



at Calvary Presbyterian Church
December 3, 2023 ~ 1st Sunday of Advent

Today, we offer...

...Our thanks to: Rev. Floyd White 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 Dorie Cecchini for refreshments and Pat Bruner and Cindy Harker 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: Dovieanna & Anthony Falconiero; Ed Gilmore; Ed Hartmann; 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; Bill Robbins, brother of Dorothy Talavera; Delanco friend Aurelio Conigliaro and Steve Harker, husband of Cindy.

...Our chancel flowers to: the Glory of God and to the loving memory of Robert K. and Vivian C. Emens, and Wallace H. and Margaret E. Easterly by the Emens family. We also honor all those celebrating birthdays during the month of December

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.





Our project updates:

**Lift Project: we are just shy of \$6,000.
Trex Bench: we have collected 715 lbs.
of plastic so far, and we should reach
our goal of 1,000 lbs. by the end of
December. Thanks to all who have
helped with these efforts...we are making things happen!**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

2-3pm Our Chancel Choir will be caroling at
Riverton Christmas Village

2-8pm Our Thrift Shop will be open for business
during the festivities



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

10am Worship Leader - Rev. Jim Kraft

All-day Cookie Sale fundraiser for our Lift Project

Dec. 4-8, during church office hours: 8:30-12:30/Additional drop-off times:
Thurs., Dec. 7th, 7-8pm ~ Fri., Dec. 8th, 1-2pm ~ Sat., Dec. 9th, 10:30-12noon

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. The Cookie Sale will be happening
all day, so you can admire and purchase cookies made by our wonderful bakers!

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



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The Welcoming Church

December 3, 2023

1st Sunday of Advent

10:00am

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

PRELUDE

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

13th C. Plainsong, arr. C. Berry

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Sheila McMenamin, Sunday School

CHORAL INTROIT

Prepare the Way for the Lord

D. Govenor

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

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

Grace to you and peace from God who sent Jesus to us.

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.

Let the mountains quake before you, mighty God.

Let the nations tremble in awe and reverence.

Praise the One who grants us the gift of life. Give thanks for God's continuing faithfulness.

Heaven and earth will pass away.

But the Word of God is true for all times and places.

*GATHERING HYMN

#134 *The King of Glory Comes*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Awesome God, we confess the sin of our separation from you. We have blamed you for hiding from us, rather than admitting we have failed to see you, and we have not listened for your call to us. Without you, we have become tiny islands of self-concern. Our links with the rest of your children are stretched and broken. O God, we long for that loving community in which your reign is acknowledged and your purposes are served. Move us to that place, we pray. (Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven

*CONFESSION RESPONSE

#33 *We Worship and Adore You*

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY	<i>In Heavenly Love Abiding</i>	H. Parker, arr. T. Kendall
*OFFERTORY RESPONSE		#809 <i>Doxology</i>
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION		
CHORAL ANTHEM	<i>The First Noel/Pachelbel's Canon</i>	English Carol arr. Clawson
SCRIPTURE READINGS	Isaiah 64:1-9 ~ 1 Corinthians 1:3-9	
	This is the Word of the Lord	
	Thanks be to God	
SERMON	"God Is Faithful. Are We?"	Rev. Floyd White
COMMUNION HYMN		#782 <i>Come, Share the Lord</i>
SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION		
INVITATION TO THE TABLE		
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.	
THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION		
DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS		
CLOSING HYMN		#584 <i>Have Thine Own Way, Lord</i>
*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION		
*CHORAL RESPONSE	<i>Share His Love</i>	W. Reynolds
*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>Gloria in Excelsis Deo</i>	T. Kendall



Advent

A Season of Hope

& Expectation