

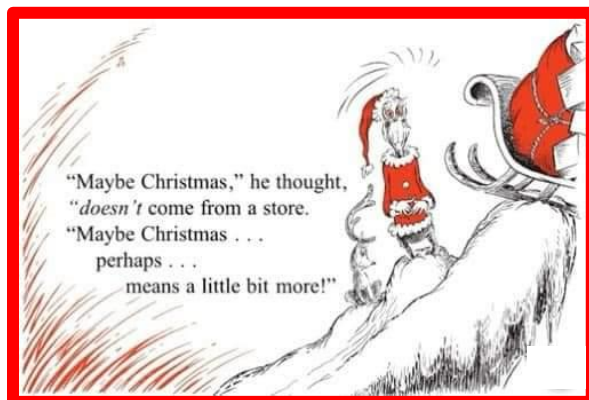
**SUNDAY, December 26, 2021**

**1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY**

**Caldwell United Methodist Church, 8 Academy Rd., Caldwell, NJ 07006**

**Rev. Vivian L. Rodeffer, Pastor**

**Ms. Maxine Alstrom, Music Director**



## **PRELUDE**

### **WELCOME AND INVOCATION**

**Pastor Viv**

*God of stable, stars and surprises, of light and hope and new life:  
open our eyes and hearts to your presence in our world;  
forgive our obsession with property and possessions;  
forgive our compromises and narrowness of vision.  
Open us to your grace, that we might hear again the song of the angels,  
and respond with a song in our hearts, and in our lives. **Amen.***

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Psalm 148**

- <sup>1</sup> Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!
- <sup>2</sup> **Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!**
- <sup>3</sup> **Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!**
- <sup>4</sup> Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!
- <sup>5</sup> Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created.
- <sup>6</sup> **He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.**
- <sup>7</sup> Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,
- <sup>8</sup> fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!
- <sup>9</sup> **Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!**
- <sup>10</sup> **Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!**
- <sup>11</sup> Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!
- <sup>12</sup> Young men and women alike, old and young together!

<sup>13</sup> Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted;  
his glory is above earth and heaven.

<sup>14</sup> He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful,  
for the people of Israel who are close to him.  
Praise the Lord!

## HYMN

## The Debut

(to the tune of *Jingle Bells*)

### *Refrain*

In this crowd sing out loud: Glory to the One!  
God has made things personal by sending us the Son.  
In this crowd sing out loud: Glory! Allelu!  
Celebrate the birth of Christ --the day of his debut.

### Stanza 1

The faithful waited long for God to intervene--  
To rule with power and might, to give them what they dreamed.  
What a big surprise! The Savior was a child!  
The Christmas story goes to show God's plans are really wild!

### *Refrain*

### Stanza 2

God's love is for all, there can be no doubt.  
The poor, the weak, the small--no one is left out!  
The reason Jesus came: God wanted to be near;  
God wanted to draw close to us, and that is why we cheer!

### *Refrain*

Written by Rev. Christine Sobania Johnson on her blog, **Freshly Squeezed Liturgy**. <http://freshlysqueezedliturgy.blogspot.com/>

## SCRIPTURE

### Colossians 3: 12-17

<sup>12</sup> As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. <sup>13</sup> Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. <sup>14</sup> Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. <sup>15</sup> And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup> Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual



No Choir Rehearsal

**Saturday, January 1, 2022**

**MAY YOU HAVE A HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

**Sunday, January 2**

10 AM Zoom Worship Only. **No in person worship.**