

# Calvary United Methodist Church

December 28, 2025 – 10:30 AM

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas



*\*Please stand, if able.*

*The Faith We Sing Hymnal = TFWs*

*The United Methodist Hymnal = UMH*

## GATHERING

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

**\*The Peace** (Let us offer one another signs of reconciliation and love.) “Family of God” Back of Hymnal

**Prelude** Worship begins with the ringing of the bell, the lighting of the candles and the piano prelude. Please use the time during the prelude for personal prayer and meditation in silence, preparing for worship.

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

Leader: Arise, shine for your light has come,  
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

**People: The brightness of God’s light shines upon  
all the nations. All are welcomed to the  
brightness of God’s dawn.**

Leader: God gathers us from far away and carries us.  
With radiant eyes, with rejoicing hearts,  
we receive the abundance God gives.

**People: We respond in praise. With our gifts,  
with our very selves, we worship God.**

**\*Opening Hymn** “The First Noel” UMH NO. 245

### **\* Opening Prayer**

God of our hopes, Christ of our faith, Spirit in our hearts, we come to worship you with joy and gladness. Your goodness knows no limits of generation or gender, of condition or citizenship. You are kind to all, and we worship you in all sincerity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

**First Lesson** Genesis 1:1-2:4a Pew Bible Page No. 1

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

Offertory

\*”Doxology”

UMH No. 95

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Hymn** “Joy to the World” vs 1, 4 UMH No. 246

**Gospel Lesson** John 1:1-18 Pew Bible Pg 1645

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn** “There’s a Song in the Air” UMH No. 249

**Sermon Title** “Christmas Work”

### **Pastoral Prayer**

The Lord’s Prayer

## SENDING FORTH

**\*Hymn** “Go, Tell It on the Mountain” UMH No. 251

### **\*Benediction**

\*Choral Benediction

“Emmanuel, Emmanuel”

UMH No. 204

### **\*Postlude**

### Worship Leaders

Annette Shutt, Pastor

Michael Calnon, Minister of Music

Susan Clough, Lay Speaker

## Greeters

### Today

Gail Bensinger

### Next Week

Dot Bopp

**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.

**Epiphany Visitation:** Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 PM. We will begin the progressive service at Trinity UCC in Tower City. Please see insert for more information. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex.

**New Website:** Please visit and share our updated website at <https://wiconiscoumc.org/>. Currently there is access to worship bulletins, current events and online giving. Soon, you will have access to sermons and services.



*Thank you to everyone for the many generous gifts, cards, 'Christmas Cheer' and good wishes – your*

*thoughtfulness is much appreciated. God bless you all this Christmas Season and throughout the coming year. May the peace of Christ reign in your hearts and in your homes.*

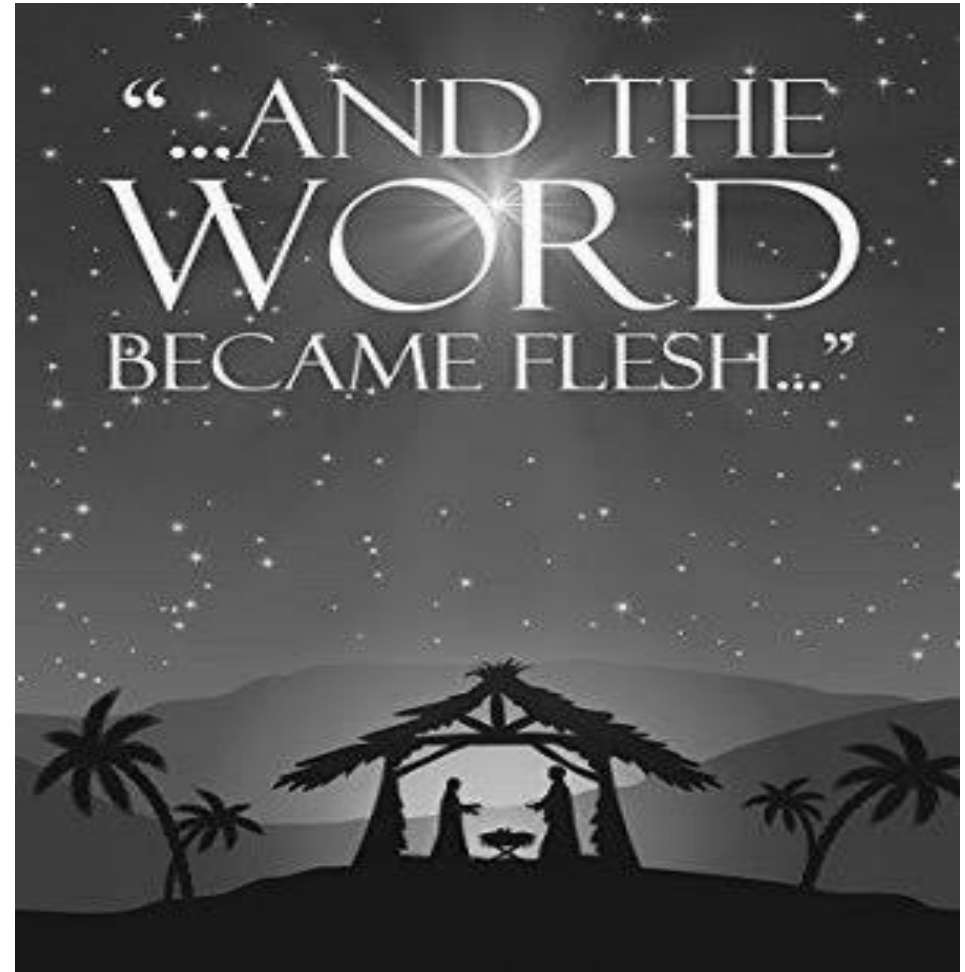
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