

IN-PERSON WORSHIP | CULTO EN PERSONA

7 de diciembre | December 7, 2025 | 10:30 a.m.

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Culto | Worship

Preludio | Prelude

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear, #153
Chris Urquiaga, piano

La Bienvenida | Welcome

Pastor Maria

*Himno | Opening Hymn

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

The candle of peace is lit today by Rev. Edgar Palacios, pastor, peace activist, and champion of the Peace Accords in El Salvador. He is joined by his daughter, Amparo, and granddaughter, Sarah. // Hoy, Rev. Edgar Palacios, pastor, activista por la paz y defensor de los Acuerdos de Paz en El Salvador, enciende la vela de la paz. Lo acompañan su hija, Amparo, y su nieta, Sarah.

**O come, O come, Emmanuel,
The angels bend from heaven where they dwell,
They break into our world with God's degree—
"Fear not, I set the captive free!"
Rejoice, Rejoice, Emmanuel
Is here with us and making all things well.**

**Oh ven, oh ven, Emanuel,
Predicho por el angel Gabriel.
Su paz y su amor reinará,
Por siempre su justicia imperará.
¡Alégrate, Jehovah Dios es fiel,
Vendrá, ya viene Emanuel.**

**O come, O come, Emmanuel,
Send angels down with songs earth cannot quell,
Their "Glory, Glory!" rings through the night,
They bear good news and point us to the light,
Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel,
Is here with us and making all things well.**

*Palabras de Alabanza | Call to Worship

Carolyn Lamere, Deacon

God still sends messengers to the unlikely ones.
To the young, to the poor, to those the world overlooks.

The angel came to Mary with words both terrifying and beautiful:
You are favored. Eres favorecida. God is with you.

Mary's yes became a song that shakes the foundations of power:
God lifts the lowly. Dios levanta a los humildes.

Come, let us worship the God who chooses the least likely,
And through them, changes everything.

**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.*

*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.

Tiempo con los Niños | Time with Children

Pastor Sally

Ofrendas | Offertory

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence, #124

Chris Urquiaga, piano

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

Carolyn Lamere

Respuesta Musical | Sung Response

My Soul Gives Glory to My God, #130

Please sing all five stanzas.

Lectura | Scripture

Lucas | Luke 1:26-38

Rev. Edgar Palacios

²⁶ Al sexto mes el ángel Gabriel fue enviado por Dios a una ciudad de Galilea, llamada Nazaret, ²⁷ a una virgen desposada con un varón que se llamaba José, de la casa de David; y el nombre de la virgen era María. ²⁸ Y entrando el ángel en donde ella estaba, dijo: ¡Salve, muy favorecida! El Señor es contigo; bendita tú entre las mujeres. ²⁹ Mas ella, cuando le vio, se turbó por sus palabras, y pensaba qué salutación sería esta. ³⁰ Entonces el ángel le dijo: María, no temas, porque has hallado gracia delante de Dios. ³¹ Y ahora, concebirás en tu vientre, y darás a luz un hijo, y llamarás su nombre JESÚS. ³² Este será grande, y será llamado Hijo del Altísimo; y el Señor Dios le dará el trono de David su padre; ³³ y reinará sobre la casa de Jacob para siempre, y su reino no tendrá fin. ³⁴ Entonces María dijo al ángel: ¿Cómo será esto? pues no conozco varón. ³⁵ Respondiendo el ángel, le dijo: El Espíritu Santo vendrá sobre ti, y el poder del Altísimo te cubrirá con su sombra; por lo cual también el Santo Ser que nacerá, será llamado Hijo de Dios. ³⁶ Y he aquí tu parienta Elisabet, ella también ha concebido hijo en su vejez; y este es el sexto mes para ella, la que llamaban estéril; ³⁷ porque nada hay imposible para Dios. ³⁸ Entonces María dijo: He aquí la sierva del Señor; hágase conmigo conforme a tu palabra. Y el ángel se fue de su presencia.

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²⁶ In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." ²⁹ But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰ The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹ And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³ He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." ³⁴ Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" ³⁵ The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. ³⁶ And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. ³⁷ For nothing will be impossible with God." ³⁸ Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

Música Especial | Special Music

Mary Had a Baby

arr. Roland Carter

Chris Urquiaga + Desmond Thompson

Sermón | Sermon

Pastor Maria

*Himno | Departing Hymn

What Child is This, #162

Please sing stanzas all 3 stanzas.

*Bendición | Benediction

Pastor Sally

Postludio | Postlude

The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy

Chris Urquiaga, piano

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Contact the **Deacon of the Week**, Carolyn Lamere,
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Join us from home on Zoom for Holiday Virtual Sundays—
bit.ly/ZoomCalvaryDC or watch the livestream at link above.

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



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Advent 2025

Sunday, December 7 @ 10:30 a.m. IN-PERSON Advent worship.

Wednesday, December 10 @ 7 p.m. Theology on Draft Christmas Party at Pastor Sally and Pastor Maria's. All are welcome! RSVP Rev. Mahogany (mthomas@calvarydc.org)

Sunday, December 14 @ 10:30 a.m. Special Nativity Sunday with Christmas luncheon and Posadas celebration to follow!

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.

Calvary Study Group— The Calvary Study Group met in September and kicked off its study of [The Difficult Words of Jesus](#). Each chapter is independent, so feel free to join the conversation even if you missed the September gathering or can't commit to the entire 6-month study. [Contact Becky Vaughn](#) for more information or if you have any questions. The next gathering is Thursday, December 18.

Estudio Bíblico Vida y Justicia— Beloved brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, we have begun the first unit of the Life and Justice Bible Study. The first topic was God and humanity. The following topics are: God's world, humanity's world, the historical Jesus, and Jesus and the early Christian movements. The goal of this Bible study is to understand God's will for us today and to be His instruments in moving toward a better world, empowered by His Spirit. We study the Bible on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in the church library. All are welcome.

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.

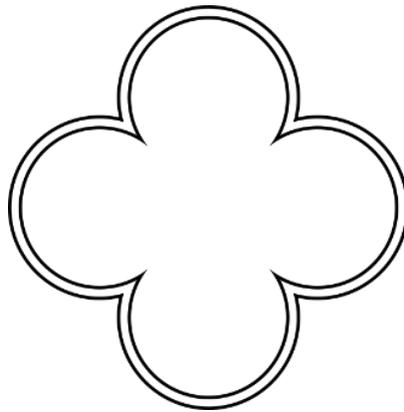
- We believe Black Lives Matter. Further still, Black Lives are precious and beloved by God. We are a church shaped by this profound theological statement. Until this is fully understood and expressed in the policies and practices of this nation's political and social life, it is essential for people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

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; Bradley Sims, friend of Carter Vaughn; 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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