THE PEOPLE OF CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH GATHER FOR

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

DECEMBER 20, 2015

FOURTH 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.



Advent Sunday of Love

"But the person who is not afraid to admit everything that they see to be wrong with themself, and yet recognizes that they may be the object of God's love precisely because of their shortcomings, can begin to be sincere. Their sincerity is based on confidence, not in their own illusions about themself, but in the endless, unfailing mercy of God."

-Thomas Merton, No Man Is an Island

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Rorate Caeli Jeanne Demessieux (1921-1968) John Dautzenberg, Organ

WELCOME Reverend Zehyoue

Procession, Hymn 138

Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn REJOICE, REJOICE

LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF LOVE

Karen Heidelberger, Ben Mann, Claudia Moore, Victor Tupitza Calvary Adult Sunday School

We light this candle as a symbol of love – radiant, faithful, Divine love.

Come, Lord Jesus! Bring to us the light of your love.

Bring us the light of your love when we feel hate.

Come, Lord Jesus! Illumine within us the light of your love,

So that we can grow in wisdom as we look to you each day.

Come, Lord Jesus! May the light of your love shine throughout the world,

We desire to radiate your love that comes from your Way of hope, peace, & joy.

Together we worship and together we wait. Come, Lord Jesus!

Equip us to be torch bearers, sharing with everyone the light of your love.

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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, wander where lion and lamb gently play Where evil is banished and faith takes the day A babe in a manger to fool the world's eyes One candle is lit for God's loving surprise.

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Claudia Moore

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.

DEDICATING DONATELLO AND LEONARDO LOVOS

Susana Reyes and Eric Lovos, Parents Eugenia and Roberto Reyes, Grandparents Reverends Lea, Palacios, and Zehyoue

Members of Calvary, do you promise to support Susana and Eric in their responsibility to love their children and to do the will of God for them?

We promise, with God's help!

CONGREGATIONAL MEDITATION

Cristo Me Ama / Jesus Loves Me Jesus Loves Me

Cristo me ama, bien lo sé, su Palabra me hace ver Que los niños son de aquél, quien es nuestro amigo fiel Cristo me ama, Cristo me ama Cristo me ama, la Biblia dice así.

Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

LISTENING FOR THE WORD OF GOD

HEBREW LESSON

Micah/Miqueas 5:2-5a

Jackie Wright, Deacon of the Week

²But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. ³Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labour has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. ⁴And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; ⁵and he shall be the one of peace.

²Pero tú, Belén Efrata, pequeña para estar entre las familias de Judá, de ti me saldrá el que será Señor en Israel; y sus salidas son desde el principio, desde los días de la eternidad. ³Pero los dejará hasta el tiempo que dé a luz la que ha de dar a luz; y el resto de sus hermanos se volverá con los hijos de Israel. ⁴Y él estará, y apacentará con poder de Jehová, con grandeza del nombre de Jehová su Dios; y morarán seguros, porque ahora será engrandecido hasta los fines de la tierra. ⁵Y éste será nuestra paz.

PSALTER Psalm 80:1-7
Zain Shariff, Cantor

Refrain. Restore us again, O Lord God of hosts

And show us the light of your face and your grace, and we shall be saved.

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!

You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh. Stir up your might, and come to save us! Restore us, O God.

Let your face shine, that we may be saved. Refrain.

O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?

You have fed them with the bread of tears, and given them tears to drink in full measure.

You make us the scorn of our neighbors; our enemies laugh among themselves.

Restore us, O God of hosts.

Let your face shine, that we may be saved. Refrain.

EPISTLE LESSON

Hebreos/Hebrews 10:5-10 Reverend Palacios

⁵Por lo cual, entrando en el mundo dice: Sacrificio y ofrenda no quisiste; Mas me preparaste cuerpo. ⁶Holocaustos y expiaciones por el pecado no te agradaron. ⁷Entonces dije: He aquí que vengo, oh Dios, para hacer tu voluntad, Como en el rollo del libro está escrito de mí. ⁸Diciendo primero: Sacrificio y ofrenda y holocaustos y expiaciones por el pecado no quisiste, ni te agradaron (las cuales cosas se ofrecen según la ley), ⁹y diciendo luego: He aquí que vengo, oh Dios, para hacer tu voluntad; quita lo primero, para establecer esto último. ¹⁰En esa voluntad somos santificados mediante la ofrenda del cuerpo de Jesucristo hecha una vez para siempre.

⁵Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, 'Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; ⁶in burnt-offerings and sin-offerings you have taken no pleasure. ⁷Then I said, "See, God, I have come to do your will, O God" (in the scroll of the book it is written of me).' ⁸When he said above, 'You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt-offerings and sin-offerings' (these are offered according to the law), ⁹then he added, 'See, I have come to do your will.' He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. ¹⁰And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia

Richard Proulx (1937-2010)/Leo Nestor Zain Shariff, Cantor

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia! My soul magnifies the Lord.
And my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia (Luke 1, adapted)

GOSPEL LESSON Luke/Lucas 1:39-55
Reverend Robinson

³⁹In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, ⁴⁰where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit ⁴²and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. ⁴³And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? ⁴⁴For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. ⁴⁵And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.' ⁴⁶And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord, ⁴⁷and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, ⁴⁸for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; ⁴⁹ for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. ⁵⁰His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. ⁵¹He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. ⁵²He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; ⁵³he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. ⁵⁴He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, 55 according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever.'

³⁹En aquellos días, levantándose María, fue de prisa a la montaña, a una ciudad de Judá; ⁴⁰y entró en casa de Zacarías, y saludó a Elisabet. ⁴¹Y aconteció que cuando oyó Elisabet la salutación de María, la criatura saltó en su vientre; y Elisabet fue llena del Espíritu Santo, ⁴²y exclamó a gran voz, y dijo: Bendita tú entre las mujeres, y bendito el fruto de tu vientre. ⁴³¿Por qué se me concede esto a mí, que la madre de mi Señor venga a mí? ⁴⁴Porque tan pronto como llegó la voz de tu salutación a mis oídos, la criatura saltó de alegría en mi vientre. ⁴⁵Y bienaventurada la que creyó, porque se cumplirá lo que le fue dicho de parte del Señor. ⁴⁶Entonces María dijo: Engrandece mi alma al Señor; ⁴⁷Y mi espíritu se regocija en Dios mi Salvador. ⁴⁸Porque ha mirado la bajeza de su sierva; Pues he aquí, desde ahora me dirán bienaventurada todas las generaciones. ⁴⁹Porque me ha hecho grandes cosas el Poderoso; Santo es su nombre, ⁵⁰Y su misericordia es de generación en generación A los que le temen. ⁵¹Hizo proezas con su brazo; Esparció a los soberbios en el pensamiento de sus corazones. ⁵²Quitó de los tronos a los poderosos, Y exaltó a los humildes. ⁵³A los hambrientos colmó de bienes, Y a los ricos envió vacíos. ⁵⁴Socorrió a Israel su siervo, Acordándose de la Misericordia ⁵⁵De la cual habló a nuestros padres, Para con Abraham y su descendencia para siempre.

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

We sing v. 1 English, v. 2 Spanish, v. 3 English, v. 4 Spanish.



- 4. By your own eternal Spirit Rule in all our hearts alone; By your all-sufficient merit Raise us to your glorious throne.
- Con tu Espíritu divino Reina en todo corazón, Y tu gracia nos conduzca A tu trono de esplendor.

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MORNING PRAYERS Reverend Lea

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.

SERMON

The Apocalypse We Deserve Reverend Allyson Robinson

GIVING AND SERVING

INVITATION TO GIVE AND TO SERVE

Corina Lopez and Eugenia Reyes

MUSICAL OFFERING

To follow along as you listen, see hymn 130.

My Soul Gives Glory to My God MORNING SONG Calvary Chamber Singers

O 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!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Corina Lopez and Eugenia Reyes

BECOMING DISCIPLES

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Reverend Robinson

People, Look East
BESANÇON

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

Improvisation on Veni Emmanuel John Dautzenberg, 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 27, First Sunday of Christmastide, are 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26; Psalm 148; Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 2:41-52.

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POINSETTIAS HAVE BEEN GIVEN BY:

Anonymous, in honor of all of our pastors in this last year for their caring and commitment to Calvary each and every day

Anonymous, in honor of Paul Rosstead, for his fine work all year long

Chuck Andreatta, in memory of his father, James

Sandi Auman, in memory of Marty Auman, her mother, and Ed Auman, her father

Alice Bartlett, in memory of her parents, Elva and Paul Bartlett

Carol Blythe and Rick Goodman, in honor of the Church staff

Carol Blythe and Rick Goodman, in memory of Maxwell Goodman

Carol Blythe and Rick Goodman, in memory of Donna Beth Blythe

Carol Blythe and Rick Goodman, in memory of Richard Goodman, Sr.

Bill & Karla Fahey, in memory of Helen & Ron Fahey

Karen Heidelberger and Jess Lynd, in memory of David Heidelberger

Barbara Hoffer, in memory of loved ones

Ken M. Jue, in memory of his parents

Erica Lea, in honor of Ryan Orlick

Erica Lea, in honor of Lauren Green and Elijah Zehyoue

The Mein Family, in memory of John Gordon Mein

Claudia Moore, in memory of loved ones

Aldon Nielsen, in memory of his dear wife, Vivian Nielsen

Their children Brian & Brenda Shaw Nelsen, and grandchildren Sica Nielsen Archer and Avery Nielsen, in honor of Aldon Nielsen

Their children Brian & Brenda Shaw Nelsen, and grandchildren Sica Nielsen Archer and Avery Nielsen, in memory of Vivian Nielsen

Their children Brian & Brenda Shaw Nelsen, and grandchildren Sica Nielsen Archer and Avery Nielsen, in memory of Theodore & Doris Shaw

Harold L. Ritchie, in memory of his parents

Paul Rosstead, in honor of his mother Dorothy Rosstead, sisters Kristine Smith and Barbara Cristy, nephews, nieces, grandniece and grandnephew

Paul Rosstead, in memory of his father, Oliver B. Rosstead, his sister, Mary (Marli) Clifford and his brother-in-law, Edward H. Smith

Jodi A. Smith, in memory of her father, John W. Smith and in honor of their son, Jonathan R. Ortiz **The David Tupitza Family**, in memory of Sarah Tupitza

Victor Tupitza, in honor of and with gratitude and appreciation of Calvary Baptist Church and its congregation. Members extend a friendly welcome to all who come in faith; serves the Lord by a ministry of hope to the needy, and with compassion labors in behalf of peace and justice.

Victor Tupitza, in honor of Cheryl Branham, and the Festival Choir and Instrumentalists

Victor Tupitza, in memory of and to the glory of God, with loving memories of his wife, Sarah Helen Tupitza

Jac and Kathy Whatley, in honor of Church Staff

Jac and Kathy Whatley, in honor of Albert Meiburg

Jac and Kathy Whatley, in memory of Virginia Meiburg

Jac and Kathy Whatley, in memory of Lowell Whatley

Gretchen White and her family, in memory of their mother and father, Betty and Dick White

Women's Mission Society, in memory of Doris Vermilya

Mary, Isaac, Grace and Isobel Wright, in memory of Vladamir Moyich

Mary, Isaac, Grace and Isobel Wright, in memory of Jelena and Ivan Moyich, and Linda and Raymond Sump

Mary, Isaac, Grace and Isobel Wright, in memory of Dorothy Walker

Mary, Isaac, Grace and Isobel Wright, in memory of Bertha and G.H. Wright, Virginia and Wayne Stoker



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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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; loved ones of Karen Wesley, Jackie Wright's friend; Earl and Jenna Wright, Isaac Wright's parents; refugee, asylum seekers, and immigration reform; victims of gun violence; racial reconciliation and justice everywhere

A SPECIAL GIFT has been made in honor of Pastor Edgar by Jac and Kathy Whatley for the Shalom Baptist Church Children and Youth.

TODAY

BRAVO AND THANKS to today's musicians! Amelia Taylor, soprano; Aleah Prentice, mezzo-soprano; Morris Thomas, tenor; Zain Shariff, baritone; John Dautzenberg, organ. We appreciate your gifts of music in worship today. Cheryl Branham is in SC celebrating the university graduation of her niece on Saturday. She returns to worship December 27.

CALVARY WELCOMES Donatello and Leonardo Lovos, parents Susana Reyes and Eric Lovos, and grandparents Eugenia and Roberto Reyes, for the baby dedication during worship!

CALVARY YOUNG MUSICIANS meet today and 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. Don't miss it! Contact Dwayne Pinkney or Cheryl Branham.

World Mission Offering is a special Christmas Offering that supports international ministries of our denominational partners including ABC-USA's work against human trafficking, in health projects, economic development, education, conflict transformation training, and care for refugees; The Alliance of Baptists' work supporting new progressive Baptists associations in Cuba, Brazil and Zimbabwe, as well as ecumenical work, health clinics, education, food, clothing and housing to people living with limited resources; and CBF's work focused on ending hunger around the world, sharing the gospel with the least evangelized people in the world, and medical missionary support in places such as with Syrian refugees and in Kenya. Please note "Christmas Offering" on your check or online donation. You may designate your gift to one or more of our denominational partners. Undesignated gifts will be given: ½ to ABC World Mission Offering, ¼ to the Alliance of Baptists Bridges of Hope Offering, and ¼ to CBF Global Missions Offering.

CALVARY YOUTH will be volunteering at Christ House in Adams Morgan this afternoon. They will be helping them to prepare for Christmas by wrapping up gifts for the homeless men that Christ House serves.

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 and book study. We're on a holiday break until **January 5**. We will begin *Between the World and Me* by Ta-Nehisi Coates in January. Contact Pastor Elijah.

NATIONAL SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA is coming to Calvary January 7 for a concert, 7:30 p.m., January 9, for a master class, 10:30 a.m., and during worship on Sunday, January 10!

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

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. Arise is an ecumenical group for any LGBTQidentified people. We're on a holiday break until we resume on January 14. Contact Pastor Erica.

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 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 today. **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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