

# Calvary United Methodist Church

December 21, 2025 – 10:30 A.M.

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent



*\*Please stand, if able*

UMH - The United Methodist Hymnal

TFWS – The Faith We Sing

## GATHERING

### **Welcome, Joys, and Concerns**

#### **Prelude**

Worship begins with the ringing of the bell, the lighting of the candles and the piano prelude. Please use this time to help you reflect on the different ways in which the Spirit has moved throughout history and within your own life.

#### **\*Call to Worship**

Leader: This is the fourth Sunday of Advent, a time to rejoice in the wondrous things that God is doing.

**People: Our hearts are filled with the hope that is coming into the world.**

Leader: The time is fast approaching, not for parties or presence, but for the awareness of God's gift of love to us--the gift of the Christ child.

**People: Help slow us down, Lord, that we may realize that your gift of love is at the center of our lives and our celebrations.**

Leader: Thanks be to God who again reminds us of God's eternal love.

**People: Open our hearts, O Lord, to receive your blessed gift. AMEN.**

**\*Hymn** "O Come, All Ye Faithful" UMH No. 234

## **Advent Candle Lighting and Opening Prayer**

**Hymn** Advent Song vs 4 TFWS No. 2090

## PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

**New Testament Lesson** Hebrews 10:5-10  
(Pew Bible Pg. 1873)

### **Receiving of Tithes and Offerings**

Offertory

\*"Doxology"

UMH No. 95

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Hymn** "Jesus, Name Above All Names" TFWS No. 2071

**Gospel Lesson** Luke 1:39-44 (Pew Bible Pg. 1588)

Pastor: The Gospel of our Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Special** "Mary Did You Know" Jake Margatanski

**Sermon** "Surprised by Love"

**Special** "Come On Ring Those Bells" Cindy Flynn

### **Pastoral Prayer**

*The Lord's Prayer*

UMH No. 895

## SENDING FORTH

**\*Hymn** "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" UMH No. 240

### **\*Benediction**

\*Choral Benediction

"Emmanuel, Emmanuel"

UMH No. 204

### **\*Postlude**

## Greeters

### Today

Janet Watkins

### Next Week

Gail Bensinger

**Remember in Your Prayers:** Janet Minnich, Pat Hoke, the family of Diana Day, Nikki Barge, Catherine Lower, Donette Coleman, Charlotte Miller, Ian Donley, Josh Doyle, Jim Smeltz, Shirely Alvord, Mike Ressler, Ron Zerby, Brantley Enders and Gail Coles.

**Pantry item:** WV Pantry item for the month of December is shampoo. Christ Open Market needs are cereal, canned fruit, canned meats, snacks and juice.

**Wednesday, December 24:** Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 11:00PM at Calvary

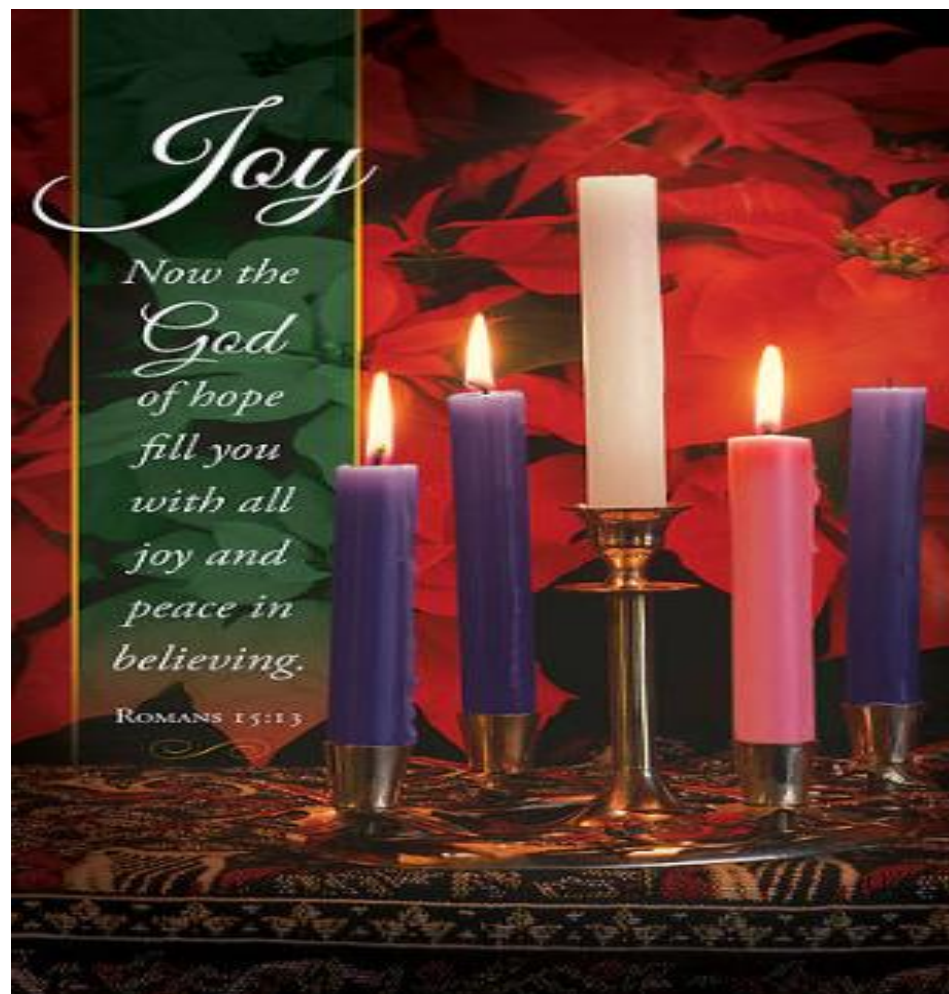
## Worship Leaders

Annette Shutt, Pastor  
Michael Calnon, Minister of Music  
Susan Clough, Lay Speaker



Fourth Sunday in Advent

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