

IN-PERSON SUNDAY

5 de diciembre / December 5, 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
or watch us at facebook.com/CalvaryDC.

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

Música | Prelude

“The First Nowell”
Chris Urquiaga, piano

La Bienvenida | Welcome

Pastor Maria

Cántico de Alabanza | Song of Praise

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”
Chris Urquiaga, piano
alt. lyrics, Maria Swearingen

**O Come, O Come Emmanuel,
Bring wonder to your people where they dwell,
The Earth is waiting to be restored,
The sun and moon and stars sing in accord.**

***Refrain:* Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel,
Is here with us
And making all things well.**

**O Come, O Come Emmanuel,
As ocean waters dance with sand and shell,
And summer turns to winter then spring,
Creation groans and grows with everything. *Refrain.***

**O Come, O Come, Emmanuel,
You shine through night's uncertain veil,
You light the path with justice and love,
And guide us from below and from above. *Refrain.***

Palabras de Alabanza | Call to Worship

Jackie Wright, Deacon

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 Hope.

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

Jackie Wright, Deacon

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

Lighting the Advent Wreath

Pastor Sally

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.



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.*

³ A voice cries out: “In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

⁴ Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.

²¹ Don’t you know? Haven’t you heard? Wasn’t it announced to you from the beginning?
Haven’t you understood since the earth was founded?

²² God inhabits the earth’s horizon— its inhabitants are like locusts—
stretches out the skies like a curtain and spreads it out like a tent for dwelling.

²³ God makes dignitaries useless and the earth’s judges into nothing.

²⁴ Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely is their shoot rooted in the earth
when God breathes on them, and they dry up; the windstorm carries them off like straw.

²⁵ So to whom will you compare me, and who is my equal? says the holy one. ²⁶ Look up at the
sky and consider: Who created these? The one who brings out their attendants one by one,
summoning each of them by name. Because of God’s great strength and mighty power, not
one is missing.

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³ Voz que clama en el desierto: Preparad camino a Jehová;
enderezad calzada en la soledad a nuestro Dios.

⁴ Todo valle sea alzado, y bájese todo monte y collado;
y lo torcido se enderece, y lo áspero se allane.

²¹ ¿No sabéis? ¿No habéis oído? ¿Nunca os lo han dicho desde el principio?
¿No habéis sido enseñados desde que la tierra se fundó?

²² Él está sentado sobre el círculo de la tierra, cuyos moradores son como langostas; él
extiende los cielos como una cortina, los despliega como una tienda para morar.

²³ Él convierte en nada a los poderosos, y a los que gobiernan la tierra hace como cosa
vana. ²⁴ Como si nunca hubieran sido plantados, como si nunca hubieran sido
sembrados, como si nunca su tronco hubiera tenido raíz en la tierra; tan pronto como
sopla en ellos se secan, y el torbellino los lleva como hojarasca. ²⁵ ¿A qué, pues, me
haréis semejante o me compararéis? dice el Santo. ²⁶ Levantad en alto vuestros ojos,
y mirad quién creó estas cosas; él saca y cuenta su ejército; a todas llama por sus
nombres; ninguna faltará; tal es la grandeza de su fuerza, y el poder de su dominio.

Creciendo | Growing

Música Especial | Special Music

“Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star”

Chris Urquiaga, piano

Twinkle, twinkle, little star,
How I wonder what you are!
Up above the world so high,
Like a diamond in the sky.
Twinkle, twinkle, little star,
How I wonder what you are.

Estrellita, ¿dónde estás?
Me pregunto qué serás.
En el cielo y en el mar,
Un diamante de verdad.
Estrellita, ¿dónde estás?
Me pregunto qué serás.

When the blazing sun is gone,
When he nothing shines upon,
Then you show your little light,
Twinkle, twinkle, all the night.
Twinkle, twinkle, little star.
How I wonder what you are.

Then the trav'ler in the dark,
Thanks you for your tiny spark,
She could not see which way to go,
If you did not twinkle so.
Twinkle, twinkle, little star.
How I wonder what you are.

In the dark blue sky you keep,
And often thro' my curtains peep,
For you never shut your eye,
Till the sun is in the sky.
Twinkle, twinkle, little star.
How I wonder what you are.

'Tis your bright and tiny spark,
Lights the trav'ler in the dark,
Tho' I know not what you are,
Twinkle, twinkle, little star.
How I wonder what you are.

Sermón | Sermon

Pastor Maria

Himno | Departing Hymn

“Hope is a Star”
Chris Urquiaga, piano

Hope is a star that shines in the night,
leading us on till the morning is bright.

Refrain: When God is a child
There's joy in our song.
The last shall be first
and the weak shall be strong,
and none shall be afraid.

Peace is a ribbon that circles the earth,
giving a promise of safety and worth. *Refrain.*

Joy is a song that welcomes the dawn,
telling the world that the Savior is born. *Refrain.*

Love is a flame that burns in our heart.
Jesus has come and will never depart. *Refrain.*

Bendición | Benediction

Pastor Sally

Música | Postlude

variations on “Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star”

Chris Urquiaga, piano

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Contact the Deacon of the Week Jackie Wright,
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concerns.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special Advent and Christmas Schedule

December 5: IN-PERSON WORSHIP, 10:30 a.m.

Join us in the sanctuary as we celebrate Advent together.

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

Join us on Zoom or Facebook Live. Stay for our Annual 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.

Other Announcements

Supporting the Rosstead Fellowship Fund

Gretchen White has collected Christmas items that she will offer during Outdoor Coffee Hour on Nov 21st and Dec 5th for a donation to the Rosstead Fellowship Fund. Please stop by the table and check them out! Your donations will support Calvary friends with special needs.

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.

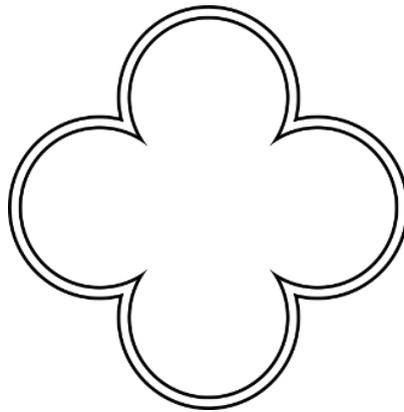
- We believe Black Lives Matter. Further still, Black Lives are precious and beloved by God. We are a church shaped by this profound theological statement. Until this is fully understood and expressed in the policies and practices of this nation's political and social life, it is essential for people 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

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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