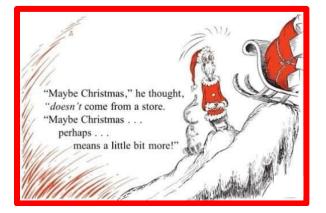
SUNDAY, December 26, 20211st SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAYCaldwell United Methodist Church, 8 Academy Rd., Caldwell, NJ 07006Rev. Vivian L. Rodeffer, PastorMs. Maxine Alstrom, Music Director



PRELUDE

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

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

Pastor Viv

¹ Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

² Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

³ Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

⁴ Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

⁵ Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created.

⁶ He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

⁷ Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,

⁸ fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!

⁹ Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

¹⁰ Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!

¹¹ Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

¹² Young men and women alike, old and young together!

- ¹³ Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted;
 - his glory is above earth and heaven.
- ¹⁴ 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

¹² As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³ 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. ¹⁴ Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶ 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 songs to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

The word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.

"When Love Was Born"Herms, Shultz and LewisJoyce Francavilla, Solo

SHARING TIME:OUR CHRISTMAS MEMORIESPastor VivYou are invited to share a special Christmas Memory that your give God thanks for today!

DEDICATION OF OURSELVES AND OUR OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY Praise God for gifts of hope and peace Praise God for gifts of joy and love. Praise God for sending Christ to dwell, On earth for us – Emmanuel. Amen.

THE MORNING PRAYER, YOUR SILENT PRAYERS & 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

A TIME OF SINGING CHORUSES OF CHRISTMAS FAVORITE HYMNS

Led by Music Director Maxine Alstrom, Joyce Francavilla and Robb McCombe

*BENEDICTION

Be people of joy. Let joy live in your heart and share the joy of Christ with all you meet. Share joy by seeing the good in each other. Share joy by remembering good times and hoping for good times to come. Share joy by praying for our world. **Amen.**

*POSTLUDE

* Stand as able.

CALENDAR

Monday, December 27	No Prayer/ Discussion Group Today
Tuesday, December 28	No Bell Choir Rehearsal

No Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, January 1, 2022MAY YOU HAVE A HAPPY NEW YEAR!Sunday, January 210 AM Zoom Worship Only. No in person worship.