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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

“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

Sande Gillette and Lora Parrilla, *violins*; Jonna Reeder, *piano*

## INTROIT

“We Three Kings of Orient Are”

12-Bells Ensemble

## WELCOME & GREETING

Neil Trainer

## SONGS OF PRAISE

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

Congregation &

“What Child Is This” #53, vv. 1, 3

Worship Band

## LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Luke 2:1-14 NLT

The White Family

## SONGS OF ADORATION

“Love Has Come”

Congregation &

“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

Calvin Ensemble

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Curtis White

## CHRISTMAS OFFERING

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

12-Bells Ensemble

## SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 1:18-25 CEB

Lisa Allen

## CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

“The Light of Love”

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

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

Jan Christopherson, *cello*; Sande Gillette and Lora Parrilla, *violins*;  
Jonna Reeder, *piano*; Laurel Underwood, *flute*



## Tonight's Music

With gratitude to Lynn Caulkins, Carol Jean Chandler, Jan Christopherson, Janine Fader, Sande Gillette, Benjie Parrilla, Lora Parrilla, Janet Peterson, Jonna Reeder, Donna Timbrook, Laurel Underwood, Brianna White, and other Calvin musicians.

## 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 Thursday, December 25th through Thursday, January 1st. The church office will be closed during this time.

## New Year's Eve Gathering

*// Join us for games and fellowship*

Come enjoy a relaxing New Year's Eve at Calvin, hosted by David and Barbara Rood. The Fireside Room will be open from 8 to 11 pm; drop in any time and stay as long as you'd like. Bring a favorite table game or puzzle and a treat to share!

## Messy Church

You are warmly invited to come to Messy Church on Wednesday, January 14th 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 center on Micah 6:8, with a tie-in to Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The message is that justice and mercy are important to God.

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

## End-of-Year Giving

The most significant portion of Calvin's annual revenue comes at the end of December. As the year winds down and you finalize your year-end giving, please consider an extra gift to Calvin to ensure our ministries are fully funded.

*Please do not leave donations in our lockbox; contact [Kirsty Haining](#) for year-end donations.*

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