

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2025

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

Rev. Kil Jae Park, Pastor

First Sunday after Christmas

Worship Music: Rosalyn McClore



PRELUDE

"Amazing Grace"

Rosalyn McClore

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

Pastor Park

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Shout to the Lord your praises!

P: Sing to the Lord the joy of this day!

L: For God's might and power are established in the universe!

P: God's transforming love beckons us.

*** OPENING HYMN**

"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"

UMH # 240

1. Hark! the herald angels sing,
 "Glory to the new-born King;
 peace on earth, and mercy mild,
 God and sinners reconciled!"
 Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
 join the triumph of the skies;
 with th'angelic host proclaim,
 "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
 Hark! the herald angels sing,
 "Glory to the new born King!"

2. Christ, by highest heaven adored;
 Christ, the everlasting Lord;
 late in time behold him come,
 offspring of a virgin's womb.
 Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
 hail th' incarnate Deity,
 pleased with us in flesh to dwell,
 Jesus, our Emmanuel.
 Hark! the herald angels sing,
 "Glory to the new-born King!"

3. Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
 Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
 Light and life to all he brings,
 risen with healing in his wings.
 Mild he lays his glory by,
 born that we no more may die,

born to raise us from the earth,
 born to give us second birth.
 Hark! the herald angels sing,
 "Glory to the new born King!"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we come to you weary from the busyness of the season. In all the doing and gathering, we confess that we often lost sight of you. We focused on getting and preparing more than on receiving your presence. Forgive us, Lord. Meet us in our tiredness and restore our hearts. Renew our joy, our compassion, and our faith, so that we may move forward in hope and live as people shaped by your love. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: In the name of Jesus, you are forgiven.

P: In the name of Jesus, you are forgiven.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

GATHERING SONG

"Surely the Presence of the Lord"

UMH # 328

Surely the presence
 Of the Lord is in this place
 I can feel His mighty power
 And His grace
 I can hear the brush of angel's wings
 I see glory on each face
 Surely the presence
 Of the Lord is in this place

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 2:13-23

13 When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. "Get up," he said, "take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him."

14 So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt,
 15 where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: "Out of Egypt I called my son."

16 When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi.

17 Then what was said through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled:

18 "A voice is heard in Ramah, weeping and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children and refusing to be comforted, because they are no more."

19 After Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt
20 and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who were trying to take the child's life are dead."

21 So he got up, took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel.

22 But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning in Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. Having been warned in a dream, he withdrew to the district of Galilee,

23 and he went and lived in a town called Nazareth. So was fulfilled what was said through the prophets, that he would be called a Nazarene

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

All: Thanks be to God

ANTHEM

"I Call Him Lord"

Rosalyn McClore

MESSAGE

"So Was FulFilled"

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**

PRAYER

Pastor Karen

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**

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

UMH # 127

1. Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more;
feed me till I want no more.

2. Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,

be thou still my strength and shield;
be thou still my strength and shield.

3. When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee;
I will ever give to thee.

*** BENEDICTION**

Pastor Park

POSTLUDE

***Stand as able**

Announcements:

- We welcome all of you to our morning worship service today. We are glad that you are joining us this morning in person as well as online.
- Special thanks to Zachary LeFurge 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 January. There is a signup sheet in the Guyn Room. Your ministry of welcome and hospitality is truly appreciated.
- We are continuing with our stewardship and Let's Finish Strong campaign. Please prayerfully consider making a special offering to meet our financial goal for 2025 through the Let's Finish Strong campaign.



Thank You

Jee Young and I thank you for your prayers and support throughout 2025, which have allowed us to serve this wonderful faith community with love and joy.

Thank you also for your Christmas cards and thoughtful gifts.
We are truly grateful for your kindness and care.

Wishing you a happy and blessed New Year, filled with God's love, joy,
and peace.

With gratitude,
Pastor Park & Jee Young



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