

THE PEOPLE OF CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH GATHER FOR

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

DECEMBER 6, 2015

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

WORSHIP 11:00 A.M.

We are an ecumenical, multi-racial, multi-ethnic Christian body
that reaches out to the world with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

To that end we strive to be welcoming, responsive, trusting and prayerful in everything we do.

WAIT ON THE LORD



"those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength..." -Isaiah 40:31a

Advent Sunday of Peace

Advent is a time of hope and anticipation
as we await the birth of the Christ child.

Advent is a time of journeying with
all the faithful to renewed life in Christ.

As we wait in joyful expectation,
we also pay heed to our own
responsibility in helping to bring about
a more just and peaceful world.

Come, Lord Jesus!
Show us the way of peace.

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Adeste Fideles
John Francis Wade / arr. Gary R. Smoke
Calvary Ringers

WELCOME

Reverend Zehyoue

⊕ PROCESSION, HYMN 124

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence
PICARDY

⊕ LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF PEACE

Mayra, José, Christian, & Mayrita Nelson Durán
Calvary Latino Fellowship

We light this candle as a symbol of peace, a light in our dark and violent world.

Come, Lord Jesus! Show us the way of peace.

We pray for peace, the peace you promised us that surpasses all understanding, where
the lion and lamb lay down together, where the leopard and goat play together.

Come, Lord Jesus! Show us the way of peace.

Show us the way of peace, so that nations will no longer pick up swords against each other,
and their spears will turn into pruning hooks. Show us the way of peace so that we will
study war no more.

Come, Lord Jesus! Show us the way of peace.

Show us the way of peace as we wait, anxiously and excitedly, for the Prince of Peace,
Jesus the Christ, to usher in the reign of God's eternal peace.

Together we worship and together we wait. Come, Lord Jesus! Show us the way of peace.

⊕ Congregation standing; la congregación se pone de pie.

Congregational responses in **bold**. Audio enhancement devices available for use during worship.

Please ask an usher for assistance.

Respuestas congregacionales en **negrita**. Para Biblias en español o traducción del servicio en español, por favor
hablar con un ujier.

All sing together:

**Come quickly, Shalom, teach us how to prepare
For a gift that compels us with justice to care
Our spirits are restless 'til sin and war cease
One candle is lit for the reign of God's peace.**

☉ **PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Mayra and José Nelson Durán

La paz del Señor sea contigo. **Y contigo también.**
The peace of the Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

☉ **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Make Us One
MAKE US ONE

**Make us one, Lord, make us one; Holy Spirit, make us one.
Let your love flow so the world will know we are one in you.**

A TIME WITH CHILDREN

Reverend Lea

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Away in a Manger
attr. James R. Murray / arr. Gary R. Smoke
Calvary Ringers

LISTENING FOR THE WORD OF GOD

HEBREW LESSON

Malaquías/Malachi 3:1-4
Lorena Pereira

¹He aquí, yo envío mi mensajero, el cual preparará el camino delante de mí; y vendrá súbitamente a su templo el Señor a quien vosotros buscáis, y el ángel del pacto, a quien deseáis vosotros. He aquí viene, ha dicho Jehová de los ejércitos. ²¿Y quién podrá soportar el tiempo de su venida? ¿o quién podrá estar en pie cuando él se manifieste? Porque él es como fuego purificador, y como jabón de lavadores. ³Y se sentará para afinar y limpiar la plata; porque limpiará a los hijos de Leví, los afinará como a oro y como a plata, y traerán a Jehová ofrenda en justicia. ⁴Y será grata a Jehová la ofrenda de Judá y de Jerusalén, como en los días pasados, y como en los años antiguos.

¹See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. ²But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; ³he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

SONG OF ZECHARIAH, HYMN 137

Luke/Lucas 1:68-79
Miles Herr, Cantor

EPISTLE LESSON

Philippians/Filipenses 1:3-11
Ashley Coates Becker, Deacon of the Week

³I thank my God every time I remember you, ⁴constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, ⁵because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in

the defence and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. ⁹And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight ¹⁰to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, ¹¹having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

³Doy gracias a mi Dios siempre que me acuerdo de vosotros, ⁴siempre en todas mis oraciones rogando con gozo por todos vosotros, ⁵por vuestra comunión en el evangelio, desde el primer día hasta ahora; ⁶estando persuadido de esto, que el que comenzó ⁶en vosotros la buena obra, la perfeccionará hasta el día de Jesucristo; ⁷como me es justo sentir esto de todos vosotros, por cuanto os tengo en el corazón; y en mis prisiones, y en la defensa y confirmación del evangelio, todos vosotros sois participantes conmigo de la gracia. ⁸Porque Dios me es testigo de cómo os amo a todos vosotros con el entrañable amor de Jesucristo. ⁹Y esto pido en oración, que vuestro amor abunde aun más y más en ciencia y en todo conocimiento, ¹⁰para que aprobéis lo mejor, a fin de que seáis sinceros e irrepreensibles para el día de Cristo, ¹¹llenos de frutos de justicia que son por medio de Jesucristo, para gloria y alabanza de Dios.

☉ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia

Richard Proulx (1937-2010)/Leo Nestor
Miles Herr, Cantor

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**
Prepare the way of the Lord.
All flesh shall see the salvation of God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia (Luke 3, adapted)

☉ GOSPEL LESSON

Luke/Lucas 3:1-6
Reverend Palacios

¹In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, ²during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. ⁵Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; ⁶and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

¹En el año decimoquinto del imperio de Tiberio César, siendo gobernador de Judea Poncio Pilato, y Herodes tetrarca de Galilea, y su hermano Felipe tetrarca de Iturea y de la provincia de Traconite, y Lisania tetrarca de Abilinia, ²y siendo sumos sacerdotes Anás y Caifás, vino palabra de Dios a Juan, hijo de Zacarías, en el desierto. ³Y él fue por toda la región contigua al Jordán, predicando el bautismo del arrepentimiento para perdón de pecados, ⁴como está escrito en el libro de las palabras del profeta Isaías, que dice: Voz del que clama en el desierto: Preparad el camino del Señor; Enderezad sus sendas. ⁵Todo valle se rellenará, Y se bajará todo monte y collado; Los caminos torcidos serán enderezados, Y los caminos ásperos allanados; ⁶Y verá toda carne la salvación de Dios.

This is the Gospel of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

MORNING PRAYERS

Reverend Zehyoue

After the Pastoral Prayer, we invite everyone to pray the Lord's Prayer in your native language.

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Padre nuestro que estás en los cielos, santificado sea tu nombre. Venga tu reino. Hágase tu voluntad, como en el cielo, así también en la tierra. El pan nuestro de cada día, danoslo hoy. Y perdónanos nuestras deudas, como también nosotros perdonamos a nuestros deudores. Y no nos metas en tentación, mas líbranos del mal; porque tuyo es el reino, y el poder, y la gloria, por todos los siglos. Amén.

SERMON

The Way of Peace
Reverend Edgar Palacios

MUSICAL REFLECTION

Stille Nacht
Franz Gruber / arr. Gary R. Smoke
Calvary Ringers

SHARING COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN 141

A Stable Lamp Is Lighted
ANDUJAR

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Reverend Lea

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Reverend Lea

God of grace, I turn my face to You, I cannot hide; My nakedness, my shame, my guilt, are all before Your eyes.

Strivings and all anguished dreams, in rags lie at my feet, and only grace provides the way for me to stand complete. *(Chris Bowater)*

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Reverend Palacios

GIVING THANKS

Reverend Zehyoue

SHARING THE MEAL

To celebrate communion by intinction, approach stations using inside aisles. Return to your seat using outside aisles. A gluten-free option is available at the front, to your left. To receive communion where you are seated, raise your hand and we will be happy to serve you.

COMMUNION MEDITATION

Down in Yon Forest
arr. John Jacob Niles (1892-1980)
Calvary Sanctuary Choir

Refrain. Sing May, Queen May, Maria / Sing all good friends for the promised Savior.

Down in yon forest be a Hall / 'Tis coverlided over with purple and pall
Oh, in that Hall is a pallet bed / 'Tis stained with blood like cardinal red
And at that pallet is a stone / On which the Virgin did atone
Under that Hall is a gushing flood / From Christ's own side 'tis water and blood *(continues next page)*

Beside that bed a shrub tree grows / Since He was born it blooms and blows
Oh, on that bed a young Lord sleeps / His wounds are sick, and see, he weeps
Oh, hail yon Hall where none can sin / Cause it's gold outside and silver within.

(Based on Corpus Christi Carol, collected in Cherokee County NC; adapted for Advent)

GIVING AND SERVING

INVITATION TO GIVE AND TO SERVE

Lu Shan and Daniel Alcazar-Roman

MUSICAL OFFERING

Tantum Ergo, Op. 14 No. 4
Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)
Calvary Chamber Singers

Let us therefore, bowing low, venerate so great a Sacrament
And let the old Law give way to the new rite
Let faith afford assistance to the deficiency of the senses.
To the Begotten and the Begotten let there be praise and jubilation
Salvation and honor, and power and blessing
And to the One, proceeding from both, let there be equal praise. Amen.

(St. Thomas Aquinas, c.1264 / translation from the Latin, Ron Jeffers)

☉ HYMN 50

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

☉ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lu Shan and Daniel Alcazar-Roman

BECOMING DISCIPLES

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Reverend Palacios

☉ HYMN

Reine en la Tierra Paz
Let There Be Peace on Earth
WORLD PEACE

Reine en la tierra paz, que en mí pueda comenzar
Reine en la tierra paz, no debe jamás faltar
Con Dios como Padre, familia somos ya
Ven, camina conmigo en lazo fraternal
La paz comience en mí; prometo no titubear
Firme mi decisión, el paso que voy a dar
Pues cada día, eternamente la paz he de sembrar
Reine en la tierra paz, que en mí pueda comenzar.

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be
With God our creator, children all are we
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony
Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

⊕ **AFFIRMING GOD'S CALL**

We give thanks that you have been guided by God to this moment. As a community of faith we pledge to love each other and to work together to grow into the fullness of Christ.

⊕ **BENEDICTION**

Reverend Lea

⊕ **ADVENT BENEDICTION**

All remain standing to sing together.

They That Wait Upon the Lord
arr. Cheryl Branham

**They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength
They shall mount up with wings as an eagle
They shall run and not be weary
They shall walk and not faint
Teach me Lord, teach me Lord, to wait.**

POSTLUDE

To reflect upon the words as you listen, see hymn 142.

Improvisation on BESANÇON
(*People, Look East*)
Graham Velsey, Organ

Following worship, join us in Woodward Hall, left as you exit the Sanctuary, for refreshments and a time of fellowship during Coffee Hour. Visitors, we look forward to meeting you!

Families with babies and young children: for your convenience, there are changing tables in the Parents' Room, balcony level on the right side, and downstairs in the nursery.

Lectionary Passages for December 13, Third Sunday of Advent, are
Zephaniah 3:14-20; Isaiah 12:2-6; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:7-18.

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

New this week: Wyatt Harvey

Carmen Angdisen; Demy Angdisen; Maria Bensussen, Ryan Harvey's grandmother; Sara Bermúdez, Lorena Pereira's mother; Grady Branham, Cheryl Branham's father; Dylan Canfield, Laura Canfield's nephew; loved ones of Kenneth Carr; Cristina Chacón; Roberta Clyburn, Janice Glover's sister; Graciela Daus, Bill Fahey's sister-in-law; Grace Evans; Radost Fortunova, Liubov Russell's sister; Jenny Goon; Janet Grove; Berniece and Bill Harward; Rena Jirack; Lucy Johnson, Jackie Wright's grandmother; Kenneth Martin, Claudia Moore's friend; Lynne Mayfield, Jay Mayfield's mother; Carmen Myers, cousin of Theresa Beaton; Robin Myers and family; Tom Newcomb, Amy Shaw's grandfather; Al Nielsen; Kyin Oo; Mary Pat, Isaac Wright's friend; Amelia Powell, Andrea Powell's mother; Jeannine Purdy, Jodi Smith's friend; Paul Rice; Ruby Shepherd; Mick Sullivan, Amy Sullivan's father; Joe Stout, Holly Miller's brother-in-law; Earl and Jenna Wright, Isaac Wright's parents; refugee, asylum seekers, and immigration reform; racial reconciliation and justice everywhere.

Calvary mourns the death of VADM Kenneth M. Carr, USN, Ret. who passed away Nov. 15 in Ohio. He was the beloved husband of Molly Pace Carr, who died in 2014. They were long-time church members. VADM Carr served as Deputy and Chief of Staff to the Commander in Chief of the Atlantic Fleet. He was an officer on the Nautilus on the first mission under the North Pole. Interment with full honors will be in Arlington National Cemetery.

TODAY

BRAVO AND THANKS to all of today's musicians! Calvary Ringers include Ashley Dalton, Carly Kinney, Danyelle Robinson and Amy Sullivan. John Dautzenberg is our principal organist; Graham Velsey studies organ with John Dautzenberg and piano with Cheryl Branham. Miles Herr is the newest member of our music staff, a master's student in the opera program at UMD. Congratulations to all! We appreciate your gifts of music in worship today.

COMMUNION OFFERING is taken each first Sunday of the month to help immediate benevolence needs in our community. Ushers will have offering plates as you exit worship. Thank you for giving as you are able.

CARDS AND ENVELOPES will be available in Woodward Hall following worship today, for anyone who wishes to write the Reverend Dr. Joe Glaze. Please complete and seal your note, and they will be addressed and mailed by the church.

ANNUAL MISSION FAIR, following Coffee Hour. Enjoy refreshments, assemble baby care kits for Church World Service, fill Christmas boxes for S.O.M.E., and roll bandages!

CALVARY YOUNG MUSICIANS meet today and sing in worship next Sunday, **December 13—we gather at 10:30 a.m. in our G3 Classroom, so wear your holiday best and join us!** We meet on Sunday, December 20 and we sing in worship on Christmas Eve, December 24, gathering at 6:00 p.m. (Calvary's children participate in the Nativity as shepherds and angels). No CYM on December 27 and January 3; we resume on January 10. Contact Dwayne Pinkney or Cheryl Branham.

ADVENT FESTIVAL CHOIR. Love to sing? Festival Choir is for you! Afternoon rehearsals wrap up today, 12:30 – 2:30 p.m. in Music Suite. Next Sunday, **December 13**, we sing excerpts from Handel's *Messiah* with chamber ensemble; Prelude begins 10:50 a.m. Contact Cheryl Branham.

POINSETTIAS. Pick up an order form today at church, available in Narthex or church office. Purchase a poinsettia to honor or remember a friend or loved one this season. Order deadline is **Monday, December 14.** We'll place poinsettias in the Sanctuary for worship on Sunday morning, December 20.

COMING UP

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CALVARY? Sign up on the Calvary website for Latest Happenings, Calvary Caller, and pastoral emails by clicking "sign up for updates" at the bottom of the home page.

CALVARY'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS. Visit www.calvarydc.org/events/ for a current listing, or stop by the church office to pick up a complete listing of Sunday School classes and Small Group programs.

THEOLOGY ON DRAFT meets each **Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.** in Butler Hall for conversation about current events and *Accidental Saints* by Nadia Bolz-Weber. We meet each week through December 15, then take a holiday break, and we resume January 5. Contact Pastor Elijah.

LAST NEIGHBORHOOD OFFICE HOURS OF THE YEAR will be at Le Pain Quotidien in Union Station, **Tuesday, December 8, 4:30-6:00 p.m.** Come see Pastor Erica for coffee, conversation, pastoral care, or whatever!

ESTUDIO BÍBLICO, Wednesdays 7:00 p.m. in the Calvary Library. Estudiamos La Primera Navidad durante diciembre. We're studying The First Christmas during December. Contact Pastor Edgar.

ARISE: A QUEER THEOLOGY COLLABORATIVE meets each **Thursday, 7:00-8:30 p.m.** in the Calvary Library to discuss *Rainbow Theology* by Patrick Cheng. Co-hosted by Pastor Erica, Queer for Christ President Ben Mann, and Revive DMV co-founder Tonetta Landis-Aina, *Arise* is an ecumenical group for any LGBTQ-identified people. We meet each week through December 17, then take a holiday break, and we resume January 14. Contact Pastor Erica.

FRIDAY MORNING MUSIC CLUB. Join us in the Chapel **Friday, December 11 at noon**, when Calvary's Resident Partners in FMMC continue their tradition of free recitals each week. After Friday's concert, FMMC recitals are on holiday break; join us again Friday, January 8 at noon, when concerts resume.

CALVARY PRESENTS...UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO MOTET CHOIR, under the direction of James Kallembach, in a free program of a capella music. Bring a friend and join us **Monday, December 14, 7:30 p.m.**, as the choir sings music from around the world, including seasonal music of the Renaissance. Contact Cheryl Branham for information.

SAVE THE DATE! National Symphony Orchestra is coming to Calvary **January 7, 9-10**. More information to come!

NEWS FROM THE MINISTERIAL SELECTION COMMITTEE. Communication is an important part of our work, and although much of what we do is confidential, we want the congregation to know we are busy! We met recently, Thursday, December 3, and we continue to develop a church profile, using American Baptist guidelines and drawing on information from Calvary surveys and Calvary Work Groups. Please hold our committee in the light as we work with the congregation to discern God's will. – Carol Blythe (chair), Daniel Alcazar-Roman, Amaka Anku, Yolanda Appiah-Kubi, Sandi Auman, Soren Dayton, Carly Kinney, Jess Lynd, Jay Mayfield, Eugenia Reyes, Courtney Rice, Amy Sullivan, Becky Vaughn.

Coming Up This Holiday Season

Sunday, December 6 – Advent Sunday of Peace, 11:00 a.m. worship.

Annual Mission Fair following Coffee Hour – all are invited!

Wednesday, December 9 – Latino Fellowship Bible Study, Christmas series, 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 13 – Advent Sunday of Joy, worship begins with Prelude at 10:50 a.m.

Festival Choir and Calvary Chamber Ensemble present excerpts from Handel's *Messiah*.

Calvary Young Musicians sing in worship.

Latino Christmas Gala, 6:00-8:00 p.m. in Shallenberger Hall.

Monday, December 14 – University of Chicago Motet Choir in Concert, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 16 – Latino Fellowship Bible Study, Christmas series, 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 20 – Advent Sunday of Love, 11:00 a.m. worship.

Thursday, December 24 – Cookies and cider, 6:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Service with Nativity, 7:00 p.m.

Friday, December 25 – Christmas Day, church office closed.

Sunday, December 27 – Service of Lessons and Carols, 11:00 a.m. worship.

No Sunday School, Sanctuary Choir, or Calvary Young Musicians

December 28 through January 2 – church office closed.

Sunday, January 3 – Epiphany Observed, 11:00 a.m. worship.

Sunday School and Sanctuary Choir resume

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