

VIRTUAL SUNDAY

12 de diciembre / December 12, 2021 | 10:30 a.m.

CALVARY DC

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How I Wonder: An Advent Series



Worship at Calvary

Current COVID Plan

Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

In-Person Worship at Calvary will take place on the **First and Third Sundays** of the month. **Virtual Worship** will take place on the **Second and Fourth Sundays** of the month. *Fifth Sundays will be Virtual with a special afternoon Outdoor Gathering.*

In-Person Sundays, we will also livestream at facebook.com/CalvaryDC.

Virtual Sundays, you can join us on Zoom at bit.ly/ZoomCalvaryDC
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The best way to stay connected and receive any updates or changes to this schedule is to visit www.calvarydc.org and sign up for our weekly newsletter.



Please read detailed COVID Entry and Exit protocols for In-Person Sundays which can be found at the end of the bulletin. While inside the building, we ask that you remain masked at all times. Restrooms are located below the sanctuary or near the registration table where you first entered.

Alabando | Worshipping

La Bienvenida | Welcome

Pastor Maria

Cántico de Alabanza | Song of Praise

“Mi Burrito Sabanero”

sung by Tim Shaw

Con mi burrito sabanero voy camino de Belén
Con mi burrito sabanero voy camino de Belén
Si me ven, si me ven, voy camino de Belén
Si me ven, si me ven, voy camino de Belén

El lucerito mañanero ilumina mi sendero
El lucerito mañanero ilumina mi sendero
Si me ven, si me ven, voy camino de Belén
Si me ven, si me ven, voy camino de Belén

Con mi cuatrico voy cantando, mi burrito va trotando
Con mi cuatrico voy cantando, mi burrito va trotando
Si me ven, si me ven, voy camino de Belén
Si me ven, si me ven, voy camino de Belén

Tuki tuki tuki tuki, tuki tuki tuki ta
Apurate mi burrito que ya vamos a llegar
Tuki tuki tuki tuki, tuki tuki tuki ta
Apurate mi burrito, vamos a ver a Jesús

Palabras de Alabanza | Call to Worship

*Nick Kuyers, Deacon
Amparo Palacios Lopez, Liturgist*

Come, friends, for now is when Advent begins, this journey of joy in the darkness.

We wait in the darkness, expectantly, longingly, anxiously, thoughtfully. The darkness is our friend.

In the darkness of the womb, we have all been nurtured and protected. In the darkness of the womb, the Christ-child was made ready for the journey into light.

You are with us, O God, in darkness and in light.

It is only in the darkness that we can see the splendour of the universe - blankets of stars, the solitary glowings of distant planets. It was the darkness that allowed the Magi to find the star that guided them to where the Christ-child lay. In the darkness of sleep, we are restored and renewed. In the darkness of sleep, dreams rise up. God spoke to Joseph through dreams. God is speaking still.

You are with us, O God, in darkness and in light.

And in that same darkness, we come face to face with what the last two years have been for us, personally and globally. We come face to face with our fatigue, our grief, our limitations. So we pray together - we know you are with us, O God, yet we still await your coming.

In the darkness of your mysterious unknowing, we watch for a sign of God's Joy.

Adapted by Rebecca Garrett Pace from "A Litany of Darkness and Light." A Procession of Prayers: Meditations and Prayers from Around the World John Carden, 1998.

La Paz de Cristo | Passing the Peace

*Nick Kuyers, Deacon
Amparo Palacios Lopez, Liturgist*

The peace of the Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
La paz del Señor sea contigo. **Y contigo también.**

Respondemos Juntos | Responding Together

"Make Us One | Haznos Uno"

**Make us one, Lord, make us one; Holy Spirit, make us one.
Let your love flow so the world will know we are one in you.
Haznos uno, uno en ti. Haznos uno, Señor, en ti.
Y que el mundo vea en nuestro amor que somos uno en ti.**

Escuchando | Listening

Comunión | Communion and Lighting the Advent Wreath

Pastor Maria

Dando en Línea | Giving Online

Please visit <http://www.calvarydc.org/give>. Each Sunday, we have the opportunity to engage in a spiritual practice tracing back to the early church. As followers of Jesus began re-imagining their allegiance to God and not Caesar, they also chose to share their money, time, and resources in ways that disrupted systems of power and violence around them. As a community of faith shaped by this intention as we strive to be radically inclusive, progressive, and multicultural, we pray that our commitments might free you to give to this place both joyfully and intentionally.



Música | Scripture Refrain

"Star of Wonder/Astro de Sublime Ardor"

Chris Urquiaga, piano

*O star of wonder, star of night
star with royal beauty bright!
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light.*

*¡Oh, astro de sublime ardor
de divino resplandor!
nuncio bello, tus destellos,
nos guiarán por su fulgor.*

Una Lectura | Scripture Lesson

Isaías | Isaiah 12:2-6
Amparo Palacios Lopez, Liturgist

² Surely God is my salvation;

I will trust, and will not be afraid,
for God is my strength and my might;
God has become my salvation.

³ With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. ⁴ And you will say in that day:

Give thanks to God,
call on God's name;
make known God's deeds among the nations;
proclaim that God's name is exalted.

⁵ Sing praises to God, for God has done gloriously;
let this be known in all the earth.

⁶ Shout aloud and sing for joy,
for great in your midst is the Holy One...

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² He aquí Dios es salvación mía; me aseguraré y no temeré; porque mi fortaleza y mi canción es Jehová, quien ha sido salvación para mí. ³ Sacaréis con gozo aguas de las fuentes de la salvación. ⁴ Y diréis en aquel día: Cantad a Jehová, aclamad su nombre, haced célebres en los pueblos sus obras, recordad que su nombre es engrandecido. ⁵ Cantad salmos a Jehová, porque ha hecho cosas magníficas; sea sabido esto por toda la tierra. ⁶ Regocíjate y canta; porque grande es en medio de ti el Santo...

Creciendo | Growing

Música Especial | Special Music

"Navidad en Verano"
sung by Chris Urquiaga

Mi navidad está metida en el verano
No tiene pino ni la nieve le da luces
Mi navidad con el calor va de la mano
Y un dulce olor a sidra y a pan dulce

*My Christmas is in summertime
There are no pines or snow lighting it up
In my Christmas, the warmth comes with
The smell of hot cider and sweet bread*

Paz a todos los hombres
Paz en la tierra
En mi tierra caliente
Y en la que nieva

*Peace to all humanity
Peace on earth
For my homeland, warmed by the sun
And for yours, too, where it snows*

Sermón | Sermon

Pastor Sally

Himno | Departing Hymn

“Silent Night, Holy Night”
sung by Rhea Williams
alt. lyrics, Maria Swearingen

Silent night, holy night
All is calm, all is bright,
Mystery around us in earth and in sky,
Mystery within us in laughter, in sighs,
Christ is our wonder and joy!
Christ is our wonder and joy!

Noche de paz, noche de amor
Todo duerme alrededor
Entre los astros que esparcen su luz
Bella, anunciando al niño Jesús
Brilla la estrella de paz
Brilla la estrella de amor

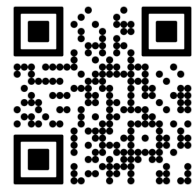
Silent night, holy night,
Creation trembles with delight,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
Join with the angels to sing of your love,
Christ is eternity's Joy!
Christ is eternity's Joy!

Bendición | Benediction

Pastor Maria

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Contact the Deacon of the Week Nick Kuyers,
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special Advent and Christmas Schedule

December 12: VIRTUAL WORSHIP, 10:30 a.m.

Join us on Zoom or Facebook Live. Stay for our Quarterly Business Meeting following worship.

OUTDOOR CHRISTMAS PROGRESSIVE “PARRANDA,” 4-7 p.m.

In the tradition of Puerto Rican Christmas Parrandas and in the spirit of progressive dinner parties, we're going to make a couple of stops to celebrate the season! We'll begin the evening at 4 pm at the Palacios' house, 6007 N. Dakota Ave NW, Washington, DC, for pupusas, and we'll walk together to Becky Vaughn's house 225 Whittier St. NW., Washington, DC, for hot chocolate and dessert. If you'd rather drive from house to house or join in the festivities in either home, any of the above is more than welcome! *Red line, if taking the metro. Street parking available at both houses.*

December 19: IN-PERSON WORSHIP, 10:30 a.m.

Join us in the sanctuary as we continue our celebration of Advent.

December 24: VIRTUAL DIY Nativity Celebration, 4 p.m.

One of our very special traditions at Calvary is to read the nativity story together on Christmas Eve. We'll gather together on Zoom and Facebook Live as we remember the awe of the shepherds and the song of the angels. We'd love for our children to come up with their most creative at-home Christmas costumes, too!

December 26: VIRTUAL WORSHIP, 10:30 a.m.

Stay in your holiday PJ's and join us on Zoom or Facebook Live for a brief gathering and Christmas meditation.

January 2: VIRTUAL WORSHIP, 10:30 a.m.

Please note that this is a schedule change from our usual 1st and 3rd Sunday in-person rotation. Join us on *Zoom only* for a holiday catch-up and time of prayer for the new year.

A RETURN TO IN-PERSON

Guidelines for Worship

Please read through these practices as we seek to ensure your safety.

When you enter:

Upon arrival, you will come through the Greene entrance by the church office. This will allow us to streamline our entrances and ensure that everyone, whether they are coming from the street or from the garage, is filtered through the same path.

When entering from the garage, please use the phone at the elevator doors to dial 0, which will connect you to the office where they will let you up. Once in the elevator, please select G1. We won't have the elevator set for open access for health and safety reasons, so we can ensure we're funneling everyone in through appropriate entry protocol.

At the entrance, you will be asked to sign in if you have not pre-registered, and your temperature will be taken to make sure you do not have a temperature.

In the building:

Once you have completed entry practices, you will make your way up to the Sanctuary entrance. Once there, the ushers will help you find a seat.

The pews will be cordoned off to half their length, alternating from row to row, to ensure we are able to social distance between pods of people while inside.

Masks will continue to be worn inside the building and during service, and hand sanitizer will be available.

After service:

We will exit the Sanctuary in an orderly, social distanced manner as we head outside for our Coffee Hour. We will be holding these outdoors to make sure we are properly social distanced and to mitigate the risks that are associated with masks being off indoors.

General Practices:

We ask that you follow all established COVID protocols: self-screen and stay home if you display any symptoms, maintain social distancing, wear your mask indoors, and wash your hands frequently and thoroughly.

OUR LABOR TOGETHER | A Mission Statement

We are a multi-racial, multi-ethnic community of Christ followers committed to the sacred work of anti-racism, social justice, and radical inclusion.

OUR BELOVEDNESS | A Values Statement

We affirm that God celebrates the creative diversity of God's kin-dom, loving people of every color, faith, nationality, immigration status, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, physical and cognitive ability, and economic status. It matters that people who have been historically marginalized by the Christian church in America see themselves listed here as God's beloved. In other words, ***you*** are our values statement.

- We believe Black Lives Matter. Further still, Black Lives are precious and beloved by God. We are a church shaped by this profound theological statement. Until this is fully understood and expressed in the policies and practices of this nation's political and social life, it is essential for people of faith to keep saying, and living, this truth.
- We believe no human being is "illegal," and as a Sanctuary Church, we fully welcome and support people of all immigration statuses.
- We believe LGBTQ+ lives are sacred, beautiful, and ought to be fully included and affirmed in all aspects of congregational life and leadership.
- We celebrate that our worshipping life is multi-lingual and multi-dimensional, especially shaped by Latin American, particularly Salvadoran, traditions, and the Historic Black Church tradition.
- We value interfaith inclusion and welcome people of any and all faith traditions to find a home here.
- We value people for who they are and not for their role in an economy where wealth accumulates and people struggle to live.
- We acknowledge that we gather on the traditional land of the Piscataway, Anacostan, and Nacotchtank Peoples past and present, and honor with gratitude the land itself and the people who have stewarded it throughout the generations. We believe that the earth is sacred and that we must continue to learn how to be better caretakers of the land we inhabit.
- We value diverse theological voices which have long stood on the margins within the Christian tradition in America.

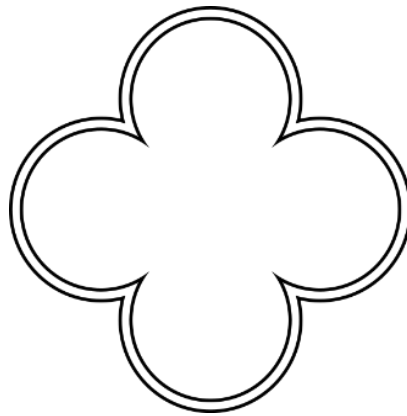
OUR HOLY IMAGINATION | A Vision Statement

We believe that Jesus identifies particularly with oppressed and marginalized people and invites us into radically inclusive community. As a historically white church with the sacred gift of now being a multiracial Christian community, we hear the clarion call to engage in the active and disruptive work of anti-racism and decolonization, both within ourselves and in the world. Ultimately, we commit to this labor as a *joyful* act of discipleship that leads us ever deeper into the Gospel of liberation and life.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

New this week: Catherine Ogidi, Godwin Orakwue's sister

The Pliego Family; Brian Cook, friend of the Kosmidis family; Shalom scholar, Karla Giron, and members of the Baptist Association of El Salvador; Liubov Russell; Javier Dario Galindo, Nathalie Galindo-Lee's brother; Paul Lansing; Joe and Shirley Taylor, Jessica Taylor's parents; Marlene Shambaugh, Courtney Miller's aunt; Loved ones of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, and all who are unjustly taken from this life by the sin of white supremacy; Each and every one of us, particularly the most vulnerable among us as we face the effects of COVID-19 together; Gilles Bkindou, of Greenwood Forest Baptist Church in Cary, NC; Sue Bollinger, Michelle Harris-Love's mother; Maria Isabel Bueso; Luis Campos; Daniel Alcazar-Roman's uncle; Dorothy Dale, Amy Dale's aunt; Argentina Jiguan; Rena Jirack; Lucy Johnson, Jackie Wright's grandmother; The Langford Family; Rich Madigan; Carmen Myers, Theresa Beaton's cousin; Alison Peebles; Roxana Rodezno, Lorena Pereira's sister-in-law; Brian Scott, Yolanda Appiah-Kubi's brother and Salima Appiah-Duffell's uncle; Jackie Sellers, Janice Glover's sister; Farooq Shabazz, Sakeenah Shabazz's brother; Ruby Shepherd; Dr. Lilia Stoycheva, friend of Liubov Russell; Olive Tiller; Desmond Tio, friend of Karla Fahey; Harold Walker, Jackie Wright's stepfather; Earl and Jenna Wright, Isaac Wright's parents; In light of the effect of the policy decisions that continue to be made by the current administration to challenge the dignity and worth of immigrant lives, we lift up prayer of lament-and-hope on behalf of Holy Families who seek justice, reunification, and basic human rights; We also lift up prayers of anger-and-hope that the hearts of elected and appointed officials would turn from stone to flesh for the sake of their souls and the soul of this nation; Peace in El Salvador, refugees, asylum seekers, and immigration reform; Victims of gun violence, racial reconciliation and justice everywhere; people targeted with hate crimes; Peace in our world, especially those impacted by war, violence, and government turmoil; Our collective response to resisting white supremacy. Victims of terror everywhere; Our Nicaraguan, Honduran, Haitian and Salvadoran brothers and sisters impacted by the decimation of Temporary Protected Status.



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