



# CALVARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

301 ROWE BOULEVARD – ANNAPOLIS, MD – WWW.CALUMC.ORG

JANUARY 7, 2024— 10:00 A.M.

EPIPHANY SUNDAY & THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

## GATHERING

PRELUDE

*Berceuse*

Louis Vierne

Betsy Lord, *organist*

THE GREETING & INVOCATION

Pastor: Clap your hands, all you peoples!

**People: Shout to God with loud songs of joy!** (Psalm 47:1)

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jeremy McCumber, *liturgist*

Liturgist: Arise, shine; for your light has come.

**People: The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.**

Come, worship the Lord of glory.

**Proclaim God's praise among the nations.**

**All: Let us worship God!**

## PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

\*OPENING HYMN

*The First Noel*

UMH 245

*\* Indicates please stand as able in body or spirit.*

\*EPIPHANY PRAYER

**O God, you made of one blood all nations, and, by a star in the East, revealed to all peoples him whose name is Emmanuel. Enable us who know your presence with us so to proclaim his unsearchable riches that all may come to his light and bow before the brightness of his rising, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. In the name of Jesus. Amen.** † *All may be seated.*

THE NEWS TO KNOW

*Children are invited to remain in worship with their parents to receive Holy Communion.*

*Activity bags are available from the ushers.*

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

ANTHEM

*Star of Bethlehem*

by Sherry O. Bird & Dan Carter

Beth Colley, *Alto*

Gaby Garzon, *Cello*

\*GOSPEL READING - MATTHEW 2:1-12 (NRSV)

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi from the east came to Jerusalem, asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star in the east and have come to pay him homage.” When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him, and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it has been written by the prophet: ‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah, for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.’” Then Herod secretly called for the magi and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” When they had heard the king, they set out, and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen in the east, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Liturgist: The Word of God for the people of God

**People: Thanks be to God.**

† *All may be seated.*

*Our 2023 Star Gift Witness*

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*All are welcome at the Lord's Table.*

### INVITATION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love. We have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience through Jesus Christ our Lord....** *(all confess sins in the silence...)*

### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**Pastor:** Hear the Good News! Christ died for us while we were yet sinners.  
That proves God's love toward us.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**People:** **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.**

**All:** **Glory to God! Amen.**

### \*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Pastor:** Lift up your hearts.

**People:** **We lift them up to the Lord.**

**Pastor:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you God Almighty, creator of heaven and earth...

## \*SANCTUS

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.  
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## \*MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Christ has died. Christ is ris-en. Christ will come a - gain.

Pour out your Holy Spirit...

... All honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever, *singing*:

## \*THE GREAT AMEN

*All*  
A - men, a - men,  
a - men.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray...

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.

### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Pastor: These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

### GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

*As directed by the ushers, come forward up the center aisle to receive the bread and cup by intinction: partly dip the bread into the cup and receive both elements together. Gluten-free bread with a separate chalice is available upon request. If you prefer to receive from where you are seated, share with an usher and you will be served. Appropriate responses after receiving this gracious gift could include: "Thanks be to God"; "Lord, have mercy"; "Amen." Return to your seat along the side aisles.*

### THE AGNUS DEI

2. *mp*  
 1.2. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
 sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.

*mf*  
 3. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
 sins of the world: grant us peace.

### COMMUNION MUSIC

*This Fragile Vessel*

*Ariosso*

*Air*

by: M. Brennan and Keith Getty

Beth Colley, *Guitar and Voice*

Gaby Garzon, *Cello*

by: J.S. Bach

by: Robert Cundick

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

*All are invited to give of their morning offerings online at CALUMC.org, in the collection black box in the Narthex, Venmo (@calvaryumcannapolis) or US Postal Service to support the work of Calvary United Methodist Church sharing God's love with the world.*

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**Loving God, we give you thanks for the light of the world, Jesus Christ, through whom we have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in your promise. Receive the gifts we offer in union with Jesus our brother, and help us to live to the honor and glory of your name. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

UMH 94

**SENDING FORTH**

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

UMH 254

*We Three Kings*

**\*THE BLESSING & BENEDICTION**

**The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. (Numbers 6:24-26)**

**POSTLUDE**

by: J. S. Bach

*Prelude and Fugue in F Major BWV 556*

Betsy Lord, organist

*The altar flowers are donated with love by Barbara and Chris Jedrey to recognize three special January birthdays. In memory of Barbara's mother, Dottie Curtis and in honor of Kelly and Luke Willis.*



Thank you for worshipping with us today! To keep up with CALUMC events, services, and more, visit [calumc.org](http://calumc.org), find us on Facebook, and/or YouTube. You may also sign up for our weekly e-News by completing the Connection Card in the pews, on [calumc.org](http://calumc.org), or by contacting the Church Office at [office@calumc.org](mailto:office@calumc.org) or (410) 268-1776.

### Pastoral Care

To notify clergy of a pastoral care concern, such as a birth, hospitalization, or death, please contact Julie at [community@calumc.org](mailto:community@calumc.org) or complete our Online Connection Card at CALUMC.org.

### Announcements

#### Altar Flower Dedications Sign-up - new list!

The 2024 list is ready for you to sign up to dedicate flowers in honor of your loved one! Scan the QR code to sign-up. The dedication cost is \$65 for a large floral arrangement. The flowers can go home with you after the Sunday service or can be used in our Flower ministry that sends smaller bouquets to friends/family of Calvary who could use a floral pick-me-up. For questions please contact Tracy Leahy at [tracyleahy1@gmail.com](mailto:tracyleahy1@gmail.com).



**Parents/Grandparents** - this is your friendly reminder that there will be **no Children's Sunday School OR Middle/High School Sunday School the first Sunday of every month** so that families can receive Communion together. There are kids activity bags available to be used during worship for those who need it. Contact Nancy Mills at [discipleship@calumc.org](mailto:discipleship@calumc.org) for more information.

### Missions Collections:

#### Backpack Buddies

Calvary has the privilege of serving our neighbors by filling backpacks for 20 elementary-age children each week containing food for their weekend. Please consider adding us to your weekly grocery shopping. **There is always a need for shelf-stable milk, Hormel Compleats microwave dinners, Mac N Cheese, individual microwave soup, and Chicken/Tuna Lunch kits.** For more information, contact Barbara Jedry at [jeds13@aol.com](mailto:jeds13@aol.com).



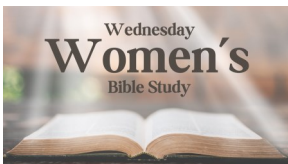
#### Light House Shelter Food Pantry Cereal Drive:

The Light House Shelter Food Pantry serves the hungry in our community. Each week, families in need have the opportunity to shop at The Light House Shelter's Food Pantry for groceries. Cereal is at the top of the list of requested groceries. But all too often, the Pantry runs out. Please join Calvary's ongoing cereal drive: It's easy—just add 1 of these most popular cereals (Honey Nut Cheerios, Frosted Flakes, Raisin Bran, Instant Oatmeal packets, or Fruit Loops) to your grocery list and when convenient, drop it off in the bin in Calvary's lobby. Start today—no sign up, no commitment, no stress! Questions? Contact Julie Taylor at

## Bringing Down the Greens

After today's Epiphany Service it will be time, sadly, to put the Advent and Christmas greenery away for the next eleven months. **If you can, please join the Worship Ministry Team and our Youth Group after worship TODAY...**it's not hard or dirty work (we have volunteers for that part already). Please consider giving thirty minutes to an hour undecorating. For more information, contact Jay Irwin at [jlees569@aol.com](mailto:jlees569@aol.com).

BRINGING DOWN  
the DECORATIONS



## Women's Bible Study

The Wednesday Women's Bible Study group will continue to meet on **Wednesday mornings at 10:00 in Room 114**. At this time we are finishing up the study of Right Here Right Now-the practice of Christian mindfulness. It is not necessary to have had been with us and we hope that you will feel welcome to join in at any time. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Mills at [discipleship@calumc.org](mailto:discipleship@calumc.org).



## Connect with our staff!

Rev. Linda W. Motter, *Pastor*  
Gaby Garzon, *Director of Music*  
Dave Rainey, *Handbell Director*  
Julie Taylor, *Community Outreach & Interim Dir of Congregational Care*  
Nancy Mills, *Interim Dir of Discipleship*  
Dr. Joseph Gryder, *Dir of Youth Ministries*  
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