

# VIRTUAL SUNDAY

26 de diciembre / December 26, 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](https://facebook.com/CalvaryDC).

**Virtual Sundays**, you can join us on Zoom at [bit.ly/ZoomCalvaryDC](https://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](https://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

Zack Eccleston

Canción Navideña | Christmas Hymn

**Go Tell it On the Mountain**

*sung by Zack Eccleston, Jeremiah Siochi,  
Madison Mayhew, and Rhea Williams*

**Refrain —**

**Go, tell it on the mountain  
Over the hills and everywhere  
Go, tell it on the mountain  
That Jesus Christ is born.**

**While shepherds kept their watching  
O'er silent flocks by night  
Behold throughout the heavens  
There shone a Holy light. *Refrain.***

**The shepherds feared and trembled  
When, lo! Above the Earth  
Rang out the angel chorus  
That hailed our Savior's birth. *Refrain.***

**Down in a lowly manger  
Our humble Christ was born  
And brought us all salvation  
That blessed Christmas morn. *Refrain.***

Dando en Linea | 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.



Lectura | Scripture Lesson

Pastor Maria

“Many-Named One beyond imagining--  
When I contemplate the night sky, the  
cosmos which all unfolded from a speck,  
galaxies, stars, this beautiful earth—  
Who are we humans, that you attend to us?  
Mere mortals in our tiny corner, and you  
love us?”

We are life come to knowing and feeling.  
The whole world is in our hands: Plants and  
animals, oceans and ice caps, rain forests,  
atmosphere and ecosystem. Touch our  
hearts, O God, make us worthy of this trust.  
Help us care for life on this beautiful earth.”

“Dios de muchos nombres más allá de la imaginación. Cuando contemplo el cielo nocturno el cosmos que todo se desplegó de una mota, galaxias, estrellas, esta hermosa tierra— ¿Quiénes somos los humanos, que nos atiendes? Simples mortales en nuestro pequeño rincón, ¿y nos amas?

Somos la vida hecha para conocer y sentir. El mundo entero está en nuestras manos: plantas y animales, océanos y casquetes polares, selvas tropicales, atmósfera y ecosistema. Toca nuestros corazones, oh Dios, haznos dignos de esta confianza Ayúdanos a cuidar la vida en esta hermosa tierra.”

*-English text by Christine Robinson from [Psalms for a New World](#).  
Learn more at [www.doubterpsalms.blogspot.com](http://www.doubterpsalms.blogspot.com).*

## Reflecciones Navideños | Christmas Reflections

Pastor Sally

## Música Especial | Special Music

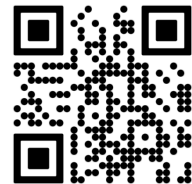
**Christmas Star**  
sung by Rhea Williams  
music/lyrics John Williams

Distant stars, at home up in the heavens  
Wonder what they see, are they watching me?  
Christmas star, you spin your strands of silver  
What a sight to see, are you there to guide me?  
Star light, shine bright  
See me through the dark night  
Light mine, pathway  
Guide me home for Christmas day  
Midnight stars, they sail the sky in silence  
Hearing all they see, are they hearing me?  
Christmas Star, you watch the world so wisely  
At my journey's end, will you be my true friend?  
Star light, shine bright  
See me through the dark night  
Light mine, half way  
Guide me home for Christmas day

## Bendición | Benediction

Zack Eccleston

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## Special Advent and Christmas Schedule

**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

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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

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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

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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

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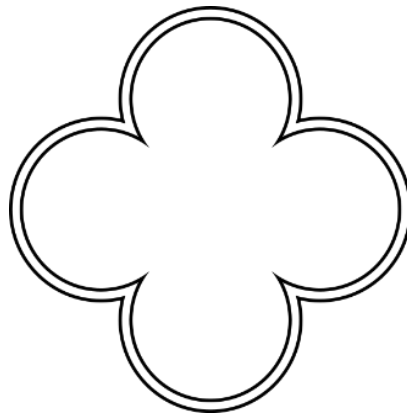
We believe that Jesus identifies particularly with oppressed and marginalized people and invites us into radically inclusive community. As a historically white church with the sacred gift of now being a multiracial Christian community, we hear the clarion call to engage in the active and disruptive work 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: Family and friends of Lucy Leanna Johnson, Jackie Wright's grandmother; Bradley Sims, friend of Carter Vaughn

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 Bikindou, 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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