

CALVARY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Serving God and God's People Since 1877

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



November 27, 2022

1st Sunday of Advent

10:00am

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

PRELUDE *How Great Our Joy* German melody, arr. M. McDonald

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE Mesmer and Somogy Families

CHORAL INTROIT *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* L. Shackley

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 43:3-4

One: O send out your light and your truth;

All: let them lead me; let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling.

One: Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy;

All: and I will praise you with the harp, O God, my God.

*GATHERING HYMN #134 *The King of Glory Comes*

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Shepherd Song* J. B. Lully, arr. T. Bliss

*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 *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

German Carol, arr. J. A. Shafferman with Beethoven's Adagio from Sonata Pathetique

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 2:1-5

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

NEW TESTAMENT READING Romans 13:8-12

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 24:36-44

This is the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ
Thanks be to God

MESSAGE

“God’s Blessings”

Rev. Robert Reader

*CLOSING HYMN #139

To a Virgin Meek and Mild

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

The Lord Be with You

C. Yannerella

*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 Advent of Our God

E. Broughton

Many thanks to Rev. Robert Reader 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 loving memory of Robert K. & Vivian C. Emens,
and Wallace H. & Margaret E. Easterly by the Emens family.



WHAT'S THE WORD?

at CALVARY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
November 27, 2022 1st Sunday of Advent

- Our message this morning is delivered by Rev. Robert Reader
We are grateful to him for leading us in worship
- Chancel flowers are dedicated by June & Barry Emens
 - Greeting/Offering: Karen Gilbert, John Cecchini
 - Audio/Visual: Valaree Bower Gilbert, Michael Gilbert
- 9am Walkers for Soles4Souls meet outside in front of the sanctuary

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

Soles 4 Souls

Sarah Wood is looking for:

Big Boxes

**People (To Put Shoes Together with Rubber Bands)
Anyone can do this...let's help Sarah out.**

Friday November 25th - 9am - 10am

Sunday November 27th - 8am - 9am

**If interested, email or call Sarah Wood
sarahfjwood@gmail.com or 609-313-3024**



**As of November 22, 25 families or individuals have pledged about \$53,250.
We need about \$16,750. more to meet our pledged budget of \$70,000.**

Friday, Dec. 2 at 10am

We did it once, and it was fun. Let's do it again!

Let's **DO** this!

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.

December 3



Christmas Caroling
at Riverton's
Christmas Village
2-pm-3pm



Candlelight Tour
4pm-9pm
at the Church





Used Magazines for Penn Presbyterian Medical Center

Looking for a way to recycle your used
magazines and catalogs?

Linda Fioretti is collecting them for Penn
Presbyterian Medical Center's Patients
Comfort Cart. Volunteers at the hospital

visit the patient rooms and handout activity books, coloring books and
the magazines to help the patients keep busy between testing and
during recovery. Bring the used magazines with you to church, choir or
book club and give them to Linda.

There will also be a box in the Assembly Room for the magazines.

Merry almost Christmas from Jana

Joyous Advent!! Here are two experiences to add to your approach to our Lord's birth celebration!!

1. Film "I Heard the Bells," available in local theaters for a few days (December 1 and onward)

It is the true tale of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow who suffered a spiritual crisis; his poem became a favorite Christmas carol. Read details and see the

trailer: <https://www.iheardthebellsmovie.com/>



2. TV special!! "Joseph," (son of Jacob with the fabulous coat!) From Genesis, the wonderful lesson in forgiveness and reuniting. By Sight and Sound Theater. And free, no travel to Lancaster!!
Set your DVR: **Friday, November 25, on TBN at both 8 pm and 10 pm.**

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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 for Life Food Pantry here in our local communities and Cathedral Kitchen in Camden.

This year we hope to 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, December 11

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.



Sunday Stuff

December 4

Second Sunday of Advent

Rev. David Watts

will deliver the message

Communion Sunday

Chancel Flowers will be dedicated by the Deacons in honor of birthdays

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 18
Fourth Sunday of Advent
Rev. Rev. Richard Herman
will deliver the message
Poinsettias will adorn the chancel

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 25
Christmas Day
A morning of glorious music and scripture
Chancel Flowers will be dedicated by J. Edward Gilmore

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POINSETTIA DEDICATIONS

Please return this form and cash or a check made payable to “Calvary Presbyterian Church” **by Monday, December 19th**. The cost is still \$8.00 for each dedication. The form and payment may be placed in the offering plate or mailed to the church. The Remembrance List will be in the Christmas Eve Bulletin.

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The listing in the bulletin will read: **The poinsettias are presented by.....**

Please Print Your Name as You Wish it to Appear
“In loving memory of” or **“In honor of”** *Circle Your Dedication Choice*

Please Print the Name(s) of the Person(s) You Wish to Remember
\$8 PER DEDICATION Amount included: _____