epiphany: Liturgies and Prayers for Public Worship* (Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press, 2008) © Brian Wren and are reproduced by permission.

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Sunday School for all ages will resume on January 8 at 9:00 AM.

To learn more about this church and its ministries, visit us at [www.calvaryumc.org](http://www.calvaryumc.org).

Plan to join in the **Candlelight Tour of Historic Houses of Worship** sponsored by Visit Frederick. The walking tour will run from 4 – 9 pm with Calvary United Methodist Church opening its doors along with ten other congregations in downtown Frederick for people to visit.

Calvary Church will be offering Chicken Corn Chowder in the Parish Hall. In our sanctuary, the following music will be provided: Favorite Christmas melodies provided by Tristate Harp Ensemble (4-6 pm), Favorite carols sung by Christine Yong-Bassilekin, soprano accompanied by Dr. Adela Peeva (6-7 pm) and Christmas Carols from Many Lands on piano and organ by Dr. Adela Peeva (7-9 pm).

**Ushers:** Dave Mills, Fran Haller, Paul Nelson, Susan Baggette, Mitch Reading

The Fellowship Group gives the altar flowers with Joy and Celebration of the Birth of Christ.

**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.

**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](mailto:dacmills78@gmail.com)

**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](mailto: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 - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and meets either in the Chapel or in the Nursery during our worship service, immediately following our *Time with The Children*. We are in need of adult volunteers to be in the Chapel from 10:15 a.m.-11:00 a.m. on a rotating basis for Children's Church. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Amy Stone. [AmyStone@calvaryumc.org](mailto:AmyStone@calvaryumc.org) or sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0949acad2fabfbc61-childrens>

**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](mailto:skywilde@comcast.net) for more information, or contact the Church office.



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## **Prayer Concerns:**

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## **This Week at Calvary- December 25 ~January 1, 2023**

### **Today, December 25**

10:00 a.m. Worship

### **Monday, December 26**

Church Office Closed

Tour of Churches 4 p.m.-9p.m.

### **Wednesday, December 28**

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

### **Next Sunday, January 1**

10:00 a.m. Worship

## **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.*

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