

WHAT'S THE WORD?

at CALVARY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
December 11, 2022 3rd Sunday of Advent

The Mitten Tree is joyously decorated now with hats, scarves and mittens for both adults and children. Add to the joy of it by making a donation of your own; 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!

Sunday Stuff

December 18

Fourth Sunday of Advent
Rev. Rev. Richard Herman
will deliver the message
Poinsettias will adorn the
chancel

December 24, 7pm

Christmas Eve Service at
Rev. William Gaskill
will deliver the message
Poinsettias will adorn the
chancel and be removed
by those who dedicated
them

December 25

Christmas Day
A morning of glorious
music and scripture
Chancel Flowers will be
dedicated by
J. Edward Gilmore

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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December 11, 2022

3rd Sunday of Advent/Communion Sunday

10:00am

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

PRELUDE

Emmanuel Shall Come

J Parry, arr. D. Eliot

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

The Drew Gilmore Family

CHORAL INTROIT

Arise and Shine

L. Shackley

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

One: My heart is overflowing with praise of my Lord, my soul is full of joy in God my Savior. For He has deigned to notice me, His humble servant

All: There is none holy like the Lord; there is none besides You; there is no rock like our God.

One: The one who can do all things has done great things for me, Holy is His Name!

All: Truly, His mercy rests on those who fear Him in every generation.

One: Yes, He has come to the aid of His people. He has remembered the mercy that he promised to our forebearers.

All: Therefore, my heart exults in the Lord and rejoices in His salvation.

*GATHERING HYMN #142

Long Ago, Prophets Knew

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

O Christ-Child Sweet

German carol, arr. J.S. Bach

*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

An Advent Credo

J. Martin

Dorothy Talavera - Flute

GOSPEL READING

Luke 1:46-55

This is the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Thanks be to God

SERMON

“God’s Great Reversals”

Rev. Richard Herman

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostle’s Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN #768

I Come with Joy

HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O God, through your beloved Servant, Jesus Christ, whom you have sent in these last times as Savior and Redeemer, and Messenger of your will.

He is your Word, inseparable from you, through whom you made all things and in whom you take delight.

You sent Him from heaven into the Virgin’s womb, where He was conceived, and took flesh. Born by the power of the Holy Spirit, He was revealed as your Son.

In fulfillment of your will He stretched out His hands in suffering to release from suffering those who place their trust in you, and so won for you a holy people.

He freely accepted death to which He was handed over, in order to destroy death and to shatter the chains of the evil one;

To trample underfoot the powers of hell and to lead the righteous into light; to fix the boundaries of death and to manifest the resurrection.

Remembering therefore His death and resurrection, we set before you this bread and cup, thankful that you have counted us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you as your priestly people. Send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of the holy church. Gather into one all who share these holy mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory, through your Servant, Jesus Christ.



**Through Him all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit
in the holy church, now and forever. Amen.**

*CLOSING HYMN #136

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

Four-fold Amen

J. Stainer

*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

Postlude on "In Dulci Jubilo"

15th C. Latin melody arr. G. Martin

Thanks to Rev. Richard Herman for leading us in worship this morning

Thanks to the many volunteers who provide support for our worship services;
Weekly A/V support by Jerry Blackman, Valaree Bower Gilbert, Michael Gilbert,
Lori Gilmore and/or John Cecchini

This morning we thank Sally Dinn and Steve Gilbert for greeting
and passing the offering plate.

We thank Steve Gilbert and Lyn Wargny for coordinating the covered dish luncheon
after the service and for providing the main course and beverages.

And thank you to all who have brought dishes to share.



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 the birthdays of Colleen, Crystle, and Mike
on Dec. 5th, 9th, and 10th by Steve and Nedra Cawley.

