

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2025

Third Sunday of Advent

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

Rev. Kil Jae Park, Pastor

Worship Music: Rosalyn McClore



PRELUDE

“We Three Kings”

Rosalyn McClore

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

Pastor Park

*** OPENING HYMN**

“Angels from the Realms of Glory”

UMH # 220

**1 Angels from the realms of glory,
wing your flight o'er all the earth;
ye who sang creation's story
now proclaim Messiah's birth:**

Refrain:

**Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn king.**

**2 Shepherds, in the field abiding,
watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing;
yonder shines the infant light: [Refrain]**

**3 Sages, leave your contemplations,
brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great Desire of nations;
ye have seen his natal star: [Refrain]**

**4. Saints, before the altar bending,
watching long in hope and fear;
suddenly the Lord, descending,
in his temple shall appear:
(Refrain)**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Insert

The Moeller Family

Reader: "And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name'" (Luke 1:46-49).

Reader: Today we remember Mary, innocent and powerful, sacred and scared, worried and waiting as the Savior of all grows in her womb. She sings boldly when she might be meek; she bears her role in history with the confidence of a warrior; she is the beginning of a mighty revolution as the proud are brought down and the lowly lifted up.

People: Today we give thanks for the Marys among us, who step out of the roles society has planned; unintended pioneers determined to do as God asks; fearless and fearfully stepping out in faith, and beckoning us to do the same.

Reader: On this third Sunday of Advent, we light this candle as a symbol of Mary, mother of God, bearer of the Way.

HYMN

“Light the Advent Candle” (stanzas 1,2 & 3)

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.

Candle 3 Light the Advent candle three
Think of heavenly harmony
Angels singing “Peace on earth”
At the blessed Savior’s birth.

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

2025 CHRISTMAS CANTATA

1.Carol of the BellsCUMC Bell Choir

Narration: Good morning, and welcome. Today, we gather to celebrate the most beautiful promise ever kept — the promise of peace on earth and goodwill toward men.

In a world that still aches for calm and comfort, we pause to remember that true peace didn't come through politics or power... it came through a person. It came wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger, surrounded not by royalty, but by shepherds.

This is the season when the Prince of Peace stepped into our world. Let us lift our hearts in thanksgiving, for Jesus is coming! He is coming to still the storms within us, to quiet our fears, and to bring light to every weary heart.

Today, we invite you to listen not only with your ears, but with your spirit — to hear the message *“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace.”* As the music unfolds, may it remind us that peace is not the absence of trouble, but the presence of Christ. May every note, every bell, and every voice lift up the name of Jesus — our Shepherd, our Savior, our everlasting Prince of Peace. Let us praise Christmas. Let us praise Jesus. For Peace has come!

2. Choir: Prepare Ye the Way of Lord.....Cello.... RosalynJaeyeonChoir

Narration: From the very beginning, God's desire for His children has been peace — not a fleeting calm or a quiet moment, but a peace that reaches into the very soul. The world has always searched for it — through power, through possessions, through people yet true peace cannot be found in things; it can only be found in Him. When the angels appeared that first Christmas night, their message wasn't one of fear or judgment — it was one of comfort: *“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace.”* Today, we echo that message once more. In a noisy world, may our hearts grow still. In our storms, may His presence be our calm.

As we listen to this next song, let its message remind us that peace is not something we find —it is Someone who finds us. The Prince of Peace has come... and He is here even now.

3. Choir: Peace.....by Vivian Terry Lane

Narration: It was a night like no other — a night wrapped not in silence, but in sacred stillness. The world slept beneath a blanket of stars, unaware that in a humble stable, surrounded by the soft breath of animals and the quiet wonder of creation, Peace Himself was born.

There were no royal processions, no trumpets, no earthly fanfare — only the rhythm of a mother's heartbeat, the whisper of a father's prayer, and the cry of a newborn King. The angels filled the sky with light, proclaiming, *“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace.”* And for the first time since Eden, the world exhaled — because hope had come. On that holy night, love took on flesh. Light entered darkness. And the promise of peace became a Person — Jesus, Emmanuel, God with us. As we hear this beloved song, may we remember --- that night wasn't just holy because of what happened in Bethlehem, but because it changed every night that followed. *This... was the night divine.*

4. Oh Holy Night..... Cello and PianoHannah Burke/Rosalyn McClore

Narration: There are moments in the Christmas story when heaven feels so close you can almost hear the flutter of angel wings---moments when the noise of the world fades, and all that remains is the whisper of God's love. That first Christmas night was such a moment.

As the shepherds stood beneath the open sky, the angels didn't bring announcements of war or warnings of judgment. They brought a message wrapped in light:
"Glory to God in the highest... and on earth, peace."

It's a peace deeper than understanding, a peace stronger than fear, a peace that reaches the restless heart and settles it like soft snowfall covering an open winter field. This next song brings together two worlds —the soaring worship of our day and the timeless beauty of Chopin. It reminds us that peace is not bound by style, century, or sound. Whether whispered in a stable, played on a piano, or sung from a worshiper's heart, the message is the same: Christ has come, and peace has come with Him.

As you listen, let the music carry you back to that holy night when heaven bent low, when angels rejoiced, and when peace... true peace... settled upon the earth.

5. Peace Upon the Earth.....Hillsong Worship/Chopin Soloist: Jaeyeon Kim

Narration.. In every generation, the people of God have needed a shepherd — Someone who would guide them when the path grew dark, who would lift them when their burdens grew heavy, who would lead them beside still waters when the noise of the world became too loud.

Long before that night in Bethlehem, the prophet Isaiah spoke of One who would come —not with armies or thunder, but with tenderness. "He shall feed His flock like a shepherd," Isaiah wrote, "He shall gather the lambs in His arms and carry them close to His heart."

In those words, we hear the promise of *peace* —not the peace the world gives, but the calm that comes from being known and loved by God. The same peace that watched over the manger still watches over us today. And so we listen now to Handel's timeless expression of that promise —a musical portrait of a Savior who leads, who comforts, and who gently restores all who follow His voice. *This is the Shepherd of Peace... our Jesus, our guide, our rest.*

6. He Shall Lead His Flock.....Handel/Messiah Soloist: Jaeyeon Kim

Narration: The story doesn't end at the manger — it *begins* there. The Child who came to bring peace on earth also came to fill our hearts with joy unspeakable. The angels sang it, the shepherds shouted it, and we are called to carry it still.

When we sing *“Go Tell It on the Mountain,”* we're joining that first chorus of believers — those who ran from the hills of Bethlehem proclaiming, *“The Savior... is here!”*
The message of peace was never meant to be silent; it was meant to be shared.
And as we look upon that holy night with wonder, we can't help but rejoice because the One who came as a child still reigns as our King. His light still shines in the darkness, His love still reaches the broken, and His peace still calms the weary soul.

So this morning we celebrate — not just a story told long ago, but a Savior who lives within us now. Let's lift our voices and sing, *“Jesus, What a Wonderful Child!”*
For He is the joy of every longing heart, the hope of every weary world, and the everlasting Prince of Peace. And as our hearts overflow with praise, we proclaim together — *“Joy to the World, the Lord is come!”*

Friends, this is our moment to rejoice together!
We invite everyone ... choir, congregation, and guests, to lift your voices in song.
Sing with us as we celebrate the peace that still comforts,
the joy that still triumphs, and the Savior who still reigns.
Let heaven and nature sing!
Let every heart prepare Him room!
For Christ is born — and because He lives,
we have peace, we have joy, and we have hope everlasting.
(*Rosalyn will start playing the first song when you begin the last line*)

7. **Go Tell it On the Mountain**.....Choir (Solo: Joyce Francavila)
8. **Jesus What a Wonderful Child**.....Choir (Solo: Rosalyn McClore)
9. **Joy to The World**.....Singalong

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

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 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**

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

UMH # 234

1. O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.
Come and behold him, born the King of angels;

Refrain:

**Venite adoremus, venite adoremus,
venite adoremus, Dominum.**

*(O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord)*

2. True God of true God, Light from Light Eternal,
lo, he shuns not the Virgin's womb;
Son of the Father, begotten, not created;
(Refrain)

3. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;
(Refrain)

4. See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle,
leaving their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;
we too will thither bend our joyful footsteps;
(Refrain)

5. Child, for us sinners poor and in the manger,
we would embrace thee with love and awe.
Who would not love thee, loving us so dearly?
(Refrain)

6. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,
Jesus, to thee be all glory given.
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:
(Refrain)

*** BENEDICTION**

Pastor Park

***Stand as able**

Announcements:

- We welcome all of you to our morning worship service on this third Sunday of Advent. We are glad that you are joining us this morning in person as well as online.
- We extend a special welcome to cellist Hannah Burke and soloist Jaeyeon Kim, our guest musicians this morning.
- Special thanks to Jaya Lakra for hosting the time of Fellowship today. Please join us for fellowship immediately following the worship service.
- Please join us also for the Cookie Walk today immediately following worship.
- Fellowship Hour hosts are very much needed throughout the month of January. 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:

Christine Waddington – December 17

Happy Anniversary to:

Gail & Glenn Plumstead – December 17

Coming Soon

Wednesday, December 24 @ 7:30 pm – Christmas Eve Service

2025 Advent Candle Lighting Schedule

Third	Dec 14	The Moeller Family
Fourth	Dec 21	The Zajac Family
Christmas Eve	Dec 24	The Davidson Family