

CALVARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2025 – 11:00PM
“Candlelight Service”



*Please stand, if able

GATHERING

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

Welcome

*Call to Worship and Candle Lighting

Leader: Immanuel, God-with-us, interrupt and open our eyes to the wonder of this night, that we might catch a glimpse of your glory in the simplicity of these moments.

People: May your light shine!

(First advent candle is lit.)

Leader: Immanuel, God-with-us, interrupt and soften our hearts to the message of this hour, that we might turn toward you, and have the way prepared in us for your coming.

People: May your light shine!

(Second advent candle is lit.)

Leader: Immanuel, God-with-us, interrupt and open our minds to truly listen to all who speak and sing this evening, that we might hear your voice cry out from many lips.

People: May your light shine!

(Third advent candle is lit.)

Leader: Immanuel, God-with-us, interrupt and fill our spirits with the courage to admit when we are lost and the insight to recognize that we have been found.

People: May your light shine!

(Fourth advent candle is lit.)

Leader: Immanuel, God-with-us, with eyes open, hearts softened, minds listening, and spirits full, we rejoice that you interrupt what we have in mind in order to bring into being something more than we dare imagine.

People: May your light shine!

(Center Christ candle is lit.)

***Hymn** “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” UMH No. 240

***Opening Prayer**

***The Peace** (Let us offer one another signs of reconciliation)

***Hymn** “Away in the Manger” vs 1 UMH No. 217

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 9:2-7

Special Music “Come Adore Him” Kristi Peterson

Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

Offering “We Are the Reason” Special Music

“Doxology” UMH No. 95

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Carol “O Little Town of Bethlehem” vs 1-2 UMH No. 230

***Gospel Lesson** Luke 2:8-20

Pastor: The Gospel of our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Joy No Matter What!" **Christmas Prayer**

SENDING FORTH

***Candle Lighting**

***Carol** "Silent Night, Holy Night" UMH No. 239
As the congregation stands, the ushers will bring the light from the Christ candle to the congregation. Keep the lighted candle straight; tip your unlighted candle to the lighted candle of your neighbor. During the last verse, we will extinguish our candles, and carry their light into the world within our hearts.

*Benediction

Pastor: Christ is born!
Go forth with Christ's song in your heart!

People: Christ is born!
We'll live with God's love in our lives!

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

*Postlude

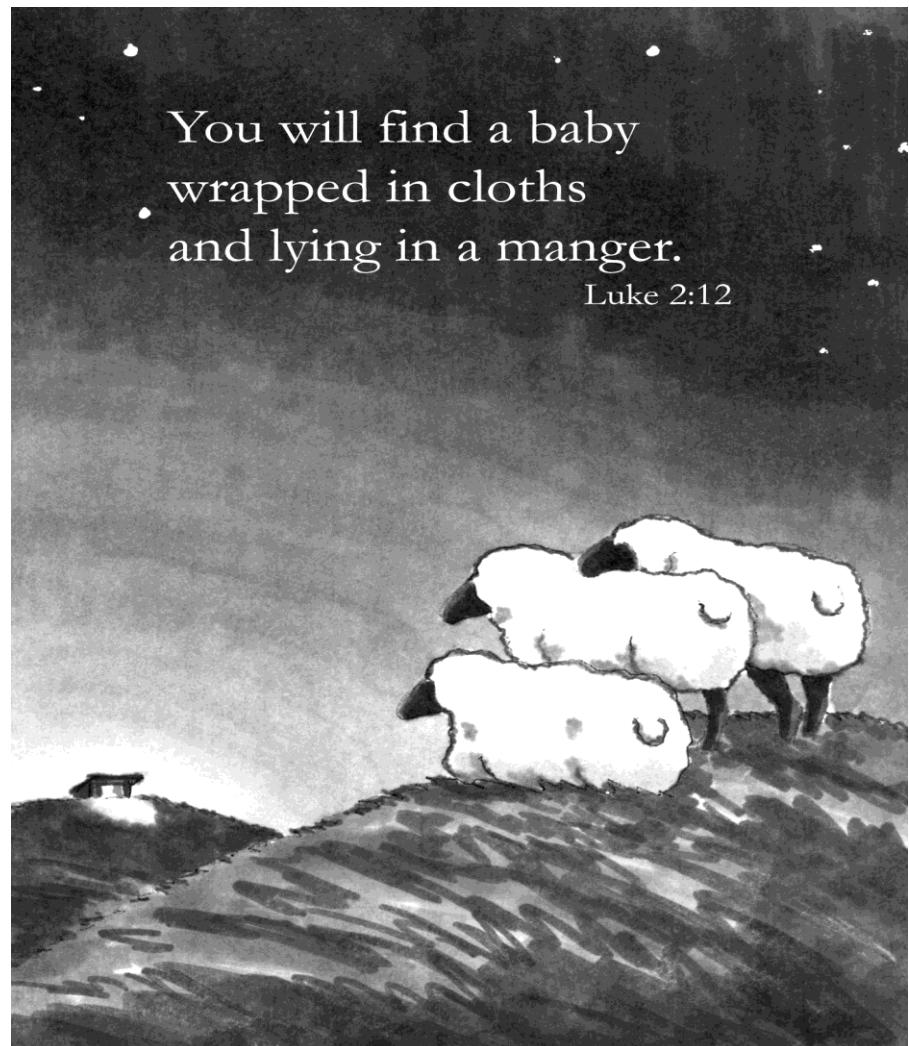
Worship Leaders

Annette Shutt, Pastor
Susan Clough, Worship Leader
Michael Calnon, Pianist

“We would like to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! May the Light of our Savior shine in your hearts all year long.”

Pastor Annette and Gene

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