

THE PEOPLE OF CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH GATHER

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

DECEMBER 27, 2015

FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMASTIDE

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.



Lessons & Carols

The Service of Lessons and Carols originated in England in 1880, and was popularized nearly 100 years ago by Dean Eric Milner-White of Cambridge University through annual radio broadcasts. He pointed out that the pattern and strength of the service derives from the scripture lessons and not the familiar music, saying "The main theme is the development of the loving purposes of God, seen through the windows and words of the Bible."

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

On Christmas Night
Wayne L. Wold (b. 1954)
Matthew Daley, Organ

WELCOME

Jac Whatley

⊕ HYMN 165

Once in Royal David's City
IRBY

⊕ LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Jodi Smith, Roberto Ortiz, Jonathan Ortiz

We light this candle as a symbol, celebrating the birth of the Christ Child.

Welcome, Lord Jesus! We celebrate Messiah's birth!

For a child has been born for us, a son give to us. Authority rest upon his shoulders.

Welcome, Lord Jesus! We celebrate God With Us!

He is named Emmanuel, Wonderful Counselor, Prince of Peace!

Welcome, Lord Jesus! We celebrate the Word made flesh!

Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace to all on whom God's favor rests!

Together we worship and together we celebrate the birth of the Christ Child!

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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, listen, the sounds of God-with-us ring clear
And signs of a cross in the distance appear
The Word once made flesh, yet the Word ever near
One candle is lit for the Christ-birthday here.**

⊕ **PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Roberto Ortiz

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.**

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Liubov Russell

MORNING PRAYERS

Reverend Palacios

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.

**A SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLING:
THE LOVE OF GOD IN LANGUAGE AND IN MUSIC**

FIRST LESSON: ADAM'S FALL

Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19

Reverend Lea

⁸They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. ⁹But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, 'Where are you?' ¹⁰He said, 'I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.' ¹¹He said, 'Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?' ¹²The man said, 'The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.' ¹³Then the Lord God said to the woman, 'What is this that you have done?' The woman said, 'The serpent tricked me, and I ate.' ¹⁴The Lord God said to the serpent, 'Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. ¹⁵I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.'

¹⁷And to the man he said, 'Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten of the tree about which I commanded you, "You shall not eat of it", cursed is the ground because of you; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life; ¹⁸thorns and thistles it shall

bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. ¹⁹By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; you are dust, and to dust you shall return.'

CAROL 161

I Wonder as I Wander
I WONDER AS I WANDER

SECOND LESSON: GOD'S PROMISE TO ABRAHAM

Genesis 22:15-18
Lorena Pereira

¹⁵The angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven, ¹⁶and said, 'By myself I have sworn, says the Lord: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies, ¹⁸and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice.'

✦ **CAROL 135**

Blessed Be the God of Israel
MERLE'S TUNE

THIRD LESSON: THE PROPHECY OF MESSIAH

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7
Matthew Daley

²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined.

⁶For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onwards and for evermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

CAROL MEDITATION

Down in Yon Forest
Appalachian Carol, arr. Vincent Persichetti
Matthew Daley and Cheryl Branham, Piano Duo

FOURTH LESSON: THE PROPHECY OF PEACE

Isaiah 11:1-9
Reverend Palacios

¹A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. ²The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. ³His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; ⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. ⁵Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. ⁶The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. ⁷The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. ⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. ⁹They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

CAROL 160

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming
ES IST EIN ROS

FIFTH LESSON: GABRIEL GREETES MARY

Luke 1:26-35, 38

Jackie Wright, Deacon of the Week

²⁶In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' ²⁹But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. ³¹And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³²He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' ³⁴Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' ³⁵The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God.

³⁸Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

⊕ **CAROL 130**

My Soul Gives Glory to My God
MORNING SONG

SIXTH LESSON: THE BIRTH OF JESUS

Luke 2:1-7

Mayra Duran Rivas

¹In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

CAROL MEDITATION

Lulle Lullay / Jesus the Christ is Born
Appalachian Carol, arr. Persichetti
Matthew Daley and Cheryl Branham

SEVENTH LESSON: ANGELS APPEAR TO SHEPHERDS

Luke 2:8-16

Jac Whatley

⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ¹⁴'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!' ¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

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!

EIGHTH LESSON: WISE MEN FOLLOW THE STAR

Matthew 2:1-11
 José Gonzalez

¹In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ⁶"And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" ⁷Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' ⁹When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

CAROL

What Child Is This
Qué Niño Es Éste
 GREENSLEEVES

What Child is this who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping
 Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping
 This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing
 Haste, haste to bring him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary.

Qué niño es éste que al dormir en brazos de María
 Pastores velan ángeles le cantan melodías
 Él es el Cristo, el Rey. Pastores, ángeles cantad
 Venid, venid a él, al hijo de María.

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Traigamos dones en su honor, oh pueblos y naciones
Al Rey de reyes, Salvador, un trono levantemos
É les el Cristo, el Rey. Pastores, ángeles cantad
Venid, venid a él, al hijo de María.

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, come rich and poor, to own him
The King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary.

⊕ NINTH LESSON: THE MYSTERY OF INCARNATION

John 1:1-14
Cheryl Branham

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. ⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴And 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.

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

⊕ CAROL 148

O Come, All Ye Faithful
ADESTE FIDELES

GIVING AND SERVING

INVITATION TO GIVE AND TO SERVE

Paul Rosstead

MUSICAL OFFERING

Jesus, Jesus, Rest Your Head
Appalachian Carol, arr. Persichetti
Matthew Daley and Cheryl Branham

⊕ HYMN OF DEDICATION

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

Paul Rosstead

BECOMING DISCIPLES

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Reverend Lea

⊕ HYMN

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
MENDELSSOHN

Hark! The herald angels sing, Glory to the newborn King
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies
With the angelic host proclaim, Christ is born in Bethlehem
Hark! The herald angels sing, Glory to the newborn King!

El Señor de los señores, el ungido celestial
Por salvar los pecadores vino al seno virginal
Gloria al Verbo revelado, que en lo humano es encarnado
Gloria a nuestro Redentor, a Jesús, Rey y Señor
Canta la celeste voz: ¡En los cielos Gloria a Dios!

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace, hail the Sun of Righteousness
Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die
Born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth
Hark! The herald angels sing, Glory to the newborn King!

⊕ 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.

A PRAYER OF SENDING LIUBOV RUSSELL

Reverend Lea

⊕ BENEDICTION

Reverend Palacios

POSTLUDE

Toccata on Hark the Herald Angels Sing
Arr. Stephen H. Sturz
Matthew Daley, 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 January 3, Epiphany Observed, are
Isaiah 60:1-9; Psalm 72:1-4, 10-11; Ephesians 3:1-14; Matthew 2:1-12.

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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 Nielsen, and grandchildren Sica Nielsen Archer and Avery Nielsen, in honor of Aldon Nielsen

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

Their children Brian & Brenda Shaw Nielsen, 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



In this season of gratitude, we extend to our church family deepest thanks. We wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!
-- Calvary Baptist Church Staff

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 *Between the World and Me* by Ta-Nehisi Coates. We resume **January 5**. Contact Pastor Elijah.

NSO IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD! Instrumentalists from the National Symphony Orchestra come to Penn Quarter this week for their annual community outreach program, and Calvary is hosting three events. Be sure to join us! Thursday evening, **January 7, 7:30 p.m.** in the Sanctuary, a free chamber music concert. Saturday morning, **January 9, 10:30 a.m.** in the Chapel, a master class featuring high school students performing on violin and viola. Sunday morning, **January 10**, musicians join us in worship at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary; after worship, all are invited to a Calvary Conversation in the Chapel to meet artists and leaders from NSO as we discuss the role of music and arts, performing arts centers and church spaces in today's world. Take advantage of this opportunity to hear, meet and speak with world class musicians, right here at Calvary. Invite family and friends, children and students of all ages—all are welcome! Parents, don't miss the **Saturday afternoon** event for kids at Portrait Gallery, on our block at G Street, featuring a concert and petting zoo, 1:00-4:00 p.m., come and go. Visit the NSO website, www.kennedy-center.org/nso/MTM/Community, or contact Cheryl Branham for more info.

FRIDAY MORNING MUSIC CLUB. Join us in the Chapel **Friday, January 8 at noon**, when Calvary's Resident Partners in FMMC continue their tradition of free recitals each week.

HOLISTIC HEALTH PROJECT is returns **Friday, January 8!** Join Pastor Edgar each Friday, 7:00-8:00 p.m., in Shallenberger Hall and the Gym for a time of wellness, yoga, and soccer.

WOMEN'S MISSION SOCIETY (WMS) meets 10:30 a.m. **Tuesday, January 12**, for mission projects. Please bring your leftover sturdy shoe & boot boxes, & thick wrapping paper to the church office so WMS can use them to make boxes to support local homeless people in need with boxes for S.O.M.E (So Others Might Eat)!

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. Currently we're on a break until **January 14**. Contact Pastor Erica.

CALVARY'S ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING will be **Sunday, January 24** following Coffee Hour. Make plans to stay for this important time of discussing and voting on the 2016 budget and officiaty! The 2016 officiaty list is available in the Narthex and from the church office.

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 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.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Carmen Angdisen; Demy Angdisen; Theresa Beaton; 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.

TODAY

NO MORNING PROGRAMS TODAY. Sunday School, Sanctuary Choir and Calvary Young Musicians are off today. Enjoy worship at 11:00 a.m. and Coffee Hour following. Join us next Sunday, January 3, when morning programs resume their regular schedule. CYM resumes on January 10.

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. Any undesignated mission 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.

Wrapping Up the Holiday Season

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.

CHURCH STAFF

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