Order of Worship for 12/17/23

10:00am CST

Online at www.calvinchurch.net | via phone at (952) 208-6020 | parking lot radio on 87.9FM

* Please rise in body/spirit | Congregational responses are in bold

Unless otherwise noted, sing all verses on hymns

The beautiful floral arrangement today is in celebration of Joel & Sarah's 50th wedding anniversary which they celebrated on December 8th.

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING CEREMONY

The Hagan Family

CHORAL OPENING

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Advent is a time to prepare.

All: Prepare the way of the Lord; make straight the way for our God.

One: During Advent we prepare our eyes to see the light of Christ.

All: Prepare the way of the Lord; make straight the way for our God.

One: During Advent we prepare our hearts to receive the Word of Christ.

All: Prepare the way of the Lord; make straight the way for our God.

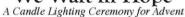
One: During Advent we prepare to share the joy of Christ.

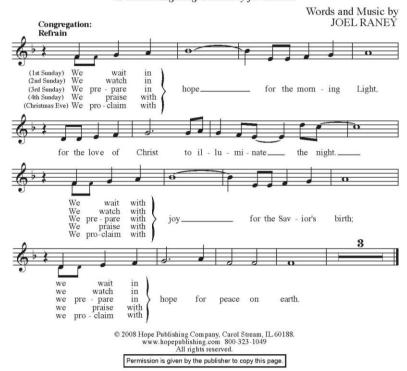
All: Prepare the way of the Lord; make straight the way for our God.

One: During Advent we prepare to embrace the promise of Christ.

All: Prepare the way of the Lord; make straight the way for our God.

LIGHTING THE THIRD CANDLE





OPENING PRAYER (all)

God in heaven, as we continue our Advent journey, help us to be people who wait for you, watch for you, and through your Spirit, be prepared for you. Continue to shine your light in our lives as we look at all you have done, all you are doing, and all you will do. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN #22

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

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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:

3 Sages, leave your contemplations, Brighter visions beam afar;

Seek the great Desire of nations; Ye have seen His natal star.

4 All creation, join in praising God, the Father, Spirit, Son, Evermore your voices raising To the eternal Three in One.

SPRUCE TO THE RESCUE!

Play by Dean Ridings

CAST

| KIDS | |
|----------------------------------|---|
| Anna | Brooke Shirley |
| Joey | Crosby LaVere |
| Walter | Walter Rhea |
| Lucy | Lucy LaVere |
| TREE | |
| Spruce | Todd Wood |
| SINGERS | |
| Shepherd Singers | Allie Shirley & Myla Wenz |
| Magi | Adeline Gagner, Vincent Gagner & Lucille Rhea |
| OFFERTORY CALL & OFFERTORY MUSIC | |

PRAYER FOR THE OFFERING & THE LORD'S PRAYER

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*CLOSING HYMN #27

Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

1 Gentle Mary laid her Child Lowly in a manger; There He lay, the undefiled, To the world a stranger. Such a Babe in such a place, Can He be the Savior? Ask the saved of all the race Who have found His favor.

2 Angels sang about His birth; Wise men sought and found Him; Heaven's star shone brightly forth, Glory all around Him. Shepherds saw the wondrous sight, Heard the angels singing; All the plains were lit that night, All the hills were ringing. 3 Gentle Mary laid her Child Lowly in a manger; He is still the undefiled, But no more a stranger. Son of God, of humble birth, Beautiful the story; Praise His Name in all the earth, Hail the King of glory!

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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