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Calvary Presbyterian Church is a welcoming people of faith and hope in Christ Jesus, inspired by God's word and led by the Holy Spirit. We serve God, each other, our community, and the world, through worship, study, teaching, fellowship and outreach; demonstrating God's love, justice, compassion and grace.

Now is a good time to turn off our cell phones and listen for God's call.

Please sign the friendship pad at the end of the pew and pass it down for others to sign.

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PRAYER OF PREPARATION FOR A NEW DECADE

Holy Lord, on the first day of the week, you began creation, bringing light out of darkness.

*On the first day of the week, you began your new creation,
raising Jesus Christ out of the darkness of death.*

On this first Lord's Day of the new decade, bring us out of the darkness of our fear.

Wrap us in the radiance of your Word, which signals the dawn of justice and peace. Amen.

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

PRELUDE

Pat Bofird

SONGS OF PRAISE

OUR GATHERING

Elder Elect Anne Marie Peck

One: We gather wondering, "Where will we find the Babe born in Bethlehem?"

All: We will find the Babe in the laughter of children, in the wisdom of grandparents.

One: We gather asking, "Where will we find the Child of Christmas?"

All: We will find the Child where the needy find hope, where the oppressed are set free.

One: We gather wanting to know, "Where will we find the Christ who has come for us?"

**All: We will find Christ where fear is overwhelmed by grace,
where hatred is overwhelmed by love,
where all people are overwhelmed by joy.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: In the beginning was the word, and the word was with God.

All: And the Word was God.

One: And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory of the only begotten son, full of grace and truth.

The light shines in the darkness and the darkness cannot overcome it.

**All: Let us come into the light! Let us worship God,
who delivers salvation to us by our Savior, Jesus Christ!**

INVOCATION

One: Living God, you are the shining light that shows us our way,
the life that makes all things live,
the joy that makes the whole universe good.

**All: Help us to recognize you everywhere.
Open our senses to find you in unlikely places,
and open our hearts to welcome you in this place. Amen.**

*HYMN #481

"Praise the Lord, God's Glories Show"

* Please stand if you are able

PRAYER OF PRAISE (based on John 1:1-18)

One: Announcing, pronouncing, proclaiming, singing God,
you speak, and creation begins.

All: Your words become galaxies and atoms.

(A moment of silent reflection)

One: Your thoughts become volcanoes and chickens and radishes and people.

All: You speak, and your Word becomes flesh.

You sing and Love is born in a manger.

(A moment of silent reflection)

One: You smile and say, "It is good;" and your breath fills our bodies with the miracle of life.

All: We have seen Christ's glory, full of grace and truth.

PRAYER HYMN (SUNG BY ALL)

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

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Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

One: Grace has been poured into our hearts, love has flooded our souls, the light of hope shines in us.

All: This is the light which has come to all, the light we will carry and give to everyone we meet.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

RESPONSE (SUNG BY ALL) (#333)

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness,

And all these things shall be added unto you.

Allelu, alleluia.

Ask and it shall be given unto you; seek and you shall find;

Knock and the door shall be opened unto you.

Allelu, alleluia.

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

One: Let us pray.

All Sing: *Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
look full in his wonderful face,
and the things of earth will grow strangely dim,
in the light of his glory and grace.*

One: Calm us now, Lord. Give us an inner quietness that helps us hear your message. Heal our wounded hearts that we might be instruments of healing to others.

**All: As the scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, tell us what we need to hear,
and show us what we need to do.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 1:1-5

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GOSPEL READING

John 1:1-14

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SOLO

"He Ain't Heavy; He's My Brother"

Lois Davis

CHILDREN'S CHAT
SERMON

"Communion Is About Remembering"
Getting a New Start
RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Bruce Calkins
Rev. Bruce Calkins

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**All: God was present in times past —
in wilderness wanderings,
in fire and cloud, and wind and silence,
on the mountain of Sinai and the hill of Calvary,
in the work of apostles, evangelists, and reformers.**

**God is present today —
walking in the streets with the poor and the unemployed,
sitting at the bedside of the sick,
sharing a word of hope with the despairing,
strengthening those whose work seems difficult.**

**God will be present in the days to come —
encouraging us in ministry,
comforting us in adversity,
filling us with love and joy,
surrounding us with love and fellowship. Amen.**

SOLO

"Let There Be Peace On Earth"

Lois Davis

** After the solo, the congregation is invited to stand, move close together, place our hands on one another's shoulders, and sing "Let There Be Peace" together.*

Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth
The peace that was meant to be.

With God as our father
Brothers all are we.
Let me walk with my brother
In perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me
Let this be the moment now
With every step I take
Let this be my solemn vow.

To take each moment, And live each moment
With peace eternally
Let there be peace on earth,
And let it begin with me.

PRAISE REPORTS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

(Sung by all, #2193)

*Lord, listen to your children praying.
Lord, send your Spirit in this place.
Lord, listen to your children praying.
Send us love, send us power, send us grace.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OUR GIFTS OF THANKSGIVING

*"Give Thanks" (#2036 in Sing the Faith)

*Give thanks with a grateful heart,
give thanks to the Holy One.
Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son.
And now, let the weak say, "I am strong."
Let the poor say, "I am rich"
because of what the Lord has done for us.
Give thanks.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE INVITATION

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND CONSECRATION

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: It is truly our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O God.

You created all that is, making a universe out of chaos.

You made us in your image and freed us from the slavery of sin and oppression.

You called us to be your people and to be your light among the nations.

When we failed you, you did not fail us.

You revealed your love by sending your Son Jesus to be the Light of the world,
Emmanuel, God with us.

We join our voices with all the faithful of every time and place,
who sing of your love:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

One: Blessed is Jesus Christ, our Lord, who takes our place in death's prison.
In the deserts of our wanderings, he gives his body as manna for our weariness.
The cup of suffering which Jesus drank has become the cup of salvation.
In his resurrection, Jesus opened the way to eternal life.
Truly our sorrow has turned to joy.

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus:
dying, you destroyed our death;
rising, you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

One: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.
By your Spirit, unite us with Christ and all of your church, that we may be one.
As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.
We pray in the name of him who came to bring good news to the poor,
to proclaim release to the captives, to restore sight to the blind,
and to free the oppressed, even Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray together:

**All: 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.**

THE SHARING OF BREAD AND CUP

THE PRAYER AFTER THE MEAL

One: Gracious God, you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.
You have fed us with the bread of life, and renewed us for your service.
Help us who have shared Christ's body and received his cup to be faithful disciples
so that, through our daily living, your love may reach out into the world;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***HYMN #2129 IN SING THE FAITH, "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"**

***BENEDICTION**

Go, children of God.
Rejoice, and sing; dance and shout!
And God – the creative word, the everlasting light, the giver of grace and truth
will be with you forever. Amen.

POSTLUDE