

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2023. * The First Sunday of Advent *
Caldwell United Methodist Church, 8 Academy Road, Caldwell, N. J. 07006
Rev. Kil Jae Park, Pastor **Jackie Han, Music Minister**



PRELUDE **“Emmanuel, Emmanuel”** **Jackie Han**

WELCOME AND INVOCATION **Pastor Park**

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Welcome to this place of love and grace,
 Welcome to this place of hope and perseverance.
God invites all of us to be a part of the beloved community,
 God invites all of us to share in the good news:
We are welcome, just as we are. We are loved, just as we are.
 In gratitude for all of this, let us worship God.

*** OPENING HYMN** **“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”** **UMH # 196**

1. Come, thou long expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us,
let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.

2. Born thy people to deliver,
born a child and yet a King,
born to reign in us forever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all sufficient merit,
raise us to thy glorious throne.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Insert

the Land Family

HYMN

“Light the Advent Candle” (stanza 1)

TFWS # 2090

Light the Advent candle, one: Now the waiting has begun;
we have started on our way, time to think of Christmas day.

[Refrain]

Candle, candle, burning bright, shining in the cold winter night;
candle, candle, burning bright, fill our hearts with Christmas light.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

GATHERING SONG

“Thou Art Worthy”

TFWS # 2041

Thou art worthy,
Thou art worthy,
Thou art worthy, O Lord,
To receive glory,
Glory and honor,
Glory and honor and power
For Thou hast created,
hast all things created,
Thou hast created all things;
And for Thy pleasure
they are created -
Thou art worthy, O Lord.

SCRIPTURE

Mark 13:24-37

Reader

24 “But in those days, following that distress, “the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; **25** the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.’ **26** “At that time people will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. **27** And he will send his angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of the heavens. **28** “Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. **29** Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that it is near, right at the door. **30** Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. **31** Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away. **32** “But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. **33** Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come. **34** It’s like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with their assigned task, and tells the one at the door

**Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
we are goin' to see the King!**

**3 No more cryin' there we are goin' to see the King,
No more cryin' there we are goin' to see the King,
No more cryin' there we are goin' to see the King,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
we are goin' to see the King!**

*** BENEDICTION**

Pastor Park

POSTLUDE

“It Came Upon The Midnight Clear”

Jackie Han

***Stand as able**

The refreshments for today’s coffee hour are hosted by JeeYoung Park.

Prayer & Chant Circle, a peace-filled service of prayer and music led by Rev. Frederick Boyle is held on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month at 10:00 am. All are welcome.

Our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be at 8:00 pm. See the bulletin insert.

Please see the bulletin inserts for our “Finish Strong” stewardship campaign and also an opportunity to help beautify the church for the Christmas season with wreaths and garlands.