

THE PEOPLE OF CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH GATHER FOR

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

JANUARY 3, 2016

EPIPHANY OBSERVED

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.



Epiphany

Epiphany, also known as Three Kings' Day, is celebrated each year on January 6, 12 days after Christmas. Epiphany remembers the journey, visit, and courage of the Magi who visited baby Jesus and offered him special gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Brightest and Best of the Stars
Wayne L. Wold (b. 1954)
Matthew Daley, Organ

LIGHTING THE ALTAR CANDLES

Christian Duran, Acolyte

WELCOME

Reverend Zehyoue

⊕ PROCESSION, HYMN 173

As with Gladness
DIX

⊕ CALL TO WORSHIP

Lu Shan, Deacon of the Week

O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.

Through the praise of children and infants you have established your stronghold.

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established,

What are human beings that you are mindful of us, mortals that you care for us?

You have made them a little lower than the angels, and crowned them with glory and honor.

You made them rulers over the works of your hands; you put everything under their feet

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⊕ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Lu Shan

La paz del Señor sea contigo. **Y contigo también.**

The peace of the Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

⊕ 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.

**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.**

MUSICAL MEDITATION, HYMN 175

*Listen as the Choir and Soloist sing, v. 1–3.
All join in singing, v. 4.*

Lovely Star in the Sky

HANURE BINNANUN

Teresa Blessing, Mezzo-Soprano
Sanctuary Choir and Congregation

LISTENING FOR THE WORD OF GOD

HEBREW LESSON

Isaiah/Isaías 60:1-9

Jac Whatley

¹Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. ²For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. ³Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. ⁴Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. ⁵Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. ⁶A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord. ⁷All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered to you, the rams of Nebaioth shall minister to you; they shall be acceptable on my altar, and I will glorify my glorious house. ⁸Who are these that fly like a cloud, and like doves to their windows? ⁹For the coastlands shall wait for me, the ships of Tarshish first, to bring your children from far away, their silver and gold with them, for the name of the Lord your God, and for the Holy One of Israel, because he has glorified you.

¹Levántate, resplandece; porque ha venido tu luz, y la gloria de Jehová ha amanecido sobre ti. ²Porque he aquí que tinieblas cubrirán la tierra, y oscuridad las naciones; mas sobre ti amanecerá Jehová, y sobre ti será vista su gloria. ³Y andarán las naciones a tu luz, y los reyes al resplandor de tu amanecer. ⁴Alza tus ojos alrededor y mira, todos éstos se han juntado, y vienen a ti; tus hijos vienen de lejos, y tus hijas son llevadas en brazos. ⁵Entonces verás, y resplandecerás; se maravillará y ensanchará tu corazón, porque se habrá vuelto a ti la multitud del mar, y las riquezas de las naciones habrán venido a ti. ⁶Gran caravana de camellos te cubrirá; dromedarios de Madián y de Efé; todos vendrán de Sebá; traerán oro e incienso, y proclamarán las alabanzas de Jehová. ⁷Todo el ganado de Cedar será juntado para ti; carneros de Nebayot estarán a tu servicio; serán ofrecidos con agrado sobre mi altar, y glorificaré la casa de mi gloria. ⁸¿Quiénes son éstos que vuelan como nubes, y como palomas a sus ventanas? ⁹Ciertamente a mí esperarán los de las islas, y las naves de Tarsis las primeras, para traer a tus hijos de lejos, su plata y su oro con ellos, por el nombre de Jehová tu Dios, y por el Santo de Israel, que te ha glorificado.

Refrain. **In his days justice will flourish.
In his days fullness of peace forevermore.**

Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son.

May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice.

May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness.

May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.

May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles render him tribute, may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts.

May all kings fall down before him, all nations give him service. *Refrain.*

EPISTLE LESSON

Efesios/Ephesians 1:3-14
Reverend Palacios

³Bendito sea el Dios y Padre de nuestro Señor Jesucristo, que nos bendijo con toda bendición espiritual en los lugares celestiales en Cristo, ⁴según nos escogió en él antes de la fundación del mundo, para que fuésemos santos y sin mancha delante de él en amor, ⁵habiéndonos predestinado para ser adoptados como hijos suyos por medio de Jesucristo, conforme al beneplácito de su voluntad, ⁶para alabanza de la gloria de su gracia, de la que nos ha colmado en el Amado, ⁷en quien tenemos redención por medio de su sangre, el perdón de pecados según las riquezas de su gracia, ⁸que hizo sobreabundar para con nosotros en toda sabiduría e inteligencia, ⁹dándonos a conocer el misterio de su voluntad, según su beneplácito, el cual se había propuesto en sí mismo, ¹⁰con miras a restaurar todas las cosas en Cristo en la dispensación del cumplimiento de los tiempos, tanto las que están en los cielos, como las que están en la tierra, ¹¹en unión con él, en quien también hemos tenido suerte, habiendo sido predestinados conforme al propósito del que efectúa todas las cosas según el designio de su voluntad, ¹²a fin de que seamos para alabanza de su gloria, nosotros los que ya antes esperábamos en Cristo. ¹³En él también vosotros, habiendo oído la palabra de verdad, el evangelio de vuestra salvación, y habiendo creído, fuisteis sellados también en él con el Espíritu Santo de la promesa, ¹⁴el cual es las arras de nuestra herencia con miras a la redención de la posesión adquirida, para alabanza de su gloria.

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

⊕ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia

Richard Proulx (1937-2010)/Leo Nestor
Teresa Blessing, Cantor

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**
Where is the child who is born king of the Jews?
We observed his star and have come to pay him homage.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia *(Matthew 2, adapted)*

⊕ GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew/Mateo 2:1-12
Reverend Lea

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. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

¹Después de haber nacido Jesús en Belén de Judea en días del rey Herodes, llegaron a Jerusalén unos magos procedentes del oriente ²diciendo: ¿Dónde está el que ha nacido rey de los judíos? Porque hemos visto su estrella en el oriente, y hemos venido a adorarle. ³Al oír esto, el rey Herodes se turbó, y toda Jerusalén con él. ⁴Y convocados todos los principales sacerdotes, y los escribas del pueblo, les preguntaba dónde había de nacer el Cristo. ⁵Ellos le dijeron: En Belén de Judea; porque así está escrito por medio del profeta: ⁶'Y tú, Belén, tierra de Judá, De ningún modo eres la menor entre los príncipes de Judá; Porque de ti saldrá un guiador, Que apacentará a mi pueblo Israel. ⁷Entonces Herodes, llamando en secreto a los magos, indagó de ellos diligentemente el tiempo de la aparición de la estrella; ⁸y enviándolos a Belén, dijo: Id allá y averiguad con diligencia acerca del niño; y cuando le halléis, hacédmelo saber, para que yo también vaya y le adore. ⁹Ellos, habiendo oído al rey, se fueron; y he aquí que la estrella que habían visto en el oriente iba delante de ellos, hasta que llegó y se detuvo encima de donde estaba el niño. ¹⁰Al ver la estrella, se regocijaron con enorme gozo. ¹¹Y al entrar en la casa, vieron al niño con su madre María, y postrándose, lo adoraron; luego abrieron sus tesoros y le ofrecieron presentes: oro, incienso y mirra. ¹²Pero, avisados en sueños que no volviesen a Herodes, regresaron a su tierra por otro camino.

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, 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 Weight Is Over

Reverend Erica Lea

LISTENING IN THE SILENCE

SHARING COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN 172

*All sing v.1 and Refrain / Women sing v.2 /
Men sing v.3 / Choir sings v.4 / All sing v.5 and Refrain.*

We Three Kings

KINGS OF ORIENT

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Reverend Palacios

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Reverend Lea

Most merciful God,

We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may walk in your ways.

Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Reverend Lea

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(1 John 1:8-9)

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

To follow along as you listen, see hymn 174.

Brightest and Best

STAR IN THE EAST

Calvary Sanctuary Choir

GIVING AND SERVING

INVITATION TO GIVE AND TO SERVE

Cheryl Branham

MUSICAL OFFERING, HYMN 171

*All are invited to join in singing,
or follow along as you listen.*

God's Love Made Visible!

POSADA

Sanctuary Choir and Congregation

⊕ 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

Cheryl Branham

BECOMING DISCIPLES

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Reverend Lea

⊕ HYMN

Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King
Let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Al mundo paz, nació Jesús, nació ya nuestro Rey
El corazón ya tiene luz, y paz su santa grey
Y paz su santa grey, y paz, y paz su santa grey.

Al mundo paz, el Salvador en tierra reinará
Ya es feliz el pecador, Jesús perdón le da
Jesús perdón le da, Jesús, Jesús perdón le da.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love
And wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

⊕ 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

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 10, First Sunday after the Epiphany, are
Isaiah 43:1-7; Psalm 29; Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22.

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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; Earl and Jenna Wright, Isaac Wright's parents; refugee, asylum seekers, and immigration reform; victims of gun violence; racial reconciliation and justice everywhere.

TODAY

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND SANCTUARY CHOIR resume regular scheduling today at 9:45 a.m. Join the Latino Fellowship in the Chapel, nursery on G1, children on G3, youth on G3, and any adults in Butler Hall!

CALVARY YOUNG MUSICIANS do not meet today but resume next Sunday, January 10. Contact Dwayne Pinkney or Cheryl Branham.

RETIRED MINISTERS & MISSIONARY OFFERING will be collected today to support Calvary's partnership with American Baptist Churches USA and The Alliance of Baptists. This offering is used to help retired ministers and missionaries with emergency needs. Many retired ministers worked for smaller congregations with lower salaries and, thus, lower pensions. Please give to the RMMO offering today by marking your envelope or check with RMMO and placing it in the plate as you exit the sanctuary.

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.

THIS WEEK: 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 back beginning **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)!

ESTUDIO BÍBLICO, Wednesdays, January 13 and 20, 7:00 p.m. in the Calvary Library. 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. Currently we're on a break until **January 14**. Contact Pastor Erica.

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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 officary! The 2016 officary 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.

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