

USHERS: Janie & Keith Johnson, Tricie & Scott Richman, Sandi Hagen, Jan Law, Dan Hankins, & Marion Blankenmeier

GREETERS: Judy & Bob Wilson

WELCOME HOSTS: Wendy & Don Moore

COFFEE HOSTS: Julie & John Gage

FLOWER: With gratitude for our incredible Calvin staff.
-Lisa McKillips

Those Serving Today

Darlene Cusick, Organ
Ray Beyer, Men's Chorus Director
Brian Tierney, Tenor
Pam Duvall, Piano

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, worshiping, and laughing together.

Our Strategic Focus

Shaping the community so all families can succeed.

Our Strategic Priorities

- Advocate for community-led solutions to enable family success.
- Connect families to community resources.
- Develop intergenerational relationships in all we do.
- Embrace and navigate the opportunities and challenges of the digital era.
- Create a relational path to discipleship.

The regular schedule and contact list can be found on the green card in the pews. Please feel free to take one with you. Announcements for this week will be handed out by the ushers and found on the Information Desk and at the Good News Center.



The Second Sunday of Advent

December 9th, 2018
10:00 am

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Gathering Music

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus",
Martin

Welcome

Pastor Jim Wallace

Entry Into Celebration

(RESPONSIVE)

GERRY COX, LITURGIST

Holy God, through your prophets you sent your word into the wilderness, crying out to repent, seek forgiveness, and prepare the way of the Lord.

Now prepare the way in us, and in our world, for the coming of your living Word, so that all flesh may know your saving grace; through Christ, who is coming to reign.

We light the second candle.

(the second candle is lit)

Let us pray:

Holy God, you send messengers with good news to prepare the way for your glorious realm. Anoint us with your Spirit to proclaim your Word so that all may repent and believe in you; through Jesus Christ, our way in the wilderness. Amen.

*Praise God with Song

(SCREEN)

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

Invitation to Prayer

During Advent, we prepare the way of the Lord.
Together, let us pray...

*Prayer Leading to New Life and New Beginnings

(UNISON)

Where there seems to be no way to end the conflict and violence in our time, we pray that you would teach us, O Christ, to prepare the way;

Where we can see no way to provide for the needs of all people, we pray that you would show us, O Christ, how to prepare the way;

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Where we can find no way to work together for justice, we pray that you would change us, O Christ, until we prepare the way;

Where we are unable to believe in a way to live simply, responsibly and mindfully, we pray that you would inspire us, O Christ, to faith that prepares the way;

In a world where we are tempted to see so many of our challenges as dead-ends, we pray for a new vision, a new heart and a new commitment to prepare the way for your reign, your grace, your shalom, and for the liberation, justice and peace that you bring. Amen.

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***Moment of Silent Prayer
and Reflection**

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***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!

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***Song of Response
(SCREEN)**

Refrain from "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel,
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

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Don't Keep it to Yourself

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

And with you also.

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We Are All God's Children

**LISTENING FOR THE WORD
WITHIN THE WORDS**

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First Scripture Reading

Malachi 3:1-4 (NIV)

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Anthem

MEN'S CHORUS

"Sing A Song of Merry Christmas",
W. A. Mozart

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Second Scripture Reading

Luke 3:1-6 (NIV)

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**Listening for the
Word Proclaimed**

REV. DR. JAMES L. WALLACE

"A Word in the Wilderness"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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***Praise God with Song**

(SCREEN)

"Prepare the Way, O Zion"

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

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Offertory

BRIAN TIERNEY

"Comfort Ye",
Handel

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***Song of Response**

(SCREEN)

Refrain from "Angels We Have Heard on High"

Gloria, in excelsis Deo
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Dedication

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Prayers of the People

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The Lord's Prayer

GOING OUT TO SERVE

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***Praise God with Song**

(SCREEN)

"Prepare the Way of the Lord"

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***Blessing**

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Sending Music

"Toccata on 'Good King Wenceslas'",
Young