

Calvary Community Church

Worship Guide for December 13, 2020



WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP & OPENING PRAYER — *Isaiah 40:10-11*

Behold, the Lord God comes with might,
and his arm rules for him;

**behold, his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.**

He will tend his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms;

**he will carry them in his bosom,
and gently lead those that are with young.**

QUIET PREPARATION — *John 10:11*

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

HEARING FROM GOD'S WORD

John 1:1

Readings for the Third Sunday of Advent

But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah,
who are too little to be among the clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to be ruler in Israel,
whose coming forth is from of old,
from ancient days.

Micah 5:2

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be registered, each to his own town. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

Luke 2:1-7

O Little Town of Bethlehem

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

How silently, how silently the wondrous Gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His heav'n.
No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him still, the dear Christ enters in.

O holy child of Bethlehem, descend on us, we pray.
Cast out our sin, and enter in; be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell.
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord, Emmanuel.

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