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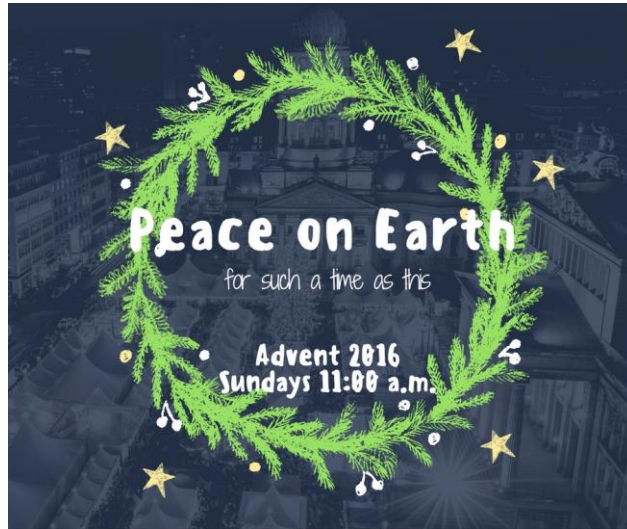
THE WORSHIP OF GOD

DECEMBER 18, 2016

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
THE DAY OF LOVE

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

Improvisation on ADESTE FIDELIS
John Dautzenberg, Organ

WELCOME

Reverend Zehyoue

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Personent Hodie
from *Piae Cantiones* (1582)
Calvary Festival Choir

Let all priests, just like choristers,
Sing as the angels do: You have come to the world,
I pour out praises to you. Therefore, glory to God in the highest!

⊕ PROCESSION, HYMN 165

Listen as the Cantor sings v. 1;
All sing v. 2-4.

Once in Royal David's City
IRBY
Miles Herr, Cantor

⊕ LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE OF LOVE

Wright Family

Today we light this Advent candle as a symbol of love – radiant, faithful, Divine love.

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

Bring to us the light of Your love when we feel hate.

Come, Lord Jesus! Illumine within us the light of Your love. (*Continues next page*)

⊕ 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.

Bring to us the light of Your love, so 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 as we follow Your Way of hope, peace and joy.

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

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

All sing together:

Love, love, wonderful love. Love to the world is given.

Hushed are the angels, so still is the night.

Then in the East shone a heavenly light.

Love, love, wonderful love. Love to the world is given.

☉ **MORNING PRAYER**

Nancy Renfrow, Deacon of the Week

☉ **PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Nancy Renfrow

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 ISOBEL JELENA WRIGHT

Wright and Moyich Families

Reverend Lea

Reverend Zehyoue

A SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

FIRST LESSON

Genesis/ Génesis 3:8-15, 17-19

*Adam and Eve disobey God's command,
disrupting the goodness of creation.*

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."

⁸Y oyeron la voz de Jehová Dios que se paseaba en el huerto, al aire del día; y el hombre y su mujer se escondieron de la presencia de Jehová Dios entre los árboles del huerto. ⁹Mas Jehová Dios llamó al hombre, y le dijo: ¿Dónde estás tú? ¹⁰Y él respondió: Oí tu voz en el huerto, y tuve

miedo, porque estaba desnudo; y me escondí. ¹¹Y Dios le dijo: ¿Quién te enseñó que estabas desnudo? ¿Has comido del árbol de que yo te mandé no comieses? ¹²Y el hombre respondió: La mujer que me diste por compañera me dio del árbol, y yo comí. ¹³Entonces Jehová Dios dijo a la mujer: ¿Qué es lo que has hecho? Y dijo la mujer: La serpiente me engañó, y comí. ¹⁴Y Jehová Dios dijo a la serpiente: Por cuanto esto hiciste, maldita serás entre todas las bestias y entre todos los animales del campo; sobre tu pecho andarás, y polvo comerás todos los días de tu vida. ¹⁵Y pondré enemistad entre ti y la mujer, y entre tu simiente y la simiente suya; ésta te herirá en la cabeza, y tú le herirás en el calcañar... ¹⁷Y al hombre dijo: Por cuanto obedeciste a la voz de tu mujer, y comiste del árbol de que te mandé diciendo: No comerás de él; maldita será la tierra por tu causa; con dolor comerás de ella todos los días de tu vida. ¹⁸Espinos y cardos te producirá, y comerás plantas del campo. ¹⁹Con el sudor de tu rostro comerás el pan hasta que vuelvas a la tierra, porque de ella fuiste tomado; pues polvo eres, y al polvo volverás.

CAROL

Wondrous Love, from Appalachian Carols
Gwyneth Walker (b. 1947)
Calvary Festival Choir

What wondrous love is this, O my soul
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to lay aside his crown for my soul.
To God and to the Lamb I will sing
To God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM, while millions join the theme I will sing.
Ye winged seraphs fly with the news, with the news
Ye winged seraphs fly like comets through the sky, fill vast eternity with the news.
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be, and through eternity I'll sing on.
What wondrous love is this! Hosanna to the newborn King! (- *Traditional*)

SECOND LESSON

Genesis/ Génesis 22:15-18
Cristian Duran

*God promises that, through Abraham,
all people of the world will be blessed.*

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."

¹⁵Y llamó el ángel de Jehová a Abraham por segunda vez desde el cielo, ¹⁶y dijo: Por mí mismo he jurado, dice Jehová, que por cuanto has hecho esto, y no me has rehusado tu hijo, tu único hijo; ¹⁷de cierto te bendeciré, y multiplicaré tu descendencia como las estrellas del cielo y como la arena que está a la orilla del mar; y tu descendencia poseerá las puertas de sus enemigos. ¹⁸En tu simiente serán benditas todas las naciones de la tierra, por cuanto obedeciste a mi voz.

CAROL

Ding Dong! Merrily on High
16th-century/harm. Charles Wood (1866-1926)
Calvary Festival Choir

Ding dong! Merrily on high in heaven the bells are ringing
Ding dong! Verily the sky is riven with angel singing: *Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!*
E'en so here below, below, let steeple bells be swungen
And *i-o, i-o, i-o*, by priest and people sungen: *Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!* (*Continues next page*)

Pray you, dutifully prime your matin chime, ye ringers
May you beautifully rime your eve-time song, ye singers: *Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!*
(- G.R. Woodward, 1848-1934)

THIRD LESSON

Isaías/ Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

*The people who walk in darkness receive
the promise of Messiah.*

Lorena Pereira

²El pueblo que andaba en tinieblas vio gran luz; los que moraban en tierra de sombra de muerte, luz resplandeció sobre ellos... ⁶Porque un niño nos es nacido, hijo nos es dado, y el principado sobre su hombro; y se llamará su nombre Admirable, Consejero, Dios Fuerte, Padre Eterno, Príncipe de Paz. ⁷Lo dilatado de su imperio y la paz no tendrán límite, sobre el trono de David y sobre su reino, disponiéndolo y confirmándolo en juicio y en justicia desde ahora y para siempre. El celo de Jehová de los ejércitos hará esto.

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 Counselor, 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 onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

⊕ CONGREGATIONAL CAROL

God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

English Carol/arr. David Willcocks (1919-2015)

**God rest you merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay
For Jesus Christ our Saviour was born upon this day
To save us all from Satan's power when we were gone astray
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy.**

**Now to the Lord sing praises, all you within this place
And with true love and brotherhood each other now embrace
This holy tide of Christmas all others doth deface
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy. (- Traditional)**

FOURTH LESSON

Isaiah/ Isaías 11:1-4a, 6-9

*Messiah will come from the root of Jesse,
to restore peace to creation.*

Yolanda Appiah-Kubi

¹A shoot shall come out from the stump 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... 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.

¹Saldrá una vara del tronco de Isaí, y un vástago retoñará de sus raíces. ²Y reposará sobre él el Espíritu de Jehová; espíritu de sabiduría y de inteligencia, espíritu de consejo y de poder, espíritu de conocimiento y de temor de Jehová. ³Y le hará entender diligente en el temor de Jehová. No

juzgará según la vista de sus ojos, ni arguirá por lo que oigan sus oídos; ⁴sino que juzgará con justicia a los pobres, y arguirá con equidad por los mansos de la tierra; y herirá la tierra con la vara de su boca, y con el espíritu de sus labios matará al impío... ⁶Morará el lobo con el cordero, y el leopardo con el cabrito se acostará; el becerro y el león y la bestia doméstica andarán juntos, y un niño los pastoreará. ⁷La vaca y la osa pacerán, sus crías se echarán juntas; y el león como el buey comerá paja. ⁸Y el niño de pecho jugará sobre la cueva del áspid, y el recién destetado extenderá su mano sobre la caverna de la víbora. ⁹No harán mal ni dañarán en todo mi santo monte; porque la tierra será llena del conocimiento de Jehová, como las aguas cubren el mar.

CAROL

The Lamb

John Tavener (1944-2013)
Calvary Chamber Singers

Little Lamb, who made thee? Dost thou know who made thee?
Gave thee life and bid thee feed by the stream and o'er the mead;
Gave thee clothing of delight, softest clothing, woolly, bright;
Gave thee such a tender voice, making all the vales rejoice?
Little Lamb, who made thee? Dost thou know who made thee?

Little Lamb, I'll tell thee; Little Lamb, I'll tell thee.
He is called by thy name, for he calls himself a Lamb.
He is meek, and he is mild, he became a little child.
I, a child and thou, a lamb, we are called by his name.
Little Lamb, God bless thee! Little Lamb, God bless thee! (- William Blake, 1757-1827)

FIFTH LESSON

Luke/ Lucas 1:26-35, 38

*An angel appears to Mary and announces
that she will bear a holy child.*

Laura Canfield

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, favored 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 favor 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 forever, 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.

²⁶Al sexto mes el ángel Gabriel fue enviado por Dios a una ciudad de Galilea, llamada Nazaret, ²⁷a una virgen desposada con un varón que se llamaba José, de la casa de David; y el nombre de la virgen era María. ²⁸Y entrando el ángel en donde ella estaba, dijo: ¡Salve, muy favorecida! El Señor es contigo; bendita tú entre las mujeres. ²⁹Mas ella, cuando le vio, se turbó por sus palabras, y pensaba qué salutación sería esta. ³⁰Entonces el ángel le dijo: María, no temas, porque has hallado gracia delante de Dios. ³¹Y ahora, concebirás en tu vientre, y darás a luz un hijo, y llamarás su nombre JESÚS. ³²Este será grande, y será llamado Hijo del Altísimo; y el Señor Dios le dará el trono de David su padre; ³³y reinará sobre la casa de Jacob para siempre, y su reino no tendrá fin. ³⁴Entonces María dijo al ángel: ¿Cómo será esto? pues no conozco varón. ³⁵Respondiendo el ángel, le dijo: El Espíritu Santo vendrá sobre ti, y el poder del Altísimo te cubrirá con su sombra; por lo cual también el Santo Ser que nacerá, será llamado Hijo de Dios... ³⁸Entonces María dijo: He aquí la sierva del Señor; hágase conmigo conforme a tu palabra. Y el ángel se fue de su presencia.

CAROL

Down in Yon Forest
Appalachian Carol/arr. John Jacob Niles (1892-1980)
Calvary Festival Choir

Down in yon forest be a Hall: Sing May, Queen May, Maria
 'Tis coverlided over with purple and pall: Sing all good friends for the promised Savior.

Oh in that hall is a pallet bed: Sing May, Queen May, Maria
 'Tis stained with blood like cardinal red: Sing all good friends for the promised Savior.

And at that pallet is a stone: Sing May, Queen May, Maria
 On which the Virgin did atone: Sing all good friends for the promised Savior.

Under that Hall is a gushing flood: Sing May, Queen May, Maria
 From Christ's own side 'tis water and blood: Sing all good friends for the promised Savior.

Beside that bed a shrub tree grows: Sing May, Queen May, Maria
 Since He was born it blooms and blows: Sing all good friends for the promised Savior.

Oh on that bed a young Lord sleeps: Sing May, Queen May, Maria
 His wounds are sick, and see, he weeps: Sing all good friends for the promised Savior.

Oh hail yon Hall where none can sin: Sing May, Queen May, Maria
 'Cause it's gold outside and silver within: Sing all good friends for the promised Savior.
 (- Cherokee County, North Carolina; alt Cheryl Branham)

SIXTH LESSON

Lucas/ Luke 2:1-7
Sarah Settles-Palacios

*Mary and Joseph travel to Bethlehem,
 where Mary gives birth to the Christ child.*

¹Aconteció en aquellos días, que se promulgó un edicto de parte de Augusto César, que todo el mundo fuese empadronado. ²Este primer censo se hizo siendo Cirenio gobernador de Siria. ³E iban todos para ser empadronados, cada uno a su ciudad. ⁴Y José subió de Galilea, de la ciudad de Nazaret, a Judea, a la ciudad de David, que se llama Belén, por cuanto era de la casa y familia de David; ⁵para ser empadronado con María su mujer, desposada con él, la cual estaba encinta. ⁶Y aconteció que estando ellos allí, se cumplieron los días de su alumbramiento. ⁷Y dio a luz a su hijo primogénito, y lo envolvió en pañales, y lo acostó en un pesebre, porque no había lugar para ellos en el mesón.

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.

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL

Joy to the World!
Lowell Mason (1792-1872)/arr. John Rutter (b.1945)

**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.** *(continues next page)*

**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.** (- *Isaac Watts, 1674-1748*)

SEVENTH LESSON

Luke/ Lucas 2:8-16

*Angels appear to shepherds in the fields
and announce the birth of Messiah.*

Mary Wright

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 Savior, 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 favors!" 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.

⁸Había pastores en la misma región, que velaban y guardaban las vigili­as de la noche sobre su rebaño. ⁹Y he aquí, se les presentó un ángel del Señor, y la gloria del Señor los rodeó de resplandor; y tuvieron gran temor. ¹⁰Pero el ángel les dijo: No temáis; porque he aquí os doy nuevas de gran gozo, que será para todo el pueblo: ¹¹que os ha nacido hoy, en la ciudad de David, un Salvador, que es CRISTO el Señor. ¹²Esto os servirá de señal: Hallaréis al niño envuelto en pañales, acostado en un pesebre. ¹³Y repentinamente apareció con el ángel una multitud de las huestes celestiales, que alababan a Dios, y decían: ¹⁴¡Gloria a Dios en las alturas, Y en la tierra paz, buena voluntad para con los hombres! ¹⁵Sucedió que cuando los ángeles se fueron de ellos al cielo, los pastores se dijeron unos a otros: Pasemos, pues, hasta Belén, y veamos esto que ha sucedido, y que el Señor nos ha manifestado. ¹⁶Vinieron, pues, apresuradamente, y hallaron a María y a José, y al niño acostado en el pesebre.

CAROL

Rise Up, Shepherds!
Traditional Spiritual/Don Besig (b.1936)
Calvary Festival Choir

There's a star in the sky this winter night
All the world can behold its shining light: Rise up shepherds and follow!

Come on and rise up! Rise up shepherds and hurry to the manger
Rise up shepherds and follow that star!

Leave your sheep and leave your lambs
Journey now to Bethlehem: Rise up shepherds and follow that star!

Come and hear the angels sing
Share the joyful news they bring: Rise up shepherds and follow that star!

They're singing: Gloria, Glory Hallelujah! Rise up shepherds and hurry to the manger
Shepherds arise! Rise up shepherds and follow that star! (- *Nancy Price*)

EIGHTH LESSON: WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

Matthew/ Mateo 2:1-11

*Magi come from the East, seeking Messiah and
offering gifts to the Christ child.*

Ben Mann

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.

¹Cuando Jesús nació en Belén de Judea en días del rey Herodes, vinieron del oriente a Jerusalén unos magos, ²diciendo: ¿Dónde está el rey de los judíos, que ha nacido? Porque su estrella hemos visto en el oriente, y venimos a adorarle. ³Oyendo esto, el rey Herodes se turbó, y toda Jerusalén con él. ⁴Y convocados todos los principales sacerdotes, y los escribas del pueblo, les preguntó dónde había de nacer el Cristo. ⁵Ellos le dijeron: En Belén de Judea; porque así está escrito por el profeta: ⁶Y tú, Belén, de la tierra de Judá, No eres la más pequeña entre los príncipes de Judá; Porque de ti saldrá un guiador, Que apacentará^[a] 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 la estrella que habían visto en el oriente iba delante de ellos, hasta que llegando, se detuvo sobre donde estaba el niño. ¹⁰Y al ver la estrella, se regocijaron con muy grande gozo. ¹¹Y al entrar en la casa, vieron al niño con su madre María, y postrándose, lo adoraron; y abriendo sus tesoros, le ofrecieron presentes: oro, incienso y mirra.

OFFERTORY CAROL

What Sweeter Music
John Rutter (b.1945)
Calvary Festival Choir

What sweeter music can we bring than a carol, for to sing
The birth of this our heavenly King: awake the voice, awake the string

Dark and dull night, fly hence away and give the honour to this day
That sees December turned to May

Why does the chilling winter's morn smile, like a field beset with corn
Or smell like a meadow newly shorn: thus on the sudden, come and see
The cause, why things thus fragrant be

'Tis he is born, whose quickening birth gives life and lustre, public mirth
To heaven and the under-earth

We see him come, and know him ours, who with his sunshine and his showers
Turns all the patient ground to flowers

The darling of the world is come, and fit it is we find a room to welcome him
The nobler part of all the house here is the heart, which we will give him and bequeath
This holly and this ivy wreath, to do him honour, who's our King and Lord of all this reveling

What sweeter music can we bring than a carol, for to sing
The birth of this our heavenly King. (- Robert Herrick, 1591-1674, alt John Rutter)

NINTH LESSON

Juan/ John 1:1-14

The Word of God becomes flesh and lives among us, full of grace and truth.

Eugenia Reyes

¹En el principio era el Verbo, y el Verbo era con Dios, y el Verbo era Dios. ²Este era en el principio con Dios. ³Todas las cosas por él fueron hechas, y sin él nada de lo que ha sido hecho, fue hecho. ⁴En él estaba la vida, y la vida era la luz de los hombres. ⁵La luz en las tinieblas resplandece, y las tinieblas no prevalecieron contra ella. ⁶Hubo un hombre enviado de Dios, el cual se llamaba Juan. ⁷Este vino por testimonio, para que diese testimonio de la luz, a fin de que todos creyesen por él. ⁸No era él la luz, sino para que diese testimonio de la luz. ⁹Aquella luz verdadera, que alumbra a todo hombre, venía a este mundo. ¹⁰En el mundo estaba, y el mundo por él fue hecho; pero el mundo no le conoció. ¹¹A lo suyo vino, y los suyos no le recibieron. ¹²Mas a todos los que le recibieron, a los que creen en su nombre, les dio potestad de ser hechos hijos de Dios; ¹³los cuales no son engendrados de sangre, ni de voluntad de carne, ni de voluntad de varón, sino de Dios. ¹⁴Y aquel Verbo fue hecho carne, y habitó entre nosotros (y vimos su gloria, gloria como del unigénito del Padre), lleno de gracia y de verdad.

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.

HOMILY

God Lives With Us

Reverend Elijah Zehyoue

BECOMING DISCIPLES

INVITATION

Reverend Elijah Zehyoue

⊕ CONGREGATIONAL CAROL

O Come, All Ye Faithful

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**O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant: O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem
Come and behold him, born the King of Angels.**

Refrain. **O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord!**

**Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation: Sing all ye citizens of heaven above
Glory to God in the highest. *Refrain.***

**Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning: Jesu, to thee be glory given
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing. *Refrain.***

⊕ AFFIRMING GOD'S CALL

**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.**

⊕ BENEDICTION

Reverend Lea

⊕ POSTLUDE

Improvisation on MENDELSSOHN
John Dautzenberg, Organ

Following worship, join us in Woodward Hall, left as you exit the Sanctuary, for refreshments and a brief 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.

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Lectionary Passages for December 24, Christmas Eve: Luke 2:1-20;
December 25, Christmas Day: Isaiah 9:2-7; Psalm 96; Matthew 1:17-25.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

New this week: Ernest Harris, Issac Wright's uncle, who passed last Sunday; Saul Kerner, John Appiah-Duffell's brother-in-law. The continued strife in Aleppo, Syria, especially the civilians impacted by war.

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; Victor Tupitza; Harold Walker, Jackie Wright's stepfather; Earl and Jenna Wright, Isaac Wright's parents. Pray for peace in El Salvador, refugees, asylum seekers, and immigration reform; those targeted with hate crimes, victims of gun violence, racial reconciliation and justice everywhere; the Dakota Access Pipeline; our nation as we unify in the coming months during government leader transitions; victims of the Oakland warehouse fire. 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. We love to meet new children and welcome them into our group. 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.

WE CELEBRATE WITH THE WRIGHT FAMILY as we dedicate Isobel during worship today. We welcome her Kumovi (godparents), family, and special guests!

THANK YOU, FESTIVAL CHOIR! Thanks for your weeks of rehearsal time, and thanks for your beautiful singing today. Bravo! Sanctuary Choir is on a break until we meet again January 8, 2017. If you love to sing, join us in Sanctuary Choir or keep an eye out for Easter Festival Choir next spring.

OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2017. If you requested a set of envelopes for 2017, they are available in the Narthex today. If there is not a set with your name and you would like a set of weekly or monthly envelopes, please contact Paul Rosstead in the church office.

CALVARY CONVERSATION: SANCTUARY MOVEMENT, featuring guest presenter Hannah Graf Evans from the Friends Committee on National Legislation. Be sure to join us after worship today in Palacios Chapel; soup and sandwich lunch is provided. We'll learn how everyone in the Calvary Community can work together for immigration justice.

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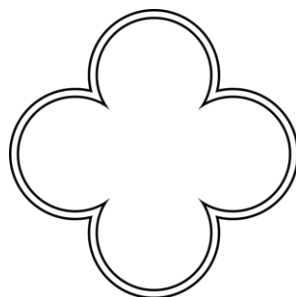
COMING UP

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; we resume **January 11**. Contact Pastor Erica for information.

DOWNTOWN SOCIAL CLUB. Calvary hosts this program for residents of St. Elizabeth's Hospital on the **first and third Thursdays** of each month. We resume **January 12**. To volunteer, contact Carol Blythe.

FRIDAY MORNING MUSIC CLUB. FMCC concerts are on a break, December 23 and 30. Join us when we resume on **January 6**, at noon in Palacios Chapel, for free weekly chamber music concerts at Calvary.



A HOLY SEASON AT CALVARY

Sunday, December 18 – Advent Day of Love

Festival Choir leads a traditional Service of Lessons and Carols, 11:00 a.m.
Calvary Conversation, 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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