

# IN-PERSON WORSHIP | CULTO EN PERSONA

21 de diciembre | December 21, 2025 | 10:30 a.m.

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# Culto | Worship

## Preludio | Prelude

Toccata on "O Come, All Ye Faithful"  
(Allan Mahnke, b. 1944)  
*Laura Henderson, organ*

## La Bienvenida | Welcome

*Pastor Maria*

## \*Himno | Opening Hymn

**The First Noel, #151**

*The candle of love is lit today by this year's nativity angel, Mabel Appiah-Duffell, and family.*

**The first Noel the angel did say  
Was to certain poor shepherds  
In fields as they lay;  
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,  
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,  
Born is the King of Israel.**

**La primera Navidad un coro se oyó;  
a humildes pastores el cielo cantó,  
y un ángel les habló, rodeado de luz,  
anunciando la Natividad de Jesús.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel.  
Hoy ha nacido el Rey de Israel.**

## \*Palabras de Alabanza | Call to Worship

*Esmeralda Rodriguez Pereira, Deacon*

Rise up. Take the child.  
**Levántate. The angel's warning cuts through the night.**  
Many in our world know this fear.  
**The Holy Family became refugees, seeking sanctuary across borders.**  
Dios camina con todos que son desplazados.  
**Come, let us worship the God who protects the displaced.**

## \*La Paz de Cristo | Passing the Peace

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.**

*\*Congregation stands in body and/or in spirit. La congregación se pone de pie en persona o en espíritu.  
Para traducción del servicio en español, por favor hablar con un ujier.*

Ofrendas | Offertory

Away in a Manger, #147

Laura Henderson, organ

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.



Oraciones del Pueblo | Prayers of the People

Esmeralda Rodriguez Pereira

Respuesta Musical | Sung Response

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear, #153

It came upon the midnight clear,  
that glorious song of old,  
from angels bending near the earth  
to touch their harps of gold:  
"Peace on the earth, good will to all,  
from heaven's all-gracious King."  
The world in solemn stillness lay,  
to hear the angels sing.

Lectura | Scripture

Mateo | Matthew 2:13-15

Corina Lopez

<sup>13</sup> Después que partieron ellos, he aquí un ángel del Señor apareció en sueños a José y dijo: Levántate y toma al niño y a su madre, y huye a Egipto, y permanece allá hasta que yo te diga; porque acontecerá que Herodes buscará al niño para matarlo. <sup>14</sup> Y él, despertando, tomó de noche al niño y a su madre, y se fue a Egipto, <sup>15</sup> y estuvo allá hasta la muerte de Herodes; para que se cumpliese lo que dijo el Señor por medio del profeta, cuando dijo: De Egipto llamé a mi Hijo.

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<sup>13</sup> Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." <sup>14</sup> Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt <sup>15</sup> and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son."

Música Especial | Special Music

Who Would Imagine a King

Desmond Thompson, soloist

Sermón | Sermon

Pastor Sally

## \*Himno | Departing Hymn

People Look East, #142

Please sing all four stanzas.

## \*Bendición | Benediction

*Pastor Sally*

## Postludio | Postlude

**Hark! The Herald Angels Sing**

arr. Laurel Hunt Pedersen

*Laura Henderson, organ*

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**Next Virtual Sunday— Sunday, December 28 (Christmas week)**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## **Advent 2025**

**Sunday, December 21 @ 10:30 a.m.** IN-PERSON Advent Worship

**Wednesday, December 24 @ 10:30 a.m.** Christmas Eve Potluck Brunch and Hymn Sing in Woodward Hall. Please bring a dish to share.

**Sunday, December 28 @ 10:30 a.m.** VIRTUAL worship on Zoom/Facebook Live.

**Sunday, January 4 @ 10:30 a.m.** IN-PERSON Epiphany Sunday, with coffee hour piñata!

## 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

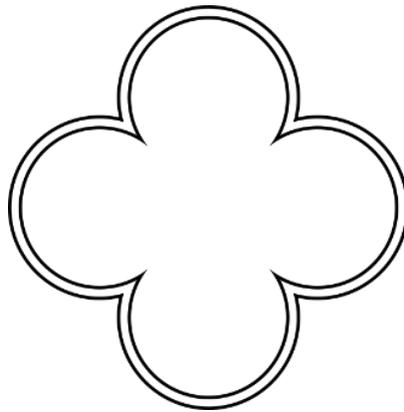
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We believe that Jesus identifies particularly with oppressed and marginalized people and invites us into radically inclusive community. As a historically white church with the sacred gift of now being a multiracial Christian community, we hear the 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

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Manuel Torres; Francisco Pereira; Family and friends of Carole Holcomb, mother of Becky Vaughn's son-in-law; Family and friends of Cheryl Kerner, mother of John Appiah-Duffell's brother-in-law, who died last week; Rev. Karl M. Thomas, Rev. Mahogany Thomas' father; Barbara Rice, Courtney Miller's mom; Nik Andonov, friend of Liubov and Chuck Russell; Dan Mayfield, Jay Mayfield's father; George Brummett-Wudel, Will Brummett and Grace Boone's niece; Ed Renfrow, Phil Renfrow's brother; Alice Bartlett; Eleonora Settels; Carrie Dale, mother of Amy Dale; Marlene Shambaugh, Courtney Miller's aunt; Luis Campos, Daniel Alcazar-Roman's uncle; Harold Walker, Jackie Wright's stepfather; For peace to prevail in Ukraine, Palestine, Afghanistan, and Yemen; 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.



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