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PRAYER OF PREPARATION

O God, who made this most hallowed night
resplendent with the glory of the true light;
grant that we who have known the mysteries of that light on earth
may enter into the fullness of his joys in heaven. Amen.

PRELUDE

“O Holy Night”

Jan Christophersen, *cello*, Sande Gillette, *violin*, and Jonna Reeder, *piano*

INTROIT

“Still, Still, Still” – arr. Cathy Moglebust

Chancel Bell Choir

WELCOME & GREETING

Neil Trainer

SONG OF ADORATION

“O Come, All Ye Faithful” #41, vv. 1-3

Congregation

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Luke 2:1-14 NLT

Mark & Brianne Pratt

SONGS OF GLORY

“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing” #31, v. 1

Congregation

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

“What Child Is This?” #53, vv. 1, 3

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Emily Mitchell

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

“Carol of the Bells”

Lynette Brown & Nathan Brown

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 1:18-25 NIV

Brianne Pratt

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

“Jesus, Son of God”

Neil Trainer

CANDLE LIGHTING

“Silent Night, Holy Night” #60, vv. 1-4, 1

1. Silent night! holy night! All is calm, all is bright
’Round yon virgin mother and Child, Holy infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.
2. Silent night! holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar, Heav’nly hosts sing Alleluia;
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.
3. Silent night! holy night! Son of God, love’s pure light,
Radiant beams from Thy holy face, With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.
4. Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light,
With the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King,
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

- One: Jesus is the Word made flesh in our midst.
May his incarnation fill our hearts with joy and peace.
- All: **O Lord, give us peace.**
- One: Jesus is the promised Savior, born of Mary.
May his birth among us renew our hope.
- All: **O Lord, give us hope.**
- One: Jesus is the King of kings and the Lord of lords.
May the gift of his presence bring forth rejoicing.
- All: **O Lord, give us joy.**
- One: Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless us now and forever.
- All: **Amen.**

SONG OF JOY

“Joy to the World!” #40, vv. 1-4

BLESSING

Neil Trainer

POSTLUDE

“Mary, Did You Know?”

Jan Christophersen, *cello*, Sande Gillette, *violin*, and Jonna Reeder, *piano*

Cover Photo

The cover photo of Calvin's Sanctuary was taken earlier in December at the close of our Longest Night service by Kristen Hitchcock. Our thanks for the use of this gorgeous photo!

Tonight's Music

With gratitude to the 12-Bells Ensemble, the Chancel Bell Choir, Lynette Brown, Nathan Brown, Jan Christophersen, Sande Gillette, Trella Hastings, Aaron Nation, Benjie Parrilla, Lora Parrilla, Jonna Reeder, Kieren Underland, and other Calvin musicians.

New Banners

Our newest banners, "Light of the World," come from John 8:12: "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." During the "Big Dark" at this time of year in the Pacific Northwest, we especially appreciate the brilliance and illumination of light. These banners honor the light and life that came into the world with the birth of Jesus. Come, let us adore him!

Many thanks to our Calvin Banner Team for this addition to worship: Jan Christophersen, Cindy Darling, Martha Hayden-Ledbetter, Kat Langenheim, Dorothy Lindstrom, Christi Nixon, Rebecca Thomas, Ruth Van Dyke, and Marilyn Wirtz.

Messy Church

You are warmly invited to come to Messy Church on Wednesday, January 8th from 5:30 to 7 pm in the Activity Center. The values of Messy Church are:

- all ages,
- Christ-centered,
- hospitality,
- creativity, and
- celebration.

The biblical story for the month of January will be about the parable of the yeast (Luke 13:20-21). The message is that small things are important and powerful in the Kingdom of God.

A simple supper is included. This is a great service to which you can invite your relatives, friends, and neighbors.

Church Office Closed for the Holidays

// Our best wishes for a wonderful holiday season for you and yours!

Staff will be on holiday, vacation, or working remotely from Wednesday, December 25th through Wednesday, January 1st. The church office will be closed during this time.

Please do not leave donations in our lockbox; instead contact [Kirsty Haining](mailto:Kirsty.Haining@calvinpc.org) for year-end donations.

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