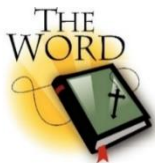


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Therefore, accept one another, just as Christ also accepted us to the glory of God. Romans 15:7



at Calvary Presbyterian Church
December 10, 2023 ~ 2nd Sunday of Advent

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

10am Worship Leader - Rev. Jim Kraft

Cookie Sale fundraiser for our Lift Project takes place immediately following the service this morning, and again this afternoon following the Hymns & Heralds Concert.



3pm - Hymns & Heralds Concert with reception to follow in the Assembly Room. Free-will offering, no tickets required and all proceeds will benefit Bread of Life Food Pantry and Calvary's Lift Project. Remember to buy enough cookies to get you and your loved ones through the Christmas season.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

10am-1pm **Thrift Shop** will be open for business

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

10am Worship Leader - Rev. Dr. Patty Epprecht

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

10am Worship Leader - Rev. Bill Gaskill

7pm - Christmas Eve Celebration

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

10am Worship Leader - Rev. Dr. Patty Epprecht

Dear Calvary Friends,

If you'd like to join me and my husband Tad for an early *Christmas* dinner on December 25th, we'd love to have you! For information and RSVP, email Tica Simpson at tica_s@hotmail.com, or call or text 609-577-8663. *Tica*

Our awesome Deacons have set up a box for Christmas cards on the rear pew of the sanctuary. Cards are rather expensive and the price of stamps keeps going up, so grab some Thrift Shop cards if you like, or use your own. These cards will receive special delivery by elves, disguised as Deacons, in plenty of time for Christmas.





Lift Project:

We are just shy of \$6,000

Trex Bench:

We have exceeded our goal already...1,007 lbs of plastic!!

We will be getting a bench for the sidewalk outside the Thrift Shop, and we are keeping harmful plastic out of our waters. Let's keep up the effort

Game Night

An executive decision has been made to name our little club Play Pals. Fitting, no?

The plan is to meet on the 2nd Saturday of each month from 4pm to 8pm in the Assembly Room.



You can volunteer to be a coordinator of a meeting, which means you get to decide what we have for dinner, and lucky you, you get to pick it up and bring it back to the Assembly Room. You also get to bring a game of your choice.

Next meeting will be January 13, 2024. Snacks and meals will be purchased with \$5 collected from each member when we meet. Val and Mike have offered to carry over any surplus donations each month. These can be used at the next game night for food or however the group decides.

Numbered boxes of giving envelopes may be found on the table in the library. If you see a box for someone who you can deliver to, please feel free to take it to them.



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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The Welcoming Church

December 10, 2023

2nd Sunday of Advent

10:00am

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

PRELUDE

Prepare the Way

Swedish Melody, arr. Ben Logan

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Diane Pahl, Tica Simpson

CHORAL INTROIT

Arise and Shine

L. Shackley

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 29:1-2, 11 (responsively)

One: Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,

All: Ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

One: Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name;

All: worship the LORD in holy splendor.

One: May the LORD give strength to his people!

All: May the LORD bless his people with peace!

*GATHERING HYMN

#135 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (St Ambrose of Milan) (unison)

O Lord, who has mercy upon all, take away my sins, and mercifully kindle in me the fire of your Holy Spirit. Take away from me the heart of stone, and give me a heart of flesh, a heart to love and adore you, a heart to delight in you, to follow and it enjoy you, for Christ's sake. (Silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven

*CONFESSION RESPONSE

#807 *Gloria Patri*

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

O Christ-Child Sweet

German Carol arr. Bach & Lorenz

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

#496 *Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ANTHEM	<i>Angels, from the Realms of Glory</i>	Montgomery, Smart, arr. Shackley
SCRIPTURE READINGS	Selected Verses from Luke 1:26-56	
	This is the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ	
	Thanks be to God	
SERMON	<i>"No Justice; No Peace"</i>	Rev. Dr. James H. Kraft
CLOSING HYMN		#146 <i>Joy to the World!</i>
*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION		
*CHORAL RESPONSE	<i>Four-fold Amen</i>	J. Stainer
*THE PEACE	The peace of the Lord be with you.	
	And also with you.	
	<i>(As you leave the sanctuary, share greetings of Christ's peace with one another.)</i>	
*POSTLUDE	<i>Postlude on "In Dulci Jubilo"</i>	Latin melody, arr. G. Martin

...Today, we offer our thanks to:

Rev. Dr. James H. Kraft for leading us in worship this morning. As always, we thank our A/V volunteers Michael Gilbert and Jerry Blackman for sharing their time and talents. This morning we also thank Karen Gilbert for refreshments and Wendy Hessler and Judy Jaghabreh for greeting and collecting the offering.
Join us for refreshments after the service in Assembly Room.

...Our 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: Lynn Amatrudi; Dovieanna & Anthony Falconiero; Ed Gilmore; Ed Hartmann; Nancy Hall; Stacy Cardwell, friend of Nedra Cawley; Pam Jones Nelson, cousin of Allison Farnen; Christie, wife of Rob Hoag; Trevor, nephew of Dave & Janny McGrath; Jesse James, nephew of Terry Pahl; Nicky Rose, cousin of Alyx & Maria; Guido Rodrigues, husband of Lauren Pahl Rodrigues; Bill Robbins, brother of Dorothy Talavera; Delanco friend Aurelio Conigliaro; Steve Harker, husband of Cindy.

...Our chancel flowers to:

the Glory of God and to the loving memory of her parents,
Bob and Joanne Davis, by Nancy Davis Ruggiano.