

THE PEOPLE OF CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH GATHER FOR

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

DECEMBER 13, 2015

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PRELUDE 10:50 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 Joy

To you, O Lord, I cried and to the Lord
I made supplication. Hear, O Lord, and
be gracious to me! O Lord, be my helper!

You have turned my mourning into
dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth
and clothed me with joy, so that my soul
may praise you and not be silent. O Lord
my God, I will give thanks to you for ever.

-Psalm 30:5a-12

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Sinfonia (Overture), from Messiah
George Frideric Handel
Calvary Festival Ensemble

WELCOME

Reverend Zehyoue

☉ PROCESSION, HYMN 2

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
HYMN TO JOY

☉ LIGHTING THE ROSE CANDLE OF JOY

Calvary Youth

We light this candle as a symbol of our joy. We sing aloud, we rejoice and exult in God's holy name!

Come, Lord Jesus! We wait with joyful hearts!

On this day we rejoice, for God has taken away our judgement, God has taken away our fear, God has given us victory and renewed our hearts!

Come, Lord Jesus! We wait with joyful minds!

Surely God is our strength, our might, and our salvation. Surely God is our joy!

Come, Lord Jesus! We wait with joyful spirits!

We sing praises to God who draws joy from the waters. We sing praises to God whose deeds bring joy to all the waiting world.

Together we worship and together we wait.

Come, Lord Jesus! Accept our joyful praise!

Calvary Young Musicians sing:

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung.

Of Jesse's lineage coming, as men of old have sung.

It came, a flow'ret bright, amid the cold of winter, when half-spent was the night.

☉ 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.

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.

MESSIAH, EXCERPTS FROM PART 1
GEORGE FRIDERIC HANDEL (1685-1759)

RECITATIVE, TENOR

Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God. Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned. The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness: Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. *(Isaiah 40:1-3)*

AIR, TENOR

Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill made low; the crooked straight, and the rough places plain. *(Isaiah 40:4)*

CHORUS

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it. *(Isaiah 40:5)*

RECITATIVE, ALTO

Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Emmanuel, God With Us. *(Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:23)*

AIR, ALTO AND CHORUS

O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion, get thee up into the high mountain. O thou that tellest good tidings to Jerusalem, lift up thy voice with strength: lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God! O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion, arise, shine; for thy Light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. *(Isaiah 40:9; 60:1)*

RECITATIVE, BASS

For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee. And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising. *(Isaiah 60:2-3)*

AIR, BASS

The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: and they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined. *(Isaiah 9:2)*

CHORUS

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. *(Isaiah 9:6)*

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, dánoslo 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.

HOMILY

Children of Zion
Reverend Erica Lea

INVITATION TO GIVE AND TO SERVE

John Taylor, Deacon of the Week

PIFA (PASTORAL SYMPHONY)**RECITATIVE, ALTO**

There were shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. *(Luke 2:8)*
And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round
about them: and they were sore afraid. *(Luke 2:9)*

RECITATIVE, SOPRANO

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy,
which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior,
which is Christ the Lord. *(Luke 2:10-11)*
And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God,
and saying: *(Luke 2:13)*

CHORUS

Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth, goodwill toward men. *(Luke 2:14)*

RECITATIVE, ALTO

Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped. Then shall
the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb shall sing. *(Isaiah 35:5-6)*

AIR, ALTO AND SOPRANO

He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: and he shall gather the lambs with his arm,
and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young. *(Isaiah 40:11)*

Come unto him, all ye that labor, come unto him, that are heavy laden, and he will give
you rest. Take his yoke upon you, and learn of him; for he is meek and lowly of heart:
and ye shall find rest unto your souls. *(Matthew 11:28-29)*

AIR, SOPRANO

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, thy King
cometh unto thee: he is the righteous Savior, and he shall speak peace unto the heathen.
(Zechariah 9:9-10)

BECOMING DISCIPLES

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Reverend Lea

☉ HYMN

Angels We Have Heard on High
Un Angelical Cantar
GLORIA

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains
And the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Un angelical cantar las praderas inundó
La montaña resonar con el eco se escuchó
¡Gloria a Dios en el cielo! ¡Gloria a Dios en el cielo!

Shepherds, why this jubilee, why your joyous strains prolong
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heavenly song
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Ven a ver en el portal la razón de mi cantar
Cristo Dios, Rey eternal. Ven, de hinojos, a adorar
¡Gloria a Dios en el cielo! ¡Gloria a Dios en el cielo!

☉ 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 Palacios

☉ POSTLUDE

All join in singing!

Hallelujah, from Messiah
George Frideric Handel
Congregation, Festival Choir, Ensemble and Organ

Hallelujah!

For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.

(Revelation 19:6)

The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ;

and he shall reign for ever and ever.

(Revelation 11:15)

King of kings, and Lord of lords.

(Revelation 19:16)

Hallelujah!

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 20, Fourth Sunday of Advent, are
Micah 5:2-5a; Psalm 80:1-7; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45, (46-55).

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MUSIC NOTES

STANDING OVATIONS and thank you to all of today's musicians! Calvary Young Musicians and their director, Dwayne Pinkney. All volunteer singers in Calvary Festival Choir, and our wonderful staff soloists: Amelia Taylor, Soprano; Teresa Blessing, Mezzo-Soprano; Miles Herr, Tenor; Zain Shariff, Baritone. All instrumentalists in Calvary Festival Ensemble: Sandy Choi and Nora Charles, violin; Caroline Brethauer, viola; Michael Hermann, cello; Cyndy Elliott, contrabass; Miriam Friedman and Jamie Schneider, oboe; John Dautzenberg, organ; Cheryl Branham conducting from the harpsichord.

SPECIAL THANKS TO VICTOR TUPITZA AND FAMILY. Today's guest instrumentalists are supported by a gift from Victor in memory and in honor of his beloved wife Sarah (Sallie) Tupitza. Many Calvary folks remember her tremendous gifts in the visual arts. Victor honors not only Sallie's gifts and talents, but those of everyone at Calvary—all of us contribute to our community and to our life together in unique and marvelous ways! May we all be inspired to give and to serve, to the glory of God. Thank you, Victor!

CALVARY YOUNG MUSICIANS gather today at 10:30 a.m. in our G3 Classroom, so wear your holiday best and join us! We meet next 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 Dec. 27 and Jan. 3; we resume Jan. 10. Contact Dwayne Pinkney or Cheryl Branham.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

New this week: Loved ones of Karen Wesley, Jackie Wright's friend.

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; 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; Wyatt Harvey; 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; victims of gun violence; racial reconciliation and justice everywhere.

Samuel and Elisabeth Mehl Greene welcome baby boy, Declan Sequiel, a healthy 9 pounds 6 oz, and 23 inches long on December 7. Mom, Dad and baby are doing well. Congratulations Greene family!

TODAY

CHAT WITH JAC today during Coffee Hour! Jac Whatley, Calvary's new Manager of Interim Operations is available until about 12:30 p.m. Do you have questions, ideas, concerns about Calvary's interim process? Come see Jac near the Welcome Table!

OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2016 If you requested a set of envelopes for 2016, they are available in the Narthex today. If there is not a set with your name and you would like a set of weekly or monthly envelopes, please contact Paul Rosstead.

ALL ARE INVITED! LATINO CHRISTMAS GALA, this evening, **6:00 p.m.** in Shallenberger Hall. Adults \$15; children and students \$5, for an evening of dinner and music benefitting at-risk children and youth through our sister congregation in El Salvador, Shalom Baptist Church. Come and enjoy the festivities. Tickets will be sold during Coffee Hour and at the door tonight! Donations in any amount are appreciated. Thank you for giving generously!

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 **tomorrow, Monday, December 14.** We'll place poinsettias in the Sanctuary for worship next Sunday, December 20.



GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION SABBATH. Calvary is participating with Faiths United Against Gun Violence and the Newtown Foundation, as well as many other congregations, temples, mosques, and other communities of faith, in Gun Violence Prevention Sabbath, December 10-14, 2015. As part of this Sabbath, congregations across the nation participate through prayer, song, vigils and education. Together we mourn those killed or harmed by gun violence and we pledge to raise our voices in advocacy to prevent gun violence. Gary Hall, former Dean of the National Cathedral and former Chair of Faiths United Against Gun Violence, writes: "One way to understand the church's call to end (or at least greatly reduce) gun violence in America is to see this call as the natural consequence of our compassionate response to human suffering. We follow One who died at the hands of violence. That One has called us to be agents of love and healing in the world... As people of faith, we are repeatedly asked to respond to and alleviate the suffering of the innocent... A church that did nothing in the face of innocent suffering wouldn't be worthy of the name." Please join in prayers today for victims of gun violence. Then join in advocacy in the days to come, to lift our voices and to take necessary political steps to prevent gun violence. For more information, visit www.faithsuned.org.

AFFIRMATION OF RELIGIOUS LIBERTY AND STATEMENT OF SOLIDARITY WITH THE MUSLIM COMMUNITY

During this Holy Season of Advent, it is important for us to be reminded of the values that we have always been committed to as a church and as a people of God. To our Muslim brothers and sisters, and other religious and ethnic minorities, Calvary continues to be a place that extends a hand of friendship to you, our neighbors, and affirms your right to co-exist and thrive in this diverse, pluralistic, and most of all welcoming society. As Baptists, we believe that our core principle of religious liberty extends to all religious groups, including and especially American Muslims during this time. We stand with our partners, the Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty and other leaders, who have condemned recent remarks about American Muslims. We take seriously Christ's commandment to love others, as He has loved us. We deeply and wholehearted extend that love and support to our Muslim brothers and sisters, this day and every day.

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.



TOMORROW! 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 evening, 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.

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 December 15, then take a holiday break, and we resume January 5. Contact Pastor Elijah.

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 December 17, then take a holiday break, and we resume January 14. Contact Pastor Erica.

BABY DEDICATION! Next Sunday, **December 20**, during morning worship, the Calvary community dedicates twin brothers Leonardo and Donatello Lovos. Proud parents are Susana Reyes and Eric Lovos, and proud grandparents are Eugenia and Roberto Reyes. Congratulations to all!

NSO IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD. Save these dates in January when Calvary welcomes instrumentalists from the National Symphony Orchestra during their annual community outreach program: Thursday evening, **January 7** at 7:30 p.m., a free chamber music concert in the Sanctuary; Saturday morning, **January 9** at 10:30 a.m., a free masterclass in the Chapel; Sunday morning, **January 10**, we welcome guest instrumentalists to our worship and we participate together in a panel discussion at 12:30 p.m. in the Chapel. Calvary welcomes members of the NSO in January!

FRIDAY MORNING MUSIC CLUB. FMMC recitals are on holiday break. Join us again **Friday, January 8, noon**, when free weekly concerts resume.

MISSION FAIR 2015 was a great success, with 60 boxes prepared for S.O.M.E. (So Others Might Eat), baby kits packaged for Church World Service, and bandages rolled for White Cross. Thank you to WMS for organizing, and thanks to everyone who contributed!

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 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 Caroling, 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 today; CYM resumes January 10.

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