

Advent & Waiting

Worship Playlist, Dec. 1, 2020
Calvin Presbyterian Church



◀ [Valerie Grissom, Editor - Info Video](#)

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WHAT IS A WORSHIP PLAYLIST?

A Worship Playlist is a themed, curated list of resources to guide people of all ages in extending worship throughout their week by reading, watching, listening, praying, reflecting, doing, and serving . . .

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What is Advent?

- ◀ [ARTICLE: What Is Advent?](#)
- ◀ [VIDEO: Advent in 2 Minutes](#)



*God of hope, I look to you with an open heart and yearning spirit.
During this Advent season, I will keep alert and awake, listening for
your word and keeping to your precepts. My hope is in you.*

-Matthew Kelly

COMING UP: This Worship Playlist is all about ADVENT & WAITING. In Advent, we WAIT in expectation for the coming of our Lord by remembering the waiting and anticipation of the coming of the Christ Child in the Christmas story so long ago. Currently, our world is in a season of pandemic waiting. We pray: *Come, Lord Jesus Come*. We pray these resources might aid you in the spiritual practice of WAITING on the LORD and finding meaning in observing ADVENT.

Advent in Our Homes and Hearts. . .

◀ [20 Creative Ways to Celebrate Advent in 2020](#)



◀ [VIDEO: Advent Wreath for Home Made EASY!](#)



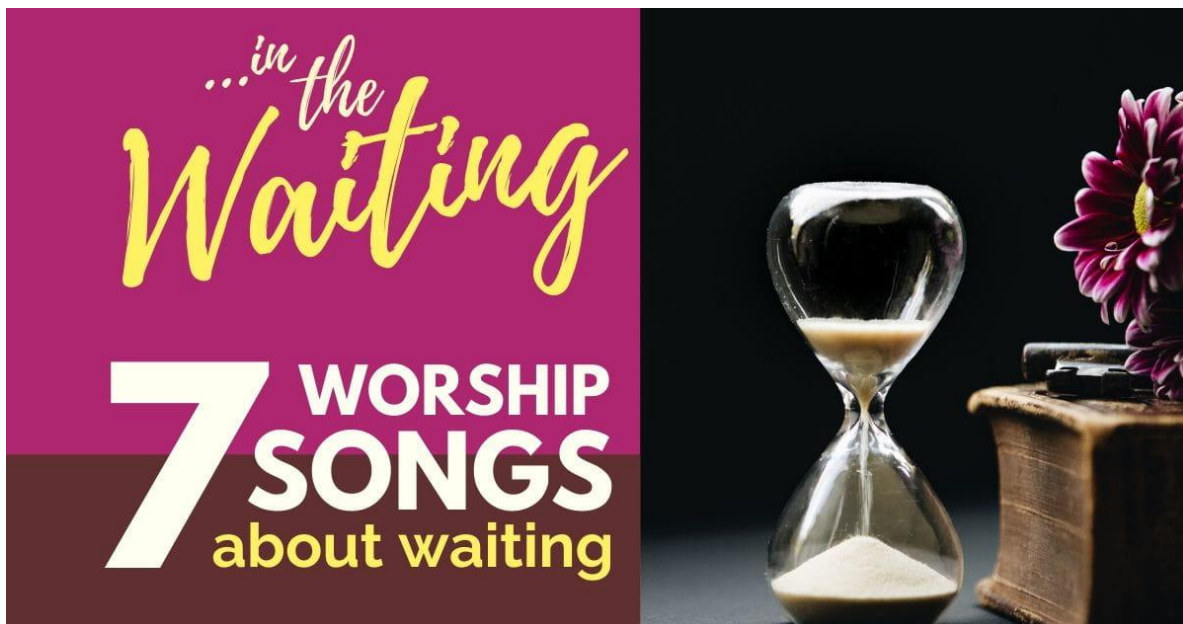
The Spiritual Practice of WAITING

- ◀ [ARTICLE: 9 Ways We Are to Wait Upon the Lord](#)
- ◀ [Advent Waiting](#)
- ◀ [ARTICLE/VIDEO: 6 Ways to Wait for God's Answer to Prayers](#)



Christians are people who wait. We live in liminal time, in the already and not yet. Christ has come, and he will come again. We dwell in the meantime. We wait. – Tish Harrison Warren.

- ◀ [PLAYLIST: 7 Worship Songs About Waiting](#)



A Song for Waiting . . .

*And Mary said,
"My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for God has looked with favor on the lowliness of the Almighty's servant.
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is God's name.
God's mercy is for those who fear God
from generation to generation.
God has shown strength with God's arm;
God has scattered the proud
in the thoughts of their hearts.
God has brought down the powerful
from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;
God has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.
God has helped servant Israel,
in remembrance of God's mercy,
according to the promise God made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever.
-Mary, Magnificat, Luke 1:46-55*

Advent Music Album for All Ages



◀ [VIDEO: Rain for Roots Advent - Introduction to Album](#)

LISTEN/BUY ALBUM:

◀ [Waiting Songs | Rain for Roots | Rain For Roots \(bandcamp.com\)](#)



Virtual Advent Worship, Calvin University through December

Enjoy these FREE Advent activities by Calvin University Worship:

◀ [Virtual Worship Experience with the Calvin University Gospel Choir](#)

Lessons and Carols

◀ [Lessons & Carols: Healer of Our Every Ill: Advent II \(calvin.edu\)](#)

Dec. 12, 7 pm

Behold: Christmas Concert, Seattle Pacific University

◀ [Behold: A Virtual Christmas Concert - Seattle Pacific Seminary](#)

◀ [VIDEO - Information about Behold Christmas Concert - Seattle Pacific Seminary](#)



Advent is the time of promise; it is not yet the time of fulfillment. We are still in the midst of everything and in the logical inexorability and relentlessness of destiny....Space is still filled with the noise of destruction and annihilation, the shouts of self-assurance and arrogance, the weeping of despair and helplessness. But round about the horizon the eternal realities stand silent in their age-old longing. There shines on them already the first mild light of the radiant fulfillment to come. From afar sound the first notes as of pipes and voices, not yet discernable as a song or melody. It is all far off still, and only just announced and foretold.

But it is happening, today.

*— Alfred Delp, Advent of the Heart:
Seasonal Sermons and Prison Writings, 1941-1945*

Waiting in Expectation

Readings & Devotions for Advent

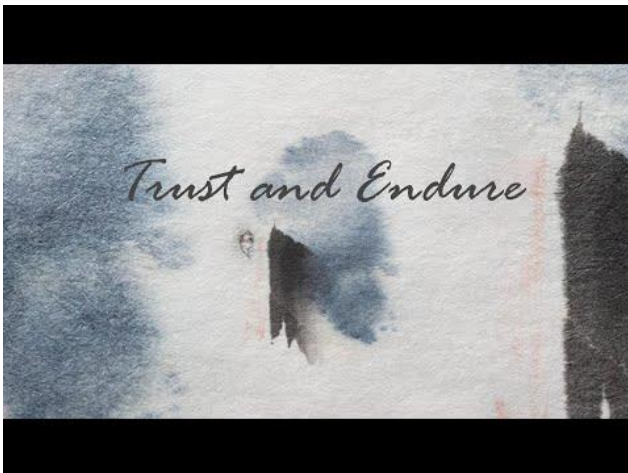
◀ [Advent Reflections/Readings](#)

Rev. Dr. Neil Trainer, Pastor of Calvin Presbyterian Church



◀ [Abiding Together Podcast](#)

◀ [SONG: Trust and Endure - Gloria Fanchiang](#)



◀ [ARTICLE: Waiting: Ache and the Gift In-Between -Tish Harrison Warren](#)

"I always felt like I was waiting for the gift. But I've come to see that the waiting is the gift." – Jan, artist of "The Gift," in Tish Harrison Warren's article

Advent Activities for Families

◀ [ACTIVITY: The Jesse Tree: A Guide to the Advent Tradition | Faithward.org](#)

Great activity for families! Make your own Jesse Tree Ornaments and see how your stories fit into the story of God.



◀ [ACTIVITY: Corresponding Family Jesse Tree Devotions Here](#)

◀ [ARTICLE: Family Ideas for Advent](#)

◀ [ADVENT ACTIVITIES FOR FAMILIES AND KIDS](#)

◀ [ARTICLE: Advent Family Activities](#)

Make an Advent Prayer Garden

◀ [ACTIVITY: Making an Advent Prayer Garden](#)



Don't Be Afraid

At Calvin, our theme for Advent is: Don't Be Afraid. In our waiting, we seek to give our fears and anxieties to the One who sent the angels to say "Fear Not." We practice waiting, knowing that Jesus has already been sent to be with us.

◀ [Just Drop the Blanket: The Moment You Never Noticed in A Charlie Brown Christmas](#)

◀ [Linus Christmas Speech - YouTube](#)



Music for Advent & Christmas

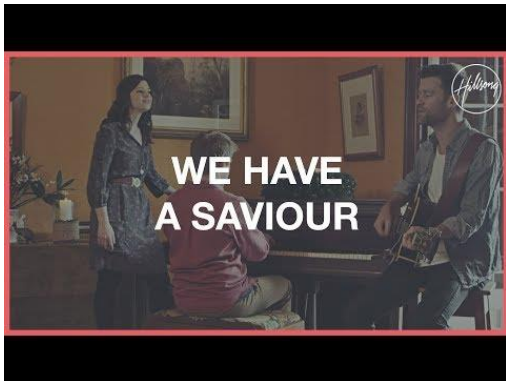
Playlists

◀ [PLAYLIST \(Spotify\): Art & Theology - More Classical Blend](#)

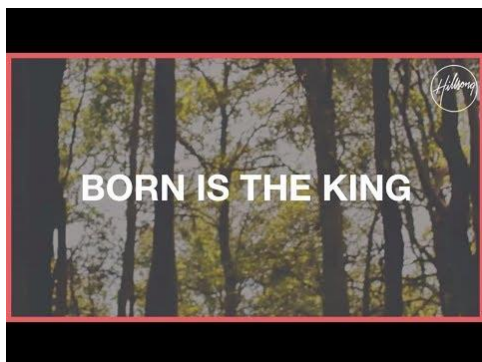
◀ [PLAYLIST: Blessed Advent \(Spotify\) - More Modern](#)

Christmas Music Videos

◀ [MUSIC: We Have a Savior](#)



◀ [Born the King \(It's Christmas\)](#)



◀ MUSIC: Winter Snow – Audrey Assad



◀ MUSIC: Here With Us - Joy Williams



◀ MUSIC: Little Drummer Boy - King & Country

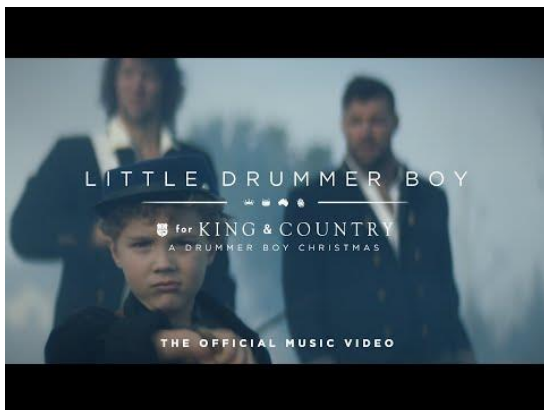
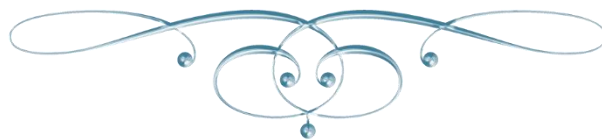




Photo Credit: Christi Nixon: "Tire Tracks in the Snow"

O Come Emmanuel

*O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appears.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel*



◀ [MUSIC VIDEO: O Come Emmanuel - Video](#)



◀ [SONG STORY: O Come, O Come Emmanuel](#)

◀ [MUSIC: Handel's Messiah - London Philharmonic](#)



◀ [Don't Be Afraid - Valerie Grissom](#)



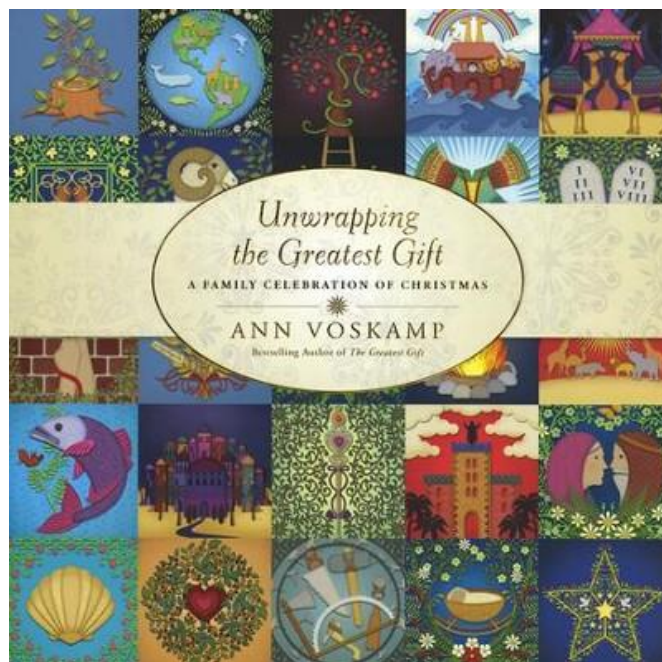
Journaling & Bible (Art) Activity for Advent

◀ ACTIVITY: Bible Journaling Advent 1: Hopes and fears met



Special Family Book

◀ Book/Activity: Unwrapping the Greatest Gift - Family



Advent Service Project

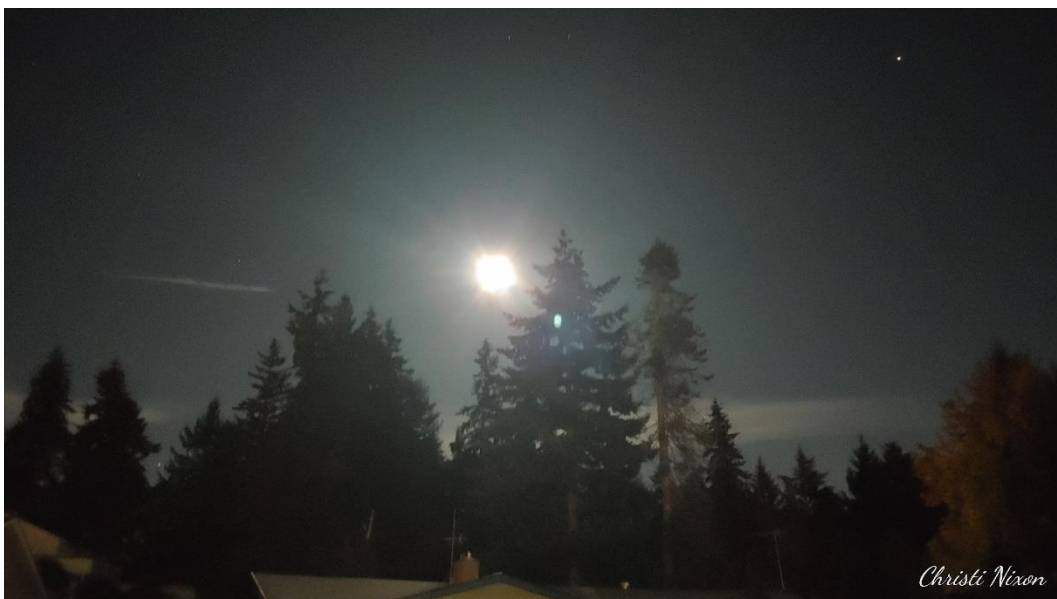
We are partnering with Children of the Nations, which serves children in the Dominican Republic, Haiti, Sierra Leone, Uganda, or Malawi. We will be assembling Hygiene SmilePacks all December long. These SmilePacks provide children in need with toiletries like toothpaste, a toothbrush, soap, and shampoo to help prevent common illness and disease.


For a complete list of what goes into the SmilePacks, [see the flyer here](#) or take a look at [this short video](#).

Pastor Emily can provide you with the 2-gallon bag (or several) and you can pack it/them with your family throughout the Advent season. Please return your assembled kits by Sunday, December 20 at Calvin.

If you would prefer to simply donate money to the SmilePacks instead of assembling the kits, you can do so here: <https://donate.cotni.org/campaign/give-a-smilepack-today/c290564>.

*At this Christmas when Christ comes, will He find a warm heart?
Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving the others
with God's own love and concern."
— Mother Teresa*



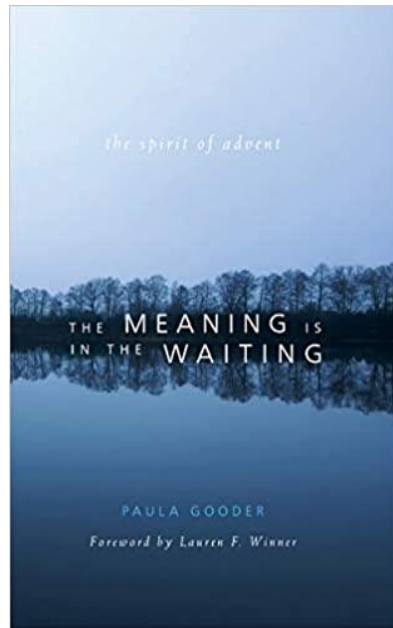
A photograph of a snowy winter landscape. In the foreground, there are evergreen trees heavily laden with snow. In the background, a body of water is visible, surrounded by more snow-covered trees and a cloudy sky. The overall scene is serene and wintry.

One of the essential paradoxes of Advent: that while we wait for God, we are with God all along, that while we need to be reassured of God's arrival, or the arrival of our homecoming, we are already at home. While we wait, we have to trust, to have faith, but it is God's grace that gives us that faith.

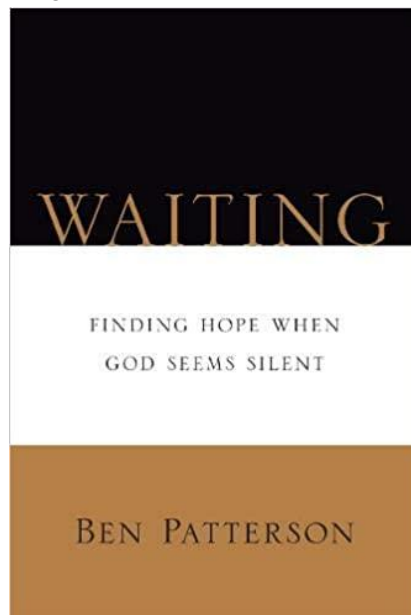
--Michelle Blake

Books on Waiting

◀ The Meaning is in the Waiting: The Spirit of Advent



◀ Waiting: Finding Hope when God Seems Silent



BODIES and ADVENT

◀ ACTIVITY: Exercise During Advent



◀ ACTIVITY: Advent: Yoga/Relaxation/Meditation & Devotion (Weekly)



A Liturgy for Waiting in Line

Decrease my unrighteous impatience,
directed at circumstances and people.
Increase instead my righteous longing
for the moment of your return,
when all creation will be liberated
from every futility in which it now languishes.

Be present in my waiting, O Lord
that I might also be present in it
as a Christ-bearer
to those before and behind me,
who also wait.

As I am a vessel, let me not be like a sodden
paper cup full of steaming frustration, carelessly
sloshing unpleasantness on those around me.
Rather let me be like a communion chalice,
reflecting the silvered beauty of your light,
brimming with an offered grace.

Amen.

--From Douglas Kaine McKelvey, *Every Moment Holy*

ART & ADVENT

◀ Arts & Faith: Advent



◀ MUSIC VIDEO: O Come Emmanuel - Petersens



Share With Us! We would love to hear from you! Let us know how you are experiencing God in the waiting of Advent at music@calvinpc.org.

Coming Soon: January Playlist – Baptism & New Beginnings