



**Calvary
Presbyterian
Church**

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Second Sunday of Advent
December 6, 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

A voice cries out in the wilderness:
“Prepare the way of the Lord.”
A choir sings in the silence,
“Come, Emmanuel.”
Every valley shall be filled.
Every heart shall be made whole,
for peace is stronger than turmoil,
and love is louder than hate.

As we light our second Advent candle,
we pray for the holy peace of God.
Come now, O Child of Mary.
Come now, O Prince of Peace.

*HYMN *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* (Verse 3)

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*O come, Thou Day-spring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.
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 Isaiah 40:1-11

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

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Mark 1:1-8

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

SERMON *"Comfort My People"*

Tom Speers

A TIME OF REFLECTION

CELEBRATING THE LORD'S SUPPER

In this Advent of disquiet, remember God comes to us.

God approaches to be with you, as well.

Let us offer our empty hearts to our God as we continue our journey to Bethlehem.

God approaches to fill them with grace and hope.

With weary souls, and trembling voices, let us sing praises to our God.

God approaches to teach us new songs of love.

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.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God, you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. You have fed us with the bread of life, and renewed us for your service. Help us who have shared Christ's body and received his cup, to be his faithful disciples so that our daily living may be part of the life of your kingdom, and our love be your love reaching out into the life of the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Prepare the way, O Zion,
Your Christ is drawing near!
Let every hill and valley
A level way appear.
Greet One who comes in glory,
Foretold in sacred story.
O blest is Christ that came
In God's most holy name.*

*Christ brings God's rule, O Zion;
He comes from heaven above.
His rule is peace and freedom,
And justice, truth, and love.
Lift high your praise resounding,
For grace and joy abounding.
O blest is Christ that came
In God's most holy name.*

*Fling wide your gates, O Zion;
Your Savior's rule embrace.
And tidings of salvation
Proclaim in every place.
All lands will bow rejoicing,
Their adoration voicing.
O blest is Christ that came
In God's most holy name.*

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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
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Julie Hall Katz, Music Director
Elder Ken Jones and Drew Biehl, readers