



# CALVARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

DECEMBER 10, 2023 – 10:00 A.M.

SECOND SUNDAY OR ADVENT

## GATHERING

### GATHERING SONG

*Here I Am To Worship*

Words & Music by Tim Hughes

Calvary Praise Band

### THE GREETING & INVOCATION

Pastor: May the Lord give strength to his people!

**People: May the Lord bless his people with peace!** (Psalm 29:11)

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Laurel Scott, *liturgist*

Liturgist: The day of God is coming; lift up your voices.

Cry out with the strength God provides.

**People: We await God's coming day with anticipation.**

**We seek the peace and patience God provides.**

Comfort, comfort my people, says our God.

Speak tenderly to my suffering people.

**God will feed us like a shepherd.**

**God will gather us in gentle, caring arms.**

**All: God's hand is upon us in blessing;**

**We are welcomed by God's steadfast love.**

**Let us worship God!**

## PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

### \*OPENING SONG

*Advent Hymn*

Words by Christy Nockels & Charles Wesley

Calvary Praise Band

## \*MORNING PRAYER

**Righteous and holy God, your glory is revealed to us day by day as valleys of despair are lifted up and mountainous problems are leveled. In your presence, we see more than our immediate situation. We catch a glimpse of your eternal purposes. So come among us now and speak your word of peace. Feed us with your truth, and equip us to welcome Christ's coming. Amen.**

*† All may be seated.*

## THE NEWS TO KNOW

### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Dickey Family  
Matt, Shannon, Ruthie, & Cole

*In the Bleak Midwinter*

Calvary Praise Band, vs 4

**Reader:** We unwrap a present on this second 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 Peace is God's gift that we receive.

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

**Reader:** The gift of Christ's peace reminds us that we can have serenity even in the midst of non-peaceful situations. Peace is not simply the absence of conflict. Peace is an ever-present gift that we can open at any time when we stop, breathe and trust that we are never alone. And, the gift of peace we can give is to be present for those who feel alone.

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

*In the Bleak Midwinter*

(Congregation joins singing)

UMH 221, vs 4

*- Worship Design Studio*

## CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Nancy Mills, *Interim Dir. of Discipleship*

*Children are invited to come forward for a special message. Afterwards, all children are dismissed to Sunday School in Room 214/216 with Ms. Kathryn where parents may pick them up after worship.*

# PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

## OLD TESTAMENT READING - ISAIAH 40:1-2 (NRSV)

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

## NEW TESTAMENT READING - 2 PETER 3:13-14A(NRSV)

But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace.

## \*GOSPEL READING - MARK 1: 2-3 (NRSV)

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way, the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight,'"

Liturgist: The Word of God for the people of God

**People: Thanks be to God.**

† *All may be seated.*

SERMON

Rev. Linda W. Motter

*The Gift of Presence With Peace*

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

SONG OF RESPONSE

Bethel Music

*Peace*

Calvary Praise Band

New Members Join

PASTORAL PRAYER *with* 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 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.**

## 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 (Calvary UMC @calvaryumcannapolis) or US Postal Service to support the work of Calvary United Methodist Church sharing God's love with the world.*

## \*OFFERTORY PRAYER

**While we are waiting and preparing for Christ to appear, we are seeking, O God, to act as faithful followers. May our offerings extend the promise of salvation to people whose lives are broken by neglect, abuse, bad choices and sinful ways. May these gifts offer hope to all whose suffering and loss seem too heavy to bear. May our church be a listening, caring presence for all its members, and through us for all those we meet in our work and leisure. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.**

## SENDING FORTH

### \*CLOSING SONG

*Lord I Need You*

Music by C. Nockels, D. Carson, J. Reeves, K. Stanfill, & M. Maher

Calvary Praise Band

### \*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)**

### MUSIC FOR SENDING FORTH

*Give Me Jesus*

Jeremy Camp

Calvary Praise Band

*The altar flowers are in loving memory of Iris Hecker Stewart &*

*Eileen Hecker Lasday from Vitoria Stewart .*



If you would like to order flowers in honor or memory of a loved one, please contact Tracy Leahy at [tracyleahy1@gmail.com](mailto:tracyleahy1@gmail.com) or sign up via [signup genius QR Code](#).