

November 30, 2025

# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT GOD'S EMINENT AMMINENCE: KEEP AWAKE!

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Our mission is to nurture and inspire our faith community to transform lives for Christ.

# COMMUNITY GROWS HERE

Thank you for joining us in worship. Your presence matters here. Author Rachel Held Evans wrote, "Christianity isn't meant to simply be believed; it's meant to be lived, shared, eaten, spoken, and enacted in the presence of other people... Try as I may, I can't be a Christian on my own. I need a community. I need the church. Imagine if every church became a place where everyone is safe, but no one is comfortable. Imagine if every church became a place where we told one another the truth. We might just create sanctuary."

We need you. As we work to create transformational community on the corner of Fillmore and Jackson, your community needs your presence and your voice. It's been five years since our world was upended by Covid.



And while much has changed since then, our need for each other and our need for community has not. Worship, at its root, is participatory. Your voice, in prayer and song, joins with the voices of others, as an offering to God. "Liturgy"—the words we say together in worship—means "the work of the people." Thankful for the privilege of doing the work together.

**For early and non-readers,** icons are included in the left margin throughout the bulletin.



\*The asterisk indicates rising in body or spirit.

Assisted listening devices are available at the Front Desk, and large print hymnals are located in the Narthex (Sanctuary entry).



# DAILY LECTIONARY: NOVEMBER 30-DECEMBER 6

 $\textbf{Sunday:} \ \, \textbf{Daniel 3:1, (2-7) 8-30 (from Y4A);} \ \, \textbf{The Fiery Furnace}$ 

Monday: Daniel 5:1-12; Daniel Called to Interpret Tuesday: Daniel 5:13-30; Daniel Helps the King

**Wednesday:** Daniel 6:1-18; *Daniel Thrown in the Lions' Den* **Thursday:** Daniel 6:19-28; *The King Commands Loyalty to God* 

Friday: Ezekiel 1:1-3; 2:1-10; Ezekiel's Call Saturday: Ezekiel 3:1-11; Called to Be a Prophet

If you could use a new study Bible, we have some for sale. This is the updated version of the New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) that we have in the pews. Available for \$25 after worship. Rev. Marcella Aula Glass Rev. Joann H. Lee

Rev. Victor H. Floyd

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Michael Conley

# Prayer Requests

Prayer boxes are located in the Narthex (Sanctuary entry) and at the Front Desk. The Deacons and Pastors honor confidentiality and pray for each request.

Calvary Deacons: Prayer, Essential Errands, Spiritual Support Helen Huckleberry, Deacon Co-Moderator Terry Milby, Deacon Co-Moderator Rev. Victor Floyd, Minister of Spiritual Care



Notice of Filming: Most of Calvary's worship services are livestreamed on our Facebook page and YouTube channel. While most of the footage will feature worship leaders, video of the congregation may also appear. If you have concerns, please contact the church office.

## November 30, 2025: First Sunday of Advent

PRELUDE "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (tune: VENI EMMANUEL)"

Raymond H. Haan (b. 1938)

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

INTROIT "Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme" from Cantata 140 "Wachet Auf"
Awake, calls the voice to us
of the watchmen high up in the tower;
awake, you city of Jerusalem.
Midnight the hour is named;
they call to us with bright voices;
where are you, wise virgins?
Indeed, the Bridegroom comes;
rise up and take your lamps, Alleluia!
Make yourselves ready for the wedding,
you must go to meet him.

WELCOME

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Now is the time; now is the moment

to wake from sleep.

Today we throw off the bedcovers of despair.

We rise from the nightmare of cynicism.

The hour is already here, even as we are waiting.

Soon—yes, very soon—our hope will shine as bright as the sun, and we will live in the light of God who is already with us.

Our hope burns and cannot be extinguished.

(The first Advent candle is lit.)

▶ \*Нуми 88 "О Come, О Come Emmanuel" (verses 1, 2, & 3)

VENI EMMANUEL

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

When we scoff at those who await your return, and live as though you were never here:

In your mercy, Lord,

forgive us and heal us.

When we long for your coming to change the world, and yet are unwilling to change even our own hearts:

In your mercy, Lord,

forgive us and heal us.

When we do not make straight paths for justice, nor offer welcome when you come as a migrant:

In your mercy, Lord,

forgive us and heal us.

When we dismiss prophets and angels and refuse to nourish your presence within us:

In your mercy, Lord,

forgive us and heal us.

When we reduce our preparation for your coming to reckless expense and trivialities:

In your mercy, Lord,

forgive us and heal us.

(Silence.)

We turn to you,

O God of infinite mercy;

We renounce evil;

We claim your love;

We choose to be made whole. Amen.

\*Assurance of Pardon

\*GLORIA: HYMN 384 "Soon & Very Soon" (verse 1, sung twice)



The Hope of Christ be with you!

### And also with you!

The congregation is invited to share a sign of hope.

Following The Hope, children are invited to come up front for scripture reading and Children's Meditation.

## **▲ PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Spirit of salvation, guide us by your Word, that we will hear your truth, heed your call, and prepare for Christ's coming. Amen.

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**SCRIPTURE** Isaiah 2:1-5 (page 550); Matthew 24:36-44 (page 806)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

### **©** CHILDREN'S MEDITATION

Following the Children's Meditation, children ages infant to 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to walk with their parents down to the Lower Level Sunday Studio and Childcare space. Children may also sit with their families during worship.

ANTHEM "Zion hört die Wächter singen" from Cantata 140 "Wachet Auf"

J. S. Bach

Zion hears the watchmen sing, her heart leaps for joy within her, she wakens and hastily arises.
Her glorious beloved comes from heaven, strong in mercy, powerful in truth, her light becomes bright, her star rises.
Now come, precious crown, Lord Jesus, the Son of God!
Hosannah! We all follow to the hall of joy and hold the evening meal together.

SERMON "God's Eminent Imminence: Keep Awake!"

Following the Sermon, Youth (grades 6th-12th) may meet in the 2nd floor lounge area, called The S.P.O.T. (Spiritual, Passionate, Open-minded, Transformative).

\*Hymn 83 "Come. Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

STUTTGART



The ushers will be walking down the aisles with offering plates if you'd like to pass your contribution toward either aisle as they walk by. You may also place your offering in the boxes at the back of the sanctuary.

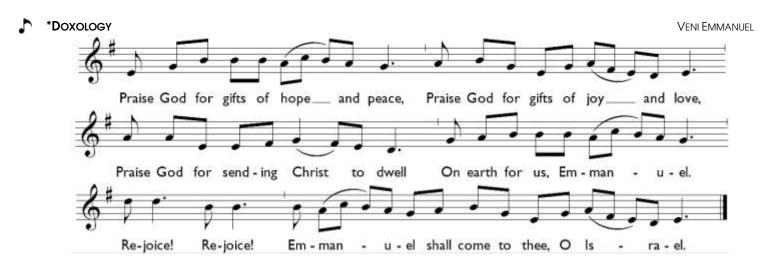
OFFERTORY ANTHEM "E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come"

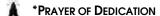
Paul Manz (1919-2009)

Peace be to you and grace from him Who freed us from our sins, Who loved us all and shed his blood That we might saved be.

Sing holy, holy to our Lord, The Lord, Almighty God, Who was and is and is to come; Sing holy, holy, Lord! Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein, Rejoice on earth, ye saints below, For Christ is coming, is coming soon, For Christ is coming soon!

E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, And night shall be no more; They need no light nor lamp nor sun, For Christ will be their All!





PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

\*Hymn "Lift Up Your Heads" (Please see insert.)

CH THREE, John L. Bell

\*BENEDICTION

\*Choral Blessing "Prepare the Way, O Zion"

Swedish hymn, Bereden Väg För Herran, 1697

Prepare the way, O Zion, your Christ is drawing near!
Let every hill and valley a level way appear.
Greet One who comes in glory, foretold in sacred story.
Refrain:
O blest is Christ who came in God's most holy name.

Postlude "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus (tune: Stuttgart)" (1977)

Raymond H. Haan (b. 1938)

### Acknowledgements:

Liturgy adapted from Teri Peterson for Bible Worm.

# Leading Worship This Morning

The King Family Liturgists Rev. Joann H. Lee Preaching Rev. Marcella Auld Glass **Assisting** Rev. Victor H. Floyd **Assisting** Jeff Smith Children's Meditation Michael Conley Conductor John Walko Organist/Pianist Natalie Ter Agapova Soloist Gabrielle Goozée-Nichols Soloist Nancy Hall Soloist Joachim Luis Soloist Jefferson Packer Soloist Ben Pattison Soloist Michael Villarreal Soloist Calvary Chancel Choir

# Next Week in Worship: December 7 at 10am

Matthew 3:1-12 Repentance is part of the work of preparation – and both activities have individual and collective elements. As crowds come to John for baptism, their repentance becomes a community event. Preparing the path of God also requires communities to engage in peace, love, and justice.

# CHRISTMAS AT CALVARY \*

Longest Night Worship Service Waxing Moon Sunday, December 21 at 5pm

Christmas Eve Worship Services Wednesday, December 24 at 5 & 8pm

Sunday, December 28 at 10am

**Epiphany Worship Service** Sunday, January 4 at 10am



THIS ADVENT, WE ACKNOWLEDGE
OUR NEED FOR RADICAL HOPE. THE
SCRIPTURES FROM THIS SEASON
ENCOURAGE US TO PREPARE FOR
GOD'S BEST, YET IT SOMETIMES
FEELS LIKE WE ARE LIVING IN THE
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WORLD? SOON AND VERY SOON,
FRIENDS, SOON AND VERY SOON.



# 2026 ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN

### JOIN CALVARY IN MINISTRY • MAKE A PLEDGE FOR 2026

Stewardship is more than meeting a budget—it's about shining Christ's love and light in the world.

Pledging is easy:

- ightrightarrow Use the QR code to pledge online
- Visit calpres.org/give/annual-giving-2026
- Complete the pledge card mailed to you or Use one located in the pew rack

Questions about pledging? Contact a pastor or Robin Morjikian. The congregation has pledged over \$905,000 for **Giving Light to the World**, our 2026 pledge campaign. We are over 62% towards our goal! Thank you!

Your pledge supports Calvary worship services, music ministries, outreach to those in need, and so much more.

To help our church meet its \$1.45 million goal, please make your pledge today!



# THE OUTDOOR GIVING TREE DECEMBER 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 28

We invite everyone to Take What You Need / Give What You Can.

Share God's love this Christmas season by helping others stay warm! The Outdoor Giving Tree is back this Advent and Christmas Season! Share the joy of the holidays with everyone in our city. This tree will be decorated with brand new hats, mittens, and socks for our neighbors who need some extra warmth this winter season.

Please bring your donations of new hats, mittens, and socks enclosed in a plastic, zip-lock bag and clip it to our Giving Tree. We will provide the clothespins, but please put your items in a zip-lock bag to protect them from the elements, and LABEL your bag indicating what item is included and whether it is for an adult or for a child.

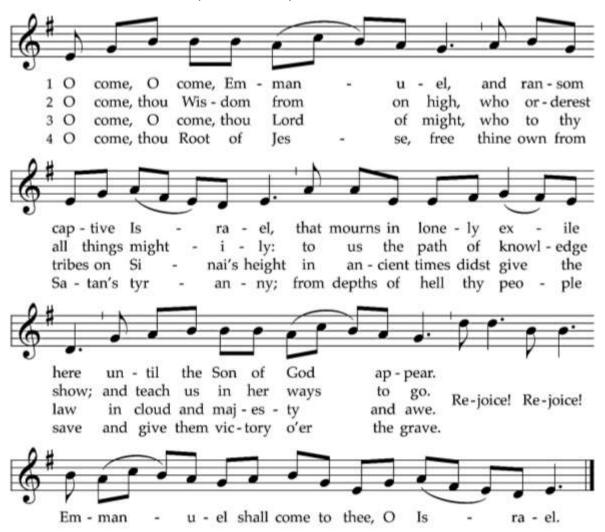
# -Raphael House: Adopt-a-Family-

### **THROUGH DECEMBER 21**

Together, we can make the Christmas season merry and bright for a Raphael House family. Calvary has been matched with a family of seven—two teen boys, two younger girls, and an infant.

To help make their holiday bright, you are invited to donate cash or checks (made out to Calvary, note: *Raphael House Giving Tree* on the memo line). Donations are being collected at the Raphael House Giving Tree during Coffee Hour.

For more information, stop by the table in Calvin Hall.



O come, thou Key of David, come, and open wide our heavenly home; make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery.

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

- 6 O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thine advent here; disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.
- 7 O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind; bid envy, strife, and discord cease; fill the whole world with heaven's peace. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

One stanza of this paraphrase of the great O Antiphons may be sung on each of the last days of Advent as follows:

 Dec. 17: O Wisdom (2)
 Dec. 20: O Key of David (5)
 Dec. 23: O Emmanuel (1)

 Dec. 18: O Lord of might (3)
 Dec. 21: O Dayspring (6)

Dec. 18: O Lord of might (3)

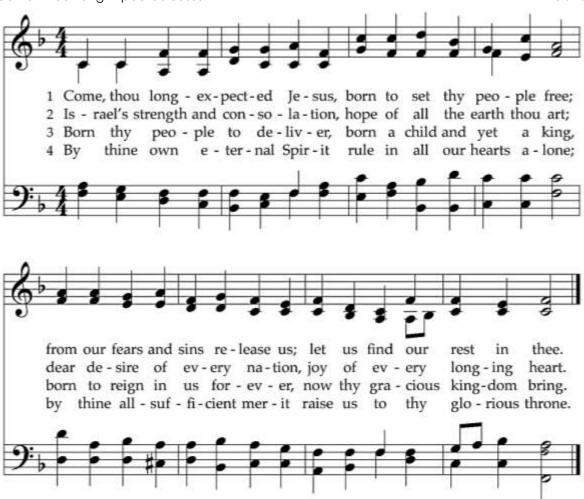
Dec. 19: O Root of Jesse (4)

Dec. 22: O Desire of Nations (7)

These titles of the coming Christ appeared in daily Vesper antiphons sung during the week before Christmas; their roots date at least to the reign of Charlemagne. Both text and tune are the fruit of 19th-century efforts to reclaim Christian treasures from pre-Reformation sources.



This spirited African American gospel hymn draws on John's vision of the new heaven and the new earth in Revelation 21:3–4, with its wonderful promise that God will wipe away the tears from all eyes, that death will be no longer, and that there will be no more mourning or pain.



With its opening "Come," this hymn sounds the note of entreaty and invitation that characterizes the Advent season (from the Latin *adventus* = "coming"). Its blending of memory and hope helps us to give voice to our present faith as we stand between the past and the future.

TEXT: Charles Wesley, 1744 MUSIC: Witt's Psalmodia Sacra, 1715, alt. STUTTGART 8.7.8.7

(alternate tune: HYFRYDOL, 82)

# LIFT UP YOUR HEADS





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