



*Mosaic art near Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem*

December 24, 2016

Christmas Eve  
Worship and Nativity

Calvary Baptist Church  
Washington, DC

## THE WORSHIP OF GOD

DECEMBER 24, 2016

CHRISTMAS EVE

5:00 P.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.

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PRELUDE

*During the Prelude, prepare for worship  
by centering your heart with this prayer*

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*  
Gordon Young  
Keevin Lewis, Organ

Living God, on this holy night we gather – to stand with shepherds, amazed at Your glory; to sing with angels, rejoicing in Your work; to wait with Joseph, trusting in Your promise; to sit with Mary, cradling Your love. May the Good News of this night inspire us to tell the world of our great joy. Amen.

WELCOME

Reverend Lea

⊕ HYMN 155

*Angels We Have Heard on High*  
GLORIA

⊕ LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Yolanda Appiah-Kubi  
Salima and Mabel Appiah-Duffell  
Zain Shariff, Cantor

Tonight we light the Christ candle, to symbolize God's promise fulfilled.

**Come to us, Lord Jesus! Fill our lives with hope.**

A child has been born for us, a son given to us.

**Come to us, Lord Jesus! Fill our lives with peace.**

Authority rests upon his shoulders, and he is named Prince of Peace.

**Come to us, Lord Jesus! Fill our lives with joy.**

Glory to God in the highest heaven and on earth, peace.

**Come to us Lord Jesus! Fill our lives with love.**

**Together let us worship the newborn Christ!**

*All sing together:*

**Emmanuel, Emmanuel, Christ to the world is given.**

**Hushed are the angels, so still is the night.**

**Then in the East shone a heavenly light.**

**Emmanuel, Emmanuel, Christ to the world is given.**

⊕ EVENING PRAYER

Salima Appiah-Duffell

⊕ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Yolanda Appiah-Kubi

Today our Savior, Emmanuel, is born!

**Surely God is with us, Alleluia!**

¡Hoy nuestro Salvador, Emmanuel, ha nacido!

**¡Seguro Dios es con nosotros, Aleluya!**

⊕ Congregation standing; la congregación se pone de pie.

MUSICAL MEDITATION

*I Wonder as I Wander*  
Appalachian Carol  
Zain Shariff, Baritone

LITANY OF ADORATION AND PRAISE

Psalm 98  
Tonetta Landis-Aina

Sing to the LORD a new song, for God has done marvelous things. God's right hand and holy arm have worked salvation for us.

**The LORD has made salvation known and has revealed righteousness to the nations.**

God has remembered love and faithfulness to Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

**Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth; burst into jubilant song with music.**

Make music to the LORD with the harp and the sound of singing, with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn—shout for joy before the LORD, the King.

**Let the sea resound and everything in it, the world and all who live in it. Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing together for joy.**

Let them sing before the LORD, for God comes to judge the earth.

**The LORD will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity. Thanks be to God!**

HYMN 162

*What Child Is This*  
GREENSLEEVES

HOMILY

*It's the Little Things*  
Reverend Erica Lea

LISTENING IN THE SILENCE

Loving God, by the gift of Your Spirit teach us, like Mary,  
to treasure Your words and ponder them in our hearts.

RECEIVING THE CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Paul Rosstead

*Tonight's offerings support world missions through American Baptist Churches USA, Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, and Alliance of Baptists. Thank you for giving generously!*

CONGREGATIONAL OFFERTORY,  
HYMN 147

*Away in a Manger*  
AWAY IN A MANGER

THE NATIVITY STORY

Luke 2:1-20  
Tonetta Landis-Aina

✚ SHARING THE LIGHT

*Please take care as you pass the light. Hold each lighted candle upright. Tilt the unlit candle into the flame. Extinguish with care as we conclude, and return your candle to the basket as you exit.*

⊕ CANDLELIGHT CAROL

*Silent Night/Noche de Paz*  
STILLE NACHT

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright  
'Round yon virgin mother and child  
Holy infant so tender and mild  
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Noche de paz, noche de amor, todo duerme en derredor  
Entre los astros que esparcen su luz  
Bella, anunciando al niño Jesús  
Brilla la estrella de paz, brilla la estrella de paz.

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light  
Radiant beams from thy holy face  
With the dawn of redeeming grace  
Jesus Lord at thy birth, Jesus Lord at thy birth.

Noche de paz, noche de amor, oye humilde el fiel pastor  
Coros celestes que anuncian salud  
Gracias y glorias en gran plenitud  
Por nuestro buen Redentor, por nuestro buen Redentor.

Silent night, holy night, wondrous star, lend thy light  
With the angels let us sing  
Alleluia to our King  
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.

⊕ BENEDICTION

Reverend Lea

POSTLUDE

*Silent Night*  
Richard Purvis  
Keevin Lewis, Organ

*Merry Christmas, everyone! We depart in peace.*

In this season of gratitude, we extend  
to our church family deepest thanks for  
your abiding love and support.

We wish you a very Merry Christmas  
and a Blessed New Year!

- Calvary Baptist Church Staff

## LUCAS 2:1-20

<sup>1</sup>Y aconteció en aquellos días que salió edicto de parte de Augusto César, que toda la tierra fuese empadronada. <sup>2</sup>Este empadronamiento primero fué hecho siendo Cirenio gobernador de la Siria. <sup>3</sup>E iban todos para ser empadronados, cada uno á su ciudad. <sup>4</sup>Y subió José de Galilea, de la ciudad de Nazaret, á Judea, á la ciudad de David, que se llama Bethlehem, por cuanto era de la casa y familia de David; <sup>5</sup>Para ser empadronado con María su mujer, desposada con él, la cual estaba encinta. <sup>6</sup>Y aconteció que estando ellos allí, se cumplieron los días en que ella había de parir. <sup>7</sup>Y parió á su hijo primogénito, y le envolvió en pañales, y acostóle en un pesebre, porque no había lugar para ellos en el mesón. <sup>8</sup>Y había pastores en la misma tierra, que velaban y guardaban las vigalias de la noche sobre su ganado. <sup>9</sup>Y he aquí el ángel del Señor vino sobre ellos, y la claridad de Dios los cercó de resplandor; y tuvieron gran temor. <sup>10</sup>Mas el ángel les dijo: No temáis; porque he aquí os doy nuevas de gran gozo, que será para todo el pueblo: <sup>11</sup>Que os ha nacido hoy, en la ciudad de David, un Salvador, que es Cristo el Señor. <sup>12</sup>Y esto os será por señal: hallaréis al niño envuelto en pañales, echado en un pesebre. <sup>13</sup>Y repentinamente fué con el ángel una multitud de los ejércitos celestiales, que alababan á Dios, y decían: <sup>14</sup>Gloria en las alturas á Dios, Y en la tierra paz, buena voluntad para con los hombres. <sup>15</sup>Y aconteció que como los ángeles se fueron de ellos al cielo, los pastores dijeron los unos á los otros: Pasemos pues hasta Bethlehem, y veamos esto que ha sucedido, que el Señor nos ha manifestado. <sup>16</sup>Y vinieron apriesa, y hallaron á María, y á José, y al niño acostado en el pesebre. <sup>17</sup>Y viéndolo, hicieron notorio lo que les había sido dicho del niño. <sup>18</sup>Y todos los que oyeron, se maravillaron de lo que los pastores les decían. <sup>19</sup>Mas María guardaba todas estas cosas, confiriéndolas en su corazón. <sup>20</sup>Y se volvieron los pastores glorificando y alabando á Dios de todas las cosas que habían oído y visto, como les había sido dicho.

### **Tonight's Nativity Participants**

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|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Baby Jesus</b>        | Mabel Appiah-Duffell         |
| <b>Mary</b>              | Salima Appiah-Duffell        |
| <b>Joseph</b>            | John Appiah-Duffell          |
| <b>Magi</b>              | Children of Calvary          |
| <b>Angels</b>            | Children of Calvary          |
| <b>Shepherds</b>         | Children of Calvary          |
| <b>Coordinators</b>      | Corina Lopez & Eugenia Reyes |
| <b>Behind the Scenes</b> | Karla Fahey                  |

**Thank you for a beautiful Nativity, everyone!**

**THANK YOU, MUSICIANS!** Standing ovations to organist Keevin Lewis and to baritone Zain Shariff for leading our music tonight. Cheryl Branham is traveling and returns to worship on January 1. Sanctuary Choir resumes January 8—join us!

**WORLD MISSION OFFERING**, a special Christmas Offering, supports international ministries of our denominational partners: ABC-USA's work against human trafficking, in health projects, economic development, education, conflict transformation training, and care for refugees; Alliance of Baptists' work supporting new progressive Baptist associations in Cuba, Brazil and Zimbabwe, as well as ecumenical work, health clinics, education, food, clothing and housing to people living with limited resources; 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 with Syrian refugees, in Kenya, and others. **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 to ABC World Mission Offering (1/2), Alliance of Baptists Bridges of Hope Offering (1/4), and CBF Global Missions Offering (1/4).

*Silent Night.* Words PD, tr traditional. Unless otherwise noted, prayer & reflection texts come from *Feasting on the Word Advent Companion*. Cover art, photograph by Erica Lea.

**Be sure to join us tomorrow, Christmas Day, for coffee and doughnut fellowship at 10:00 a.m. in Woodward Hall, and Family Worship at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.  
All are welcome!**

**Join us after worship on January 8 for a Business Meeting to consider the recommendation from the Ministerial Selection Committee.**

**PASTORAL CARE.** The Church Office is closed this week. If you have a pastoral need, contact Deacon of the Week John Taylor, [johntaylorpr@gmail.com](mailto:johntaylorpr@gmail.com), or Pastor Erica, 202.246.9299.

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