



CALVARY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Calvary Presbyterian Church is a welcoming people of faith and hope in Christ Jesus, inspired by God's word and led by the Holy Spirit. We serve God, each other, our community, and the world, through worship, study, teaching, fellowship and outreach; demonstrating God's love, justice, compassion and grace.

Now is a good time to turn off our cell phones and listen for God's call.

Please sign the friendship pad at the end of the pew and pass it down for others to sign.

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PREPARING FOR THE WORD

PRELUDE

Pat Bofird

OPENING WORDS

Elder Al Richards

One: Arise! Shine! The light you have been waiting for is here!

All: Darkness has been-banished!

One: God's light of hope floods the earth

All: God's light comes to us all.

One: Lord, make us ready to journey to this Light.

All: Prepare our hearts to receive this Light. AMEN.

INTROIT

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder Al Richards

CALL TO PRAISE From Psalm 148

One: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise the Lord in the heights!

**All: Praise the Lord of the whole universe - the heavens, the angels,
the sun, moon and shining stars.**

One: the earth and everything within it - every animal and bird, every fish and creature of the seas;

**All: every mountain and hill, every tree and plant, every ocean,
river and stream, praise the Lord.**

One: Praise the Lord every ruler and government, all people of every age and every color.

All: Praise the One whose glory the angels sang:

"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace, goodwill among all people."

PRAYER OF PRAISE

One: Gracious and loving God, we sing of the glory of the new born King,
and we marvel at the greatness of your love for us.

All: On this last Sunday of this year, we look to a new and unknown future.

**We know we can face the unknown with confidence because you have blessed us with your
presence in Jesus Christ, and have empowered us with your Spirit to face whatever comes.
For all your blessings we thank you and praise your name. Amen.**

*HYMN #31

"Hark the Herald Angels Sing"

PRAYER OF ADORATION

One: God of glory and God of grace,
God who creates and loves us all,
God whose Holy Spirit gives us gifts for faithful living,
You come to us in a child,
born in Bethlehem, a humble city in an occupied land,

**All: a child whose parents fled with him for safety,
crossing borders, becoming refugees,**

One: a child who grew in wisdom and in years to be an adult who proclaimed good news,

** Please stand if you are able*

befriended sinners, stood with the oppressed, welcomed the outcast and healed the sick.

All: He shared food with those who hungered, blessed the peacemakers, offered liberation from tyranny, transformed conflict and broke down walls of division.

One: We give thanks that Jesus remains the friend of sinners and our companion on life's journey, that we might love you, love one another, and love all your creation,

All: that we might do kindness, pursue justice, and seek peace, this day and every day.

One: Remembering the birth of the child of Bethlehem, we give thanks.

All: We celebrate your love revealed in the life and death and resurrection of Jesus our Savior. Amen.

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (SUNG BY ALL)

*Open our eyes, Lord; we want to see Jesus,
to reach out and touch him, and say that we love him.*

Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen.

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

READING FROM THE EPISTLES

Colossians 3:12-17

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GOSPEL READING

Luke 2:41-52

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SOLO

Daphne Helms

CHILDREN'S CHAT

Deacon Corinne Sliwinski

SERMON

Praising God During Hard Times

Rev. Bruce Calkins

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence, he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost,

the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

*HYMN #40

"Joy to the World"

PRAISE REPORT AND PRAYER REQUESTS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

... **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory,
forever. Amen.**

OUR GIFTS OF THANKSGIVING

*"Give Thanks" (#2036 in *Sing the Faith*)

**Give thanks with a grateful heart,
give thanks to the Holy One.
Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son.
And now, let the weak say, "I am strong."
Let the poor say, "I am rich"
because of what the Lord has done for us.
Give thanks.**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***HYMN #288**

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

