

USHERS: Bill Lehman, Dick Boyle, Peggy Jeans, Marylou Iverson, Sureen & Roger Speece, Bob Acker

GREETERS: Shelley & Ernie Glanville

Serving Today

Brian Tierney, Director of Choirs
Darlene Cusick, Organ & Piano
Tom Anderson, Trumpet

Leading Worship Today Today

Molly Hughart, Eva Tierney,
Autumn Anderson, Matt Hughart,
Sue Van Stelle, & MaryLou Iverson

Communion Servers

Charline Gebhardt, Darlene Brown, Victoria Moonier, Barbara Smith, Suzanne Lease, Linda Leake, Lou Travis, & MaryLou Iverson

INNOVATION & VISION

Our Core Values

- Genuine relationships are the heart of our church.
- God calls us to meet the real needs of real people who are imperfect like us.
- We grow spiritually serving, worshipping, and laughing together.

Our Strategic Focus

Serving the community so families can survive and thrive.

Our Strategic Priorities

- Foster awareness of and connection to community-led solutions to enable families to survive and thrive.
- Nurture opportunities to develop relationships with each other and with God.
- Develop Intergenerational relationships in all that we do.
- Use the opportunities and challenges of the digital era to move the church forward.

The regular schedule & contact list can be found on the card in the pews. Feel free to take one with you. Announcements for this week will be handed out by the ushers for those who need them. They are also available on sundaysatcalvin.org and on the weekly newsletter, "This Week at Calvin".

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THE FIRST SUNDAY
OF ADVENT

December 1st, 2019
10:00 am

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Gathering Music

Welcome

Pastor Jim Wallace

Entry Into Celebration: Lighting the First Advent Candle

(RESPONSIVE)

O God, we light the first candle of Advent.

We kindle it with hope, as we long for you to break into our world with your reign of compassion and justice.

Fracture everything that prevents us from experiencing all you have promised and impose your love and peace.

(the candle is lit)

Let us pray:

Give us ears to hear, O God, and eyes to watch, that we may know your presence in our midst during this season of urgent anticipation. Amen.

*Praise God with Song

(SCREEN)

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"
(Verses 1-3)

Invitation to Prayer

As we wait and watch, during this Advent season, together let us pray...

*Prayer Leading to New Life and New Beginnings

(UNISON)

And so, we pray for your coming, to those around the world whose poverty, pain, trauma, and grief make your kingdom feel like a pipe dream; to those in our community who long to see your love and justice expressed through your followers; to those in your Church who seek to be faithful and to make a difference while juggling their daily needs and responsibilities; and to us, who long to know you more, and live as citizens of your kingdom in this place and time. May your coming be something we hope for, but also something we experience moment by moment. In Jesus' name. Amen.



***Moment of Silent Prayer
and Reflection**



***With God's Grace We Can Begin Anew**

Let the light of Christ lead you to peace. Believe the good news this day: In the name of the Christ Child you are forgiven!



***Song of Response**

(SCREEN)

Refrain from "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel,
Shall come to thee, O Israel.



Don't Keep it to Yourself

In expectation of the Prince of Peace, please greet and welcome all ages with peace. Peace be with you.

And with you also.



We Are All God's Children

The children will remain in worship this Sunday.

**LISTENING FOR THE WORD
WITHIN THE WORDS**



First Scripture Reading:

Isaiah 2:1-5 (NIV)



Anthem



Second Scripture Reading:

Matthew 24:36-44 (NIV)



**Listening for the
Word Proclaimed**

REV. DR. JAMES L. WALLACE

"Impatience as an Advent Virtue"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD



***Praise God with Song**

(SCREEN)

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"
(Verses 4-6)

**We Offer Our Lives
and Gifts to God**



Offertory

***Song of Response**

(SCREEN)

Refrain from "Angels We Have Heard On High"

Gloria, in excelsis Deo

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Dedication



Prayers of the People

**SACRAMENT OF THE
LORD'S SUPPER**



**The Lord's Table:
Where All Are Welcome**

(RESPONSIVE)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Great God, in the words of the prophets you stirred expectations for a Savior and the promise of his reign upon the earth.

**Bless our waiting, bless our longing, that
as we gather in community, and share
these gifts of bread and cup, we may
become a sign of Christ's compassion,
justice, love and peace.**

Together, let us pray:

Our Father...



The Lord's Prayer



Words of Institution



The Communion of the People



Prayer After Communion

GOING OUT TO SERVE



***Praise God with Song**

(SCREEN)

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"
(Verse 7)

***Blessing**



Sending Music

