



CALVARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

DECEMBER 3, 2023 – 10:00 A.M.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMUNION *with* VIVALDI'S *Gloria*

GATHERING

PRELUDE

A. Vivaldi

Concerto for Two Trumpets in C Major, 1st mov

Davy DeArmond, *trumpet*
Marcus Flores, *trumpet*

THE GREETING & INVOCATION

Pastor: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

**People: Worship the Lord with gladness. Come into his presence
with singing.** (Psalm 100:1)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Karen Jones, *liturgist*

Liturgist: Awake, people of God, and stay alert for Christ's coming.

People: Make your ways known to us, O God.

Show us once more your awesome presence.

We are all God's people; no one is excluded.

Come together as God's family for worship and prayer.

Praise the One who grants us the gift of life.

**All: Heaven and earth will pass away, but the Word of God is true
for all times and places. Let us worship God!**

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

*OPENING HYMN

UMH 196

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess we become distracted, even weary, in our discipleship. We keep busy schedules; we rush about. Captivated by technology, we do not remain alert to your divine presence in our lives, in the church, and in the world. Help us to watch for you attentively. Awaken us to your surprising power, glory, and peace. Forgive us of our sins we pray... (*All confess sins in 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.**

† *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.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Phillips Family

Marty, Renee, Kent, Bri, and Royce

In the Bleak Midwinter

Calvary Choir, vs 4

Reader: We unwrap a present on this first Sunday of Advent with great anticipation for the gift that God will reveal.

People: **We open our hearts as we open the gift!**

Reader: The promise of Hope is God's gift that we receive.

People: **And what will we do with it?**

Reader: The gift of hope is an essential survival tool because it reminds us that the hard times do not have the last word. Hope is not simply a wish. Hope calls us into action based on a belief in God that things can be different. We can work to bring about the better world that we hope for.

People: **We light this Candle of Hope as a sign that we will share our Presence with Hope in the world.**

In the Bleak Midwinter

(Congregation joins singing)

UMH 221, vs 4

- adapted from *Worship Design Studio*

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

NEW TESTAMENT READING - 1 CORINTHIANS 1:3-9 (NRSV)

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

*GOSPEL READING - MARK 13:28-37 (NRSV)

From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert, for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake, for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening or at midnight or at cock-crow or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

Liturgist: The Word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God.

† All may be seated.

I. Gloria in Excelsis

Gloria in excelsis Deo,

Glory to God in the highest

II. Et in Terra PaxEt in terra pax hominibus
bonae voluntatis.and on earth peace to people
of goodwill.**III. Laudamus Te** (Sandy Warner & Donna Kurrle, *sopranos*)Laudamus te,
benedicimus te,
adoramus te,
glorificamus te,We praise you
We bless you
We adore you
We glorify you**IV. Gratias Agimus Tibi**

gratias agimus tibi

We give you thanks

V. Propter Magnam Gloriam

manam gloriam tuam,

for your great glory

VI. Domine Deus (Sandy Warner, *soprano*)Dominus deus, Rex celestis
Deus Pater omnipotens.Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.**VII. Domine Fili Unigenite**

Domine Fili Unigenite, Jesu Christe,

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,

VIII. Domine Deus, Agnus Dei (Beth Colley, *alto*)Domine Deus, Agnus Dei,
Filius Patris,Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the
Father,**IX. Qui Tollis**qui tollis peccata mundi
suscipe deprecationem nostram;you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;**X. Qui Sedes ad Dexteram** (Beth Colley, *alto*)Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,
miserere nobis.you are seated at the right hand of
the Father, have mercy on us.**XI. Quoniam Tu Solus Sanctus**Quoniam tu solus Sanctus,
tu solus Dominus
tu solus Altissimus,
Jesu Christe,For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,**XII. Cum Santo Spiritu**cum Sancto Spiritu
in gloria Dei Patris,
Amen.with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome at the Lord's Table.

Today, we celebrate the grace-filled gift of Holy Communion from the rear of the Sanctuary.

For those in the Sanctuary, please rise and turn to face the center door of the Sanctuary framed by the stained glass window of the Childs Chapel.

INVITATION

*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.

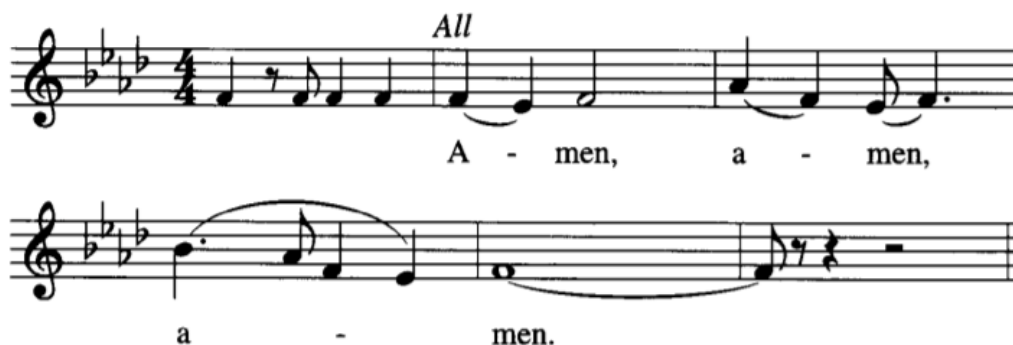
Holy are you and blessed... And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith, *singing*:

*MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION



Pour out your Holy Spirit...All honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever, *singing*:

*THE GREAT AMEN



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

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

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

COMMUNION MUSIC

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring (Choir & Orchestra)

Piano Meditation

Organ Meditation

J. S. Bach

Diane Kinsley, *piano*

Betsy Lord, *organ*

*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

Faithful God, we thank you that Christ is being revealed in every time and place until he comes again in the fullness of glory. Strengthen our testimony and spiritual gifts. Increase generosity in us. May these offerings help to share your light and love in this world. We pray in the name and hope of Jesus, our Emmanuel. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY

UMH 94

SENDING FORTH

*CLOSING HYMN

UMH 211 (vs 1,2,4)

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

*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

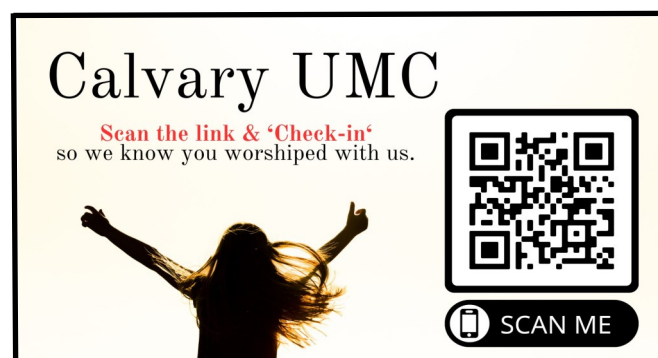
A. Vivaldi

Concerto for Two Trumpets in C major, 3rd mov

Davy DeArmond, *trumpet*

Marcus Flores, *trumpet*

The altar flowers are in honor of the Calvary staff and members from Jamie Davis.



Orchestra

Conductor: Gaby Garzon

Musicians:

Violin I

Tong Li

Paul Bagley

Paula McCarthy

Violin II

Sally Amass

Asara Greaves

Viola

Louise Chestnut

Michele DeHaven

Cello

Nailah Harris

Rory Gallo

Oboe

Rick Bashore

Harpsichord

Diane Kinsley

Double Bass

Alfonso Sanches Herrera-Lasso

Trumpet

Davy DeArmond

Music Director: Gaby Garzon, *Calvary United Methodist Church*

Music Director: Jo Ann Kulesza, *Arundel Vocal Arts Society*



Christmas
CONCERT SERIES

**JAZZ CHRISTMAS
CONCERT**

SUNDAY, DEC 17TH AT 11:30 AM
Calvary United Methodist Church, Annapolis

Choir

Sopranos:

April Westover +
Barbara Muller *
Dawn Ward +
Donna Kurrle *
Jane Witherite Barss +
Jonelle Hook *
Leigh Hobson +
Laura Rowen-Johnson +
Mary Kirkeby +
Maureen Tremblay +
Miriam Stem *
Sandy Warner *
Sunny Schust *
Theresa Wolf +

Tenor:

Denny Love *
Don Myers *
Joe Biddle +
John Ward +
Marcus Flores *
Steve Ward *

Altos:

Betsy Lord *
Betty Hepler *
Charlotte Kerns +
Donna Ruokonen +
Janet Shafron *
Jill Whitall +
Kristen Greenberg +
Linda Young *
Melanie Coleman +
Naomi Christian +
Nancy Braks *
Rita Trew *

Bass:

Bruce Hook *
David Lord *
Phil Greenfield +
Dave Hagemeyer +

* Calvary United Methodist Choir

+ Arundel Vocal Arts Society



Thank you for worshipping with us today! To keep up with CALUMC events, services, and more, visit 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, or by contacting the Church Office at office@calumc.org or (410) 268-1776.

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

Announcements

Parents, 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 for more information.

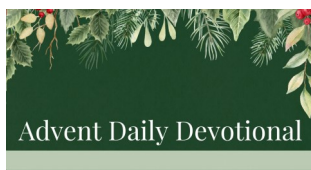


Grief Support Group

The Grief Support Group will meet this **Tuesday, December 5 at 7:00PM in the Parlor**. If you know a friend or relative that has experienced a loss, please suggest they consider joining the support group. If you have any questions, please contact Suzanne Drury at suzanne41.sd@gmail.com or Bill Thompson at bcthompson@verizon.net.

Family Advent Devotionals (Now Available in the Narthex)

The Way to the Manger engages families with the biblical truth of Christmas through twenty-five Advent devotions that redirect children and families to their need for a Savior and the amazing gift of Jesus Christ. We pray this book will provide talking points and activities for families to enjoy together, bringing the focus of Christmas back to Jesus and family time. **(Please take one book per family so that all may enjoy.)** Contact Kathryn Longabaugh at katlee99@gmail.com for more information.



Advent Daily Devotional

Thank you to all who submitted devotions to be included in this year's Advent Devotional. The electronic version is now available on the church website. For more information, please contact Nancy Mills at discipleship@calumc.org.

New Members Class

Join the Calvary church family and become a member! New members can join next **Sunday, December 10, 2023**. There will be an optional informal breakfast meeting at 8:45 a.m. where Pastor Linda will discuss what it means to be a Christian, what it means to be a methodist, and ways to connect with Calvary's ministries. Then **new members will join at the 10:00 worship service**. Interested? Contact Julie at community@calumc.org.





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: community@calumc.org or 410-703-3575.

Children's Choice Christmas Gift Drive

Calvary is continuing its tradition of donating presents for foster children (many who have special needs). Purchased gifts may be placed in a gift bag (no wrapped gifts please) and labeled with the child's name. If you would prefer to make a monetary donation, Calvary Youth will do the shopping for you. Checks may be left at the church made payable to Calvary UMC in an envelope marked Children's Choice Gift Donation. **All donations need to be delivered TODAY.** For more information, please contact Melissa Gryder at melissa.gryder@mac.com.



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*

Kathryn Longabaugh, *Children's Assistant*

Malcolm McFadden, *Audio Visual Technician*

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