



**Calvary
Presbyterian
Church**

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Christmas Eve
December 24, 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 evening. 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

CENTERING MOMENT *Away in a Manger*

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

With the prophet Isaiah, we proclaim the promise of God:
**The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined.
For a child has been born for us, a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

*HYMN *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

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*O come all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come and behold Him, Born the King of angels!
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!*

*Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this happy morning,
Jesus, to thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father, Now in flesh appearing!
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!*

*O sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation!
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, All glory in the highest!
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(unison)*

**We would make room for you this night of all nights, dear Lord:
room in our minds and hearts; room also in our life together.
Let your word be born in us anew so that, by the power of the Holy Spirit,
your splendor shines in us and through us. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Luke 2:1-7

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

*O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.*

*For Christ is born of Mary,
And gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars together
Proclaim the holy birth!
And praises sing to God the King,
And peace to all on earth!*

*How silently, how silently,
The wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of His heaven.
No ear may hear His coming,
But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him still,
The dear Christ enters in.*

*O holy Child of Bethlehem,
Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in,
Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Emmanuel!*

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Luke 2:8-20

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

*Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, Join the triumph of the skies;
With the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."*

*Christ, by highest heaven adored: Christ, the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold Him come, Offspring of the virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh, the God-head see; Hail, the incarnate Deity:
Pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."*

*Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings, Risen with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by, Born that we no more may die;
Born to raise us from the earth, Born to give us second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."*

*Silent night! Holy night!
All is calm, all is bright.
Round yon virgin mother and child!
Holy infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.*

*Silent night! Holy night! Shepherds
quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing alleluia;
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the
Savior is born.*

*Silent night! Holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light,
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.*

*Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star,
lend thy light;
With the angels let us sing,
Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the
Savior is born.*

CELEBRATING THE LORD'S SUPPER

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.

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 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.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**God of shepherds and sheep,
we give you thanks that you have gathered us here,
revealed to us your glory, and fed us with your mercy.
Now send us out with good news for all—
for us a child is born: Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

*Joy to the world! the Lord is come:
 Let earth receive her King
 Let every heart prepare him room,
 And heaven and nature sing,
 And heaven and nature sing
 And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.*

*No more let sins and sorrows grow,
 Nor thorns infest the ground;
 He comes to make His blessings flow
 Far as the curse is found,
 Far as the curse is found,
 Far as, far as the curse is found.*

*Joy to the world! The Savior reigns:
 Let us our songs employ;
 While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
 Repeat the sounding joy,
 Repeat the sounding joy,
 Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.*

*He rules the world with truth and grace,
 And makes the nations prove
 The glories of His righteousness,
 And wonders of His love,
 And wonders of His love,
 And wonders, wonders of His love.*

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Go Tell It On the Mountain*

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.

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