

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2025

Caldwell United Methodist Church, 8 Academy Road, Caldwell, N. J. 07006

Rev. Kil Jae Park, Pastor

Second Sunday of Advent

Worship Music: Rosalyn McClore



PRELUDE

“It Came Upon A Midnight Clear”

Rosalyn McClore

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

Pastor Park

*** OPENING HYMN**

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

UMH # 211

**1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.**

Refrain:

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.**

**2 O come, O Wisdom from on high,
who ordered all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show
and teach us in its ways to go. Refrain**

**3 O come, O come, great Lord of might,
who to your tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times did give the law
in cloud and majesty and awe. Refrain**

**4 O come, O Branch of Jesse's stem,
unto your own and rescue them!
From depths of hell your people save,
and give them victory o'er the grave. Refrain**

**5 O come, O Key of David, come
and open wide our heavenly home.
Make safe for us the heavenward road
and bar the way to death's abode. Refrain**

**6 O come, O Bright and Morning Star,
and bring us comfort from afar!
Dispel the shadows of the night
and turn our darkness into light. Refrain**

**7 O come, O King of nations, bind
in one the hearts of all mankind.**

Bid all our sad divisions cease
and be yourself our King of Peace. Refrain

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Insert

The Lakra Family

HYMN

“Light the Advent Candle” (stanzas 1 & 2)

TFWS # 2090

Candle 1 Light the Advent candle one
Now the waiting has begun
We have started on our way
Time to think of Christmas day.

Chorus: Candle, candle burning bright
Shining in the cold winter night
Candle, candle burning bright
Fill our hearts with Christmas light.

Candle 2 Light the Advent candle two
Think of humble shepherds who
Filled with wonder at the sight
Of the child on Christmas night.

Chorus: 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

“What Child Is This”

UMH # 219

*As we sing this song, please bring your prayer doves and put them
on the Christmas tree.*

**1. What child is this who, laid to rest,
on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
while shepherds watch are keeping?**

Refrain:

**This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary.**

**2. Why lies he in such mean estate
where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christians, fear, for sinners here
the silent Word is pleading.
(Refrain)**

**3. So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh,
come, peasant, king, to own him;
the King of kings salvation brings,
let loving hearts enthrone him.
(Refrain)**

SCRIPTURE

Romans 15:4-13

4 For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

5 May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus,

6 so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

7 Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.

8 For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the Jews on behalf of God's truth, to confirm the promises made to the patriarchs

9 so that the Gentiles may glorify God for his mercy, as it is written: "Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles; I will sing hymns to your name."

10 Again, it says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people."

11 And again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and sing praises to him, all you peoples."

12 And again, Isaiah says, "The Root of Jesse will spring up, one who will arise to rule over the nations; the Gentiles will hope in him."

13 May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God

ANTHEM

"Never Alone"

Rosalyn McClore

**I've seen the lightning flashing and heard the thunder roll;
I've felt sin's breakers dashing, trying to conquer my soul;
I've heard the voice of Jesus telling me still to fight on;
He promised never to leave me, Never to leave me alone.**

Chorus

**No, never alone! No, never alone!
He promised never to leave me, Never to leave me alone;
No never alone! No, never alone!
He promised never to leave me, Never to leave me alone.**

**When in affliction's valley I tread the road of care,
My Savior helps me carry the cross so heavy to bear;
Though all around me is darkness, earthly joys all flown;
My Savior whispers His promise, never to leave me alone!**

He died on Calvary's mountain, for me they pierced His side.
 For me He opened that fountain, the crimson, cleansing tide.
 For me He waiteth in glory, seated upon His throne.
 He promised never to leave me, never to leave me alone!
 Chorus

MESSAGE

"God of Hope"

Pastor Park

RECEIVING THE MORNING'S OFFERINGS

***DOXOLOGY**

UMH # 95

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
 Praise Him all creatures here below
 Praise Him above ye heavenly host
 Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

UMH # 13

The Lord be with you.
 And also with you.
 Lift up your hearts.
 We lift them up to the Lord.
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
 It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
 always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
 Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven
 we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.
 By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
 you gave birth to your Church,
 delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
 and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread,
 gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:
 "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
 Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

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 trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever.
Amen.

* CLOSING HYMN

"Song of Hope"

TFWS # 2186

May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace;
singing, share our joy with all;
working for a world that's new,
faithful when we hear Christ's call.

* BENEDICTION

Pastor Park

***Stand as able**

Announcements:

- We welcome all of you to our morning worship service on this second Sunday of Advent. We are glad that you are joining us this morning in person as well as online.
- Altar Flowers are given today by Tracy Voca to the Glory of God and in memory of her parents Bill & Marion Rangnow.
- Special thanks to Zachary LeForge for hosting the time of Fellowship today. Please join us for fellowship immediately following the worship service.
- Fellowship Hour hosts are very much needed throughout the month of December. There is a signup sheet in the Guyn Room. Your ministry of welcome and hospitality is truly appreciated.
- To those who write checks for their offering-our bank has requested that you write out the full name of the church i.e.: "Caldwell United Methodist Church" instead of using an abbreviation such as "CUMC".



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Happy Birthday to:

Greg Elphinstone – December 10

Coming Soon

Friday, December 12 @ 6:00 pm – Women's Christmas Party

Saturday, December 13 @ 7:30 pm – Blue Christmas Service

Sunday, December 14 @ 10 am – Christmas Cantata

2025 Advent Candle Lighting Schedule

#	DATE	FAMILY
First	Nov 30	The Ripa Family
Second	Dec 7	The Lakra Family
Third	Dec 14	The Moeller Family
Fourth	Dec 21	The Zajac Family
Christmas Eve	Dec 24	The Davidson Family