

John 1:5



*The light  
shines in the darkness,  
but the darkness  
has not understood it.*

December 25, 2018

**“And the Word became flesh and lived among us,  
and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father’s  
only son, full of grace and truth.”**

**John 1:14**

**Christmas Day**

Liturgist: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys

Preaching Pastor: Rev. Brad Zwiers

Organist: Kenneth Bos

Trumpeter: Phil Bajema

Ministry of Music: Sanctuary Choir

Scripture Reader: Brian Netz

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**Ten o'clock**

**December 25, 2018**

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**GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP**

Prelude: “Carol Medley”

Lani Smith

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: “Sing with Joy, Glad Voices Lift”

R. Vaughan Williams

Sing with joy, glad voices lift; honor God, the highest gift,  
who such wondrous deeds performs,  
Who sent his own beloved Son to save us.

*Refrain:* On this day did he appear, Christ Jesus, dear Immanuel,  
brings to us salvation, saves from death and hell.

Jesus, Jesus; lo, he comes, and loves, and saves, and frees us!

See how angels in the sky God in heaven glorify.

Sing as they the glad refrain of peace on earth,

Good will to all, and blessing.

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Allory Netz

Christmas Reading and Prayer

Molly Netz

\* Christmas Hymns: “Angels We Have Heard on High”

**#82:1-3**

“What Child Is This”

**#95:1-3**

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

**#76:1-4**

\* God's Greeting

\* Affirmation of Faith: from the Nicene Creed back cover of hymnal

**We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
Begotten from the Father before all ages,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
True God from true God, begotten, not made;  
Of the same essence as the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
He came down from heaven;  
He became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,  
And was made human.**

\*Songs of Response: "Joy to the World" #92:1-4  
"Away in a Manger" #86:1-3  
(children may come forward)

## **GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS WORD**

Message for Children: Luke 2:1-20

Anthem: "No Small Wonder" Paul Edwards

Small wonder the star, small wonder the light,  
the angels in chorus, the shepherds in fright;  
*but stable and manger for God—no small wonder!*

Small wonder the kings, small wonder they bore  
the gold and the incense, the myrrh to adore;  
*but God gives his life on a cross—no small wonder!*

Small wonder the love, small wonder the grace,  
the power, the glory, the light of his face;  
*but all to redeem my poor heart—no small wonder!*

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

\* Hymn of Preparation: "Of the Father's Love Begotten" #78:1-4

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: John 1:1-18

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Sermon: **THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD**

## Prayer of Application

### WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE

\* Hymn of Response: “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

**#80:1-3**

Presentation of Offerings and Passing of Friendship Pads

Offertory Prayer: Tom Prince

Offering for Benevolence

Offertory: “The Holly and the Ivy”

John Purifoy

\* Benediction

\* Doxology: “Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

**#78:5**

**Christ, to you, with God the Father and the Spirit,  
There shall be hymn and chant and high thanksgiving  
And the shout of jubilee: honor, glory, and dominion  
And eternal victory evermore and evermore.  
Amen.**

\* Postlude: “Trumpet Tune”

William Boyce

#### In Worship:

- Our worship proceeds unannounced and follows the printed liturgy.
- “And being found in human form, he humbled himself . . .” The colors and materials of the Christmas banner reflect God’s glory manifest in the humble setting of the incarnation of Jesus Christ.
- Large print resources are available at the Information Desk.
- Adult coloring pages are on the TRIP table in the Narthex.
- Our facility is equipped with the Loop hearing system.



#### For Children:

- Ages 0-2: Infant and toddler nurseries are available.
- Busy Bags for young children are on the picket fence in the Atrium.
- Bulletins for older children are in the rack in the Narthex.
- Coloring pages and colored pencils are available at the table in the Narthex.

#### Fellowship and Information:

- Everyone is invited to the Fellowship Hall for refreshments following the morning service.
- “Like” us on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/CalvinChristianReformedChurch](http://www.facebook.com/CalvinChristianReformedChurch)
- All of our ministries are described in the colorful folders at the Information Desk near the nurseries.

**Christmas week office hours: 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM, Wednesday and Thursday**

Bulletin deadline: Wednesday Noon

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