

WHAT'S THE WORD?

at CALVARY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
December 4, 2022 2nd Sunday of Advent

Thanks to the volunteers who are assisting with worship services today:

- Greeting/Offering: Barry Emens, Linda Fioretti
 - Fellowship: The Cecchinis
- Audio/Visual: Valaree Bower Gilbert, Michael Gilbert

*Please pray for peace and the people of Ukraine,
and count your blessings for another day
free from suffering and violence.*



As of December 1, 27 families or individuals have pledged about \$59,000.
We need about \$11,000. more to meet our pledged budget of \$70,000.

Friday, Dec. 9 at 10am

Sandwich making for Cathedral Kitchen in the Social Hall...
let's form an assembly line and enjoy the morning together.
Call Georgie at 856-316-2910 if you'd like to help.

The Mitten Tree is back, and you can find it in the Assembly Room. Your Mission Team hopes that you will decorate it with hats, scarves and mittens for both adults and children. Male adult gloves and socks are particularly welcome. The hats, mittens, scarves, gloves and socks will be divided between Bread of Life Food Pantry and Cathedral Kitchen in Camden.



This year we will add a paper chain made of links you will be able to purchase for \$1 in the narthex as you enter the church or leave! All the money collected will be sent to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance for their work with the people of Ukraine. Let's hope for a chain that circles the tree a lot!

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Sunday, December II

following the service

**Our Community Engagement Team
is inviting us all to a covered dish luncheon to
celebrate the season!**

The Team is providing a luscious baked ham and beverages.

We have bragging rights to having the best cooks around here,
so let's get thinking about what to whip up to share.

Lyn Wargny is the point person for this shindig, so let's help her
get started...I'll go first...little egg salad sandwiches.

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Sunday Stuff

December 11

Third Sunday of Advent

Rev. Richard Herman

will deliver the message

Chancel Flowers will be dedicated

by Steve & Nedra Cawley

Christmas Covered Dish Luncheon

December 24

Christmas Eve Service at 7pm

Rev. William Gaskill

will deliver the message

Poinsettias will adorn the chancel and be

removed by those who dedicated them

December 18

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Rev. Rev. Richard Herman

will deliver the message

Poinsettias will adorn the chancel

December 25

Christmas Day

A morning of glorious music and scripture

Chancel Flowers will be dedicated by

J. Edward Gilmore



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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10:00am

*Please rise in body or in spirit. Please sign the worship pad found in each pew

PRELUDE

There's a Song in the Air

K. Harrington, arr. C. Berry

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Bob & Sandi Cornatzer

HANDBELL INTROIT

Fanfare on "Adeste Fideles"

J. Wade

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Isaiah 11 and Psalm 72

Leader: A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

People: O Holy Spirit, rest on us this day; bring us your wisdom and understanding, council and might.

Leader: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.

People: May we create a world where the wolf shall live with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid.

All: Blessed be God's glorious name for ever; let us worship in peace, hope and love.

*GATHERING HYMN #133 vs 1,2 & 5

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

HANDBELL OFFERTORY *O Jesulein Suss (O Jesu Sweet, O Jesus Mild)* arr. B. Simpson

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE #809

Doxology

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

HANDBELL ANTHEM

He Is Born

French Carol, arr. A. Sherman

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 3:1-12

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all

Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. "I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

This is the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Thanks be to God

SERMON

"Preparing the Way of the Lord"

David R. Watts

*CLOSING HYMN #135

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

HANDBELL RESPONSE

Now Thank We All Our God

J. Cruger, arr. F. Callahan

*THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

(As you leave the sanctuary, share greetings of Christ's peace with one another.)

*POSTLUDE

The Lord Is King

E. Broughton

Many thanks to David R. Watts for leading us in worship this morning

Prayers for: our President and all our elected officials, all world leaders, our men and women in uniform, peace in the world, victims of natural disasters, those endangered by war and violence; Calvary's mission and ministries; all our friends and

members at Calvary, and in particular: Linda Blackman; Joanne Davis; Sally Dinn; Dovieanna & Anthony Falconiero; Ed Gilmore; Ed Hartmann; Jean Markovitz; Nathan Richards, friend of Bob Cornatzer; Trevor, nephew of Dave & Janny McGrath; Jesse James, nephew of Terry Pahl; Chea and Roxanne, friends of Alyx Reinhardt; Steve Harker, husband of Cindy Harker.



The chancel flowers this morning are dedicated to the glory of God, and in honor of all those celebrating birthdays in the month of December.