



**Calvary
Presbyterian
Church**

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Third Sunday of Advent
December 13, 2020

Welcome to Calvary! In our “virtual” service, we invite you to sing, pray, and dance in whatever way the Spirit might move you this morning. You'll notice there are things printed in **BOLD** throughout the bulletin. Those are your parts. We invite you to lift your voices with us in prayer and praise.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING MOMENT

We use this time to center ourselves in worship.
The lighting of the candles symbolizes God's presence among us.

*CALL TO WORSHIP AND LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

“Rejoice in the Lord always;
again I will say, Rejoice.”
The world says, “Worry,”
and we say, “Rejoice.”
The news says, “Fear,”
and we say, “Rejoice.”
The world says, “Be happy,”
and the church says, “Be faithful.”

As we light our third Advent candle,
We pray for hope, peace, and joy.
Come now, O child of Mary.
Come now, O Prince of Joy.

*HYMN *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* (Verse 4)

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*O come, Thou Key of David, come,
And open wide our heavenly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(unison)*

**Holy God, our hope and strength,
by the power of your Spirit
prepare the way in our hearts
for the coming of your Word,
so that we may see the glorious signs
of your promise fulfilled;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

The Word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING John 1:6-8, 19-28

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SERMON *“Marked By Gratitude”*

Tom Speers

A TIME OF REFLECTION *People Look East*

INTERCESSORY PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER

(Feel free to pray in any version or language you like.)

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*O Lord, how shall I meet You,
How welcome you aright?
Your people long to greet You,
My Hope, my heart's Delight!
O kindle, Lord most holy,
A lamp within my breast,
To do in spirit lowly
All that may please You best.*

*Love caused Your incarnation,
Love brought You down to me;
Your thirst for my salvation
Procured my liberty.
O love beyond all telling,
That led you to embrace
In love all loves excelling
Our lost and fallen race.*

*A glorious crown You give me,
A treasure safe on high,
That will not fail nor leave me
As earthly riches fly.
My heart shall bloom forever
For You with praises new,
And from Your Name shall never
Withhold the honor due.*

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

POSTLUDE

Make a point of reaching out to other members of the church, and to your friends, to share the peace of Christ during this time when we must be physically apart.

The building may be closed, but the church is still active. We encourage you to send your offering to the church. You can now make gifts online.

Visit our website, or use your cell phone to scan this barcode to make a gift.



Leading the Service
The Rev. Thomas G. Speers, III, Pastor
Julie Hall Katz, Music Director
Deacon Lynn Casto, reader