THE PEOPLE OF CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH GATHER

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

DECEMBER 11, 2016

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT THE DAY OF JOY

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.



GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

The First Noel
Traditional English Carol
Ruthie Alcazar, Violin
Rachel Alcazar, Viola

WELCOME Reverend Lea

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Personent Hodie from Piae Cantiones (1582) Sanctuary Choir

On this day earth shall ring with the song children sing To the Lord, Christ our King, born on earth to save us Him the Father gave us. Ideo gloria in excelsis Deo!

PROCESSION HYMN

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee Jubilosos, Te Adoramos HYMN TO JOY

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of Glory, Lord of love Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive our fear and doubt away Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

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.

Jubilosa, en cielo y tierra, te circunde tu creación Astros y ángeles te canten en perpetua adoración Campo y selva, monte y valle, la pradera, el vasto mar Fuentes y aves, en tu nombre nos invitan a cantar.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest Well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest Thou our Father, Christ our Brother, all who live in love are thine Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Oh, mortales, hoy cantemos con el coro celestial Como hermanos habitemos en amor santo y real Marcharemos entonando nuestro cántico triunfal A través de la contienda, vida y gozo vencerán.

○ LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE OF JOY

Calvary Youth Allysa Packard, Cantor

Today we light the Advent rose 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!

All sing together:

Joy, joy, wonderful joy. Joy to the world is given. Hushed are the angels, so still is the night. Then in the East shone a heavenly light. Joy, joy, wonderful joy. Joy to the world is given.

MORNING PRAYER

Lu Shan, Deacon of the Week

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.**

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Make Us One Make Us One

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

A TIME WITH CHILDREN

Reverend Zehyoue

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Jesus, Jesus, Rest Your Head Jesus Born in Bethn'y Appalachian Carols/John Jacob Niles (1892-1980) Calvary Children's Choir

LISTENING FOR THE WORD OF GOD

HEBREW LESSON

Isaiah/ Isaías 35:1-10 Josh Rusell

¹The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus ²it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. ³Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. ⁴Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." ⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; 6then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; 7the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. ⁸A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. ⁹No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. ¹⁰And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

¹Se alegrarán el desierto y la soledad; el yermo se gozará y florecerá como la rosa. ² Florecerá profusamente, y también se alegrará y cantará con júbilo; la gloria del Líbano le será dada, la hermosura del Carmelo y de Sarón. Ellos verán la gloria de Jehová, la hermosura del Dios nuestro. ³ Fortaleced las manos cansadas, afirmad las rodillas endebles. ⁴ Decid a los de corazón apocado: Esforzaos, no temáis; he aquí que vuestro Dios viene con retribución, con pago; Dios mismo vendrá, y os salvará. ⁵ Entonces los ojos de los ciegos serán abiertos, y los oídos de los sordos se abrirán. ⁶ Entonces el cojo saltará como un ciervo, y cantará la lengua del mudo; porque aguas serán cavadas en el desierto, y torrentes en la soledad. ⁶ El lugar seco se convertirá en estanque, y el sequedal en manaderos de aguas; en la morada de chacales, en su guarida, será lugar de cañas y juncos. ⁶ Y habrá allí calzada y camino, y será llamado Camino de Santidad; no pasará inmundo por él, sino que él mismo estará con ellos; el que anduviere en este camino, por torpe que sea, no se extraviará. ⁶ No habrá allí león, ni fiera subirá por él, ni allí se hallará, para que caminen los redimidos. ¹ O Y los redimidos de Jehová volverán, y vendrán a Sion con alegría; y gozo perpetuo será sobre sus cabezas; y tendrán gozo y alegría, y huirán la tristeza y el gemido.

MAGNIFICAT, HYMN 131

Luke 1:46b-55 Allysa Packard, Cantor

We read responsively and sing together.

⁴⁶ Entonces María dijo: Engrandece mi alma al Señor; ⁴⁷ Y mi espíritu se regocija en Dios mi Salvador. ⁴⁸ Porque ha mirado la bajeza de su sierva; Pues he aquí, desde ahora me dirán bienaventurada todas las generaciones. ⁴⁹ Porque me ha hecho grandes cosas el Poderoso; Santo es su nombre, ⁵⁰ Y su misericordia es de generación en generación A los que le temen. ⁵¹ Hizo proezas con su brazo; Esparció a los soberbios en el pensamiento de sus corazones. ⁵² Quitó de los tronos a los poderosos, Y exaltó a los humildes. ⁵³ A los hambrientos colmó de bienes, Y a los ricos envió vacíos. ⁵⁴ Socorrió a Israel su siervo, Acordándose de la misericordia ⁵⁵ De la cual habló a nuestros padres, Para con Abraham y su descendencia para siempre.

EPISTLE LESSON

James / Santiago 5:7-10 Anabel Cruz

⁷ Por tanto, hermanos, tened paciencia hasta la venida del Señor. Mirad cómo el labrador espera el precioso fruto de la tierra, aguardando con paciencia hasta que reciba la lluvia temprana y la tardía. ⁸ Tened también vosotros paciencia, y afirmad vuestros corazones; porque la venida del

Señor se acerca. ⁹Hermanos, no os quejéis unos contra otros, para que no seáis condenados; he aquí, el juez está delante de la puerta. ¹⁰Hermanos míos, tomad como ejemplo de aflicción y de paciencia a los profetas que hablaron en nombre del Señor.

⁷Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. ⁸You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. ⁹Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! ¹⁰As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia Jacques Berthier (1923-1994) Allysa Packard, Cantor

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia! The virgin shall conceive and bear a son. They shall name him Emmanuel: God is with us. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia! (Matthew 1, adapted)

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew/ Mateo 1:18-25 Reverend Zehyoue

¹⁸Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. ²⁰But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said: "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." ²²All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: ²³Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means, God is with us. ²⁴When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, ²⁵but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

¹⁸ El nacimiento de Jesucristo fue así: Estando desposada María su madre con José, antes que se juntasen, se halló que había concebido del Espíritu Santo. ¹⁹ José su marido, como era justo, y no quería infamarla, quiso dejarla secretamente. ²⁰ Y pensando él en esto, he aquí un ángel del Señor le apareció en sueños y le dijo: José, hijo de David, no temas recibir a María tu mujer, porque lo que en ella es engendrado, del Espíritu Santo es. ²¹ Y dará a luz un hijo, y llamarás su nombre Jesús, porque él salvará a su pueblo de sus pecados. ²² Todo esto aconteció para que se cumpliese lo dicho por el Señor por medio del profeta, cuando dijo: ²³ He aquí, una virgen concebirá y dará a luz un hijo, Y llamarás su nombre Emanuel, m que traducido es: Dios con nosotros. ²⁴ Y despertando José del sueño, hizo como el ángel del Señor le había mandado, y recibió a su mujer. ²⁵ Pero no la conoció hasta que dio a luz a su hijo primogénito; y le puso por nombre Jesús.

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

O HYMN 160

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



PRAYERS FOR CALVARY AND LORD'S PRAYER

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 Liberation in His Blood

Reverend Elijah Zehyoue

MUSICAL REFLECTION Canyons and Waterfalls

Melody Bober

Angelica Angdisen, Piano

GIVING AND SERVING

INVITATION TO GIVE AND TO SERVE

Carol Blythe and Jess Lynd

MUSICAL OFFERING

To follow the words as you listen, see hymn 141.

ANDUJAR

Sanctuary Choir

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 Jess Lynd

BECOMING DISCIPLES

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP Reverend Zehyoue

© HYMN 130 My Soul Gives Glory to My God

MORNING SONG

AFFIRMING GOD'S CALL

HYMN 50

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

POSTLUDE

Improvisation on HYMN TO JOY Graham Velsey, Organ

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

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

Advent candle song: *Wonderful Peace*. Words: Evers, tr Luboff; Music: Gustaf Nordqvist, © 1983 Abr. Lundquist ab Musikförlag, 2008 Walton Music; excerpt adapted by Cheryl Branham. *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee/Jubilosos, Te Adoramos*. Words: Henry van Dyke alt, tr Federico J. Pagura, © 1996 Abingdon Press. *Make Us One*. Words and Music: Carol Cymbala, © 1991 Word Music, Inc. and Carol Joy Music c/o Integrated Copyright Group. *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*, Chalice 50. Words: Thomas Ken, 1674; adapt. Gilbert H. Vieira, © 1989 The United Methodist Publishing House. Words reprinted under CCLI #430459 and OneLicense.net #A-719662. All rights reserved.

Lectionary Passages for December 18, Fourth Sunday of Advent, are Isaiah 7:10-16; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25.

Join us next Sunday for a Service of Lessons and Carols, featuring Calvary Festival Choir.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

New this week: Those affected by the Oakland, CA warehouse fire.

Carmen Angdisen; Demy Angdisen; Theresa Beaton; Maria Bensussen, Ryan Harvey's grandmother; Allison Berlow, Kathleen Lansing's cousin; Sara Bermúdez, Lorena Pereira's mother; Sue Bollinger, Michelle Harris-Love's mother; Dylan Canfield, Laura Canfield's nephew; Cristina Chacón; Roberta Clyburn, Janice Glover's sister; Mileeyah Crudup, Betty Crudup's granddaughter; Melo dos Santos, mother-in-law of Raimundo Barreto; Denny Duffell, John Appiah-Duffell's father; Dick Glandt, former member; Jenny Goon; Janet Grove; Paula Harrison, Claudia Moore's cousin; Berniece and Bill Harward; Sabrina Jawed's father; Lucy Johnson, Jackie Wright's grandmother; Marsha Keys, Terry Greene's wife; Jessica Long, Beverly Fahey's daughter-in-law; Carmen Myers, Theresa Beaton's cousin; Al Nielsen; Amelia Powell, Andrea Powell's mother; Paul Rice; Harold Ritchie; Ruby Shepherd; Elijah Simpson-Sundell, Cheryl Branham's student; Sunny Soto's mother; Bob Tiller; Harold Walker, Jackie Wright's stepfather; Earl and Jenna Wright, Isaac Wright's parents. Peace in El Salvador, refugees, asylum seekers, and immigration reform. Victims of gun violence, those targeted with hate crimes, racial reconciliation and justice everywhere. The Dakota Access Pipeline. Our nation as we unify during government leader transitions. Pray also for Calvary's Ministerial Search Committee and Pastoral Candidates.

TODAY

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL. Kids for Christ (KFC, grades K-2) and Spirit Powered Youth (SPY, grades 3-5) meet together in Room G319, Sundays 9:45-11:00 a.m. Lessons are brought to life through Bible stories, discussions, drama, games and art projects. Bringing Faith Forward class (BFF, grades 6-12) meets in G310/311. Check out our blog, calvarybff.wordpress.com. Join us!

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL, 9:45 a.m. All are invited to join us in Butler Hall as we continue our study and conversation using *Reading Between the Lines: Exploring our Story through Biblical Stories*, an Alliance of Baptist series covering Advent and Epiphany.

LATINO FELLOWSHIP meets **each Sunday**, **9:45 a.m.** in Palacios Chapel, for Adult Spanish Sunday School and discussion on the book *Herencia e Identidad: Historia, principios, y practicas Bautistas*, by author Rev. Angel Luis Gutierrez. Contact Eugenia Reyes for more information.

THANK YOU, CALVARY KIDS! Thanks to all of our singers in Children's Choir today, plus parents and teachers for your support. Special thanks to Rachel and Ruthie Alcazar, and Angelica Angelica Angelisen, for your instrumental music. Many thanks to our Advent organist, Graham Velsey, for your fine work each week. Bravo and congratulations to all—you made our Advent worship beautiful and extra-special today!

FESTIVAL CHOIR. If you love singing, Festival Choir is for you! **Today is our final rehearsal**, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in Music Suite. Next Sunday, we meet at 9:30 a.m. in Sanctuary, before Lessons and Carols in worship. Contact Cheryl for info.

OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2017. If you requested a set of envelopes for 2017, they are available in the Narthex today. If you would like to receive a set of weekly or monthly envelopes, contact Paul Rosstead.

SMITHSONIAN ASSOCIATES CHORALE. Make a day of it, here at Calvary! Cheryl Branham and Chorale perform in Open Dress Rehearsal today, 5:00 p.m. in the Calvary Chapel. Enjoy music of the season, then take the elevator downstairs to Shallenberger for the Gala! All are welcome; free admission.

ALL ARE INVITED! LATINO CHRISTMAS GALA, this evening at 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 bilingual and festive program! Tickets will be sold during Coffee Hour and at the door tonight. Donations in any amount are appreciated. Thank you for giving generously!

LAST CALL FOR POINSETTIAS. Purchase a poinsettia to honor or remember a friend or loved one this season. Forms are available in Narthex or church office, and order deadline is **tomorrow**, **Monday**, **December 12.** We'll place poinsettias in the Sanctuary for worship Sunday, December 18.

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COMING UP

THEOLOGY ON DRAFT meets each Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. in Butler Hall. Contact Pastor Elijah.

ARISE: A QUEER THEOLOGY COLLABORATIVE meets the second Wednesday of each month; next meeting is **December 14**, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the office suite with a dessert potluck! This fall, we're studying *Liberating Sexuality* by Miguel de la Torre. Arise is an ecumenical group for any LGBTQ identified people. Contact Pastor Erica for more information.

DOWNTOWN SOCIAL CLUB. Calvary hosts this program for residents of St. Elizabeth's Hospital on the first and third Thursdays each month, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This week, **December 15**, it's holiday party time! Volunteer with us for social time, games, crafts, singing and lunch; contact Carol Blythe.

FRIDAY MORNING MUSIC CLUB. Join FMMC Friday, **December 16** at noon in Palacios Chapel, for another free chamber music concert, with holiday reception to follow! FMMC concerts are on break December 23 and 30, resuming January 6. All are welcome.

CELEBRATE THE SEASON WITH THE FOLGER, Friday, December 16, 6:30 p.m. reception and 8:00 p.m. show. Enjoy cider and cookies, carols performed by neighborhood church choirs, and fellowship with other DC faith communities. Bring a donation of winter socks to benefit our neighbors experiencing homelessness, served by Central Union Mission. With every donation you'll also receive a discount on an upcoming Folger production. Use promo code FAITH to purchase tickets online at folger.edu, or by phone, 202.544.7077. Folger Theatre, 201 East Capitol Street SE, Washington DC.

CALVARY CONVERSATION: SANCTUARY MOVEMENT, featuring guest presenter Hannah Graf Evans from the Friends Committee on National Legislation. Join us after worship **next Sunday, December 18** in the Palacios Chapel; soup and sandwich lunch provided. We'll learn how everyone in the Calvary Community can work together for immigration justice.

A HOLY SEASON AT CALVARY

Sunday, December 11 - Advent Day of Joy

Rev. Elijah Zehyoue preaching, and featuring Calvary Children's Choir, 11:00 a.m. Latino Fellowship Christmas Gala, 6:00 p.m. in Shallenberger Hall.

Sunday, December 18 - Advent Day of Love

Festival Choir leads a traditional Service of Lessons and Carols, 11:00 a.m. Calvary Conversation: Sanctuary Movement, 12:30 p.m. in Palacios Chapel.

Saturday, December 24 – Christmas Eve

Cookies and cider, 4:30 p.m. in Woodward Hall Christmas Eve Worship with Nativity, 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 25 – Christmas Day

Coffee and doughnut fellowship, 10:00 a.m. in Woodward Hall (no Sunday School) Family Worship, Rev. Erica Lea preaching, 11:00 a.m.

Monday, December 26 through Monday, January 2 – Church office closed.

Sunday, January 1 – New Year's Day

Coffee and doughnut fellowship, 10:00 a.m. in Woodward Hall (no Sunday School) Christmastide Worship, Rev. Erica Lea preaching, 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, January 8 – Epiphany Sunday

Sunday School and Sanctuary Choir resume. Epiphany Worship, Rev. Elijah Zehyoue preaching, 11:00 a.m. Three Kings Day Family Party, 12:30 p.m. in Shallenberger Hall.

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