



December 25, 2016

Christmas Day
Nativity of the Lord

Calvary Baptist Church
Washington, DC

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

DECEMBER 25, 2016

CHRISTMAS DAY

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.

PRELUDE

The First Nowell
Gordon Young
Keevin Lewis, Organ

WELCOME

Reverend Lea

⊕ HYMN 148

O Come, All Ye Faithful
ADESTE FIDELIS

⊕ MORNING PRAYER

John Taylor, Deacon of the Week

⊕ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

John Taylor

Today our Savior, Emmanuel, is born!
Surely God is with us, Alleluia!
¡Hoy nuestro Salvador, Emmanuel, ha nacido!
¡Seguro Dios es con nosotros, Aleluya!

⊕ 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.**

CONGREGATIONAL MEDITATION *I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day*
J. Baptiste Calkin, 1872

I heard the bells on Christmas Day
Their old familiar carols play
And wild and sweet the words repeat
Of peace on earth, good will to all.

I thought how, as the day had come
The belfries of all Christendom
Had rolled along the unbroken song
Of peace on earth, good will to all.

And in despair I bowed my head
There is no peace on earth, I said
For hate is strong and mocks the song
Of peace on earth, good will to all.

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep
God is not dead, nor does God sleep
The wrong shall fail, the right prevail
With peace on earth, good will to all.

⊕ Congregation standing; la congregación se pone de pie.

HEBREW LESSON

Isaiah/Isaías 9:2-7

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. ³You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. ⁴For the yoke of their burden and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. ⁵For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. 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 peace and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

²El pueblo que andaba en tinieblas vio gran luz; los que moraban en tierra de sombra de muerte, luz resplandeció sobre ellos. ³Multiplicaste la gente, y aumentaste la alegría. Se alegrarán delante de ti como se alegran en la siega, como se gozan cuando reparten despojos. ⁴Porque tú quebraste su pesado yugo, y la vara de su hombro, y el cetro de su opresor, como en el día de Madián. ⁵Porque todo calzado que lleva el guerrero en el tumulto de la batalla, y todo manto revolcado en sangre, serán quemados, pasto del fuego. 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.

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew/Mateo 1:17-25

¹⁷So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; and from David to the deportation to Babylon, fourteen generations; and from the deportation to Babylon to the Messiah, fourteen generations. 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: ²³"Look, 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.

¹⁷De manera que todas las generaciones desde Abraham hasta David son catorce; desde David hasta la deportación a Babilonia, catorce; y desde la deportación a Babilonia hasta Cristo, catorce. ¹⁸El nacimiento de Jesucristo fue así: Estando desposada María su madre con José, antes que se juntasen, se halló que había concebido del Espíritu Santo. ¹⁹José su marido, como era justo, y no quería infamarla, quiso dejarla secretamente. ²⁰Y 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. ²¹Y dará a luz un hijo, y llamarás su nombre Jesús, porque él salvará a su pueblo de sus pecados. ²²Todo esto aconteció para que se cumpliese lo dicho por el Señor por medio del profeta, cuando dijo: ²³He aquí, una virgen concebirá y dará a luz un hijo, Y llamarás su nombre Emanuel, m que traducido es: Dios con nosotros. ²⁴Y despertando José del sueño, hizo como el ángel del Señor le había mandado, y recibió a su mujer. ²⁵Pero 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.**

⊕ **HYMN 144**

O Little Town of Bethlehem
ST. LOUIS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER Tonetta Landis-Aina

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.

HOMILY

Don't Forget the Little People
Reverend Erica Lea

LISTENING IN THE SILENCE

RECEIVING THE CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Reverend Lea

OFFERTORY

Away in a Manger
Gordon Young
Keevin Lewis, Organ

⊕ HYMN 143

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, 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 make the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness
And wonders of his love, and wonders of his love
And wonders, wonders of his love.

⊕ BENEDICTION

Tonetta Landis-Aina

POSTLUDE

Joy to the World
Albin C. Whitworth
Keevin Lewis, Organ

A SPECIAL GIFT has been made to the Calvary Burmese Church Orphanage Fund in memory of Kyin Oo, by Carol Dena Greco.

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).

THANK YOU, MUSICIANS! Special thanks to organist Keevin Lewis and baritone Zain Shariff for leading music in worship today. Cheryl Branham is traveling and returns to worship on January 1. Sanctuary Choir resumes on January 8—join us!

WELCOME TONETTA LANDIS-AINA, our guest worship leader. Tonetta is a second-year seminary student at Wesley Theological Seminary, a former high school English teacher, and a proud Baptist. She holds undergraduate degrees from North Carolina A&T State University in English and History, and a master's degree from American University in International Affairs. She feels called to plant missional faith communities and she has a passion for the Hebrew Bible. She resides in Washington with her wife and one furry feline. Thank you for sharing your gifts with us, Tonetta!

Unless otherwise noted, prayer & reflection texts come from *Feasting on the Word Advent Companion*. Cover art, *The Nativity with the Prophets Isaiah and Ezekiel*, by Duccio di Buoninsegna.

Join us after worship Sunday, January 8 for a Special Business Meeting to consider and vote on the recommendation from the Ministerial Selection Committee to call Rev. Sally Sarratt and Rev. Maria Swearingen as co-pastors.

Lectionary Passages for January 1, 2017, are
Ecclesiastes 3:1-13; Psalm 8; Revelation 21:1-6; Luke 2:15-21.

**Join us next Sunday for coffee and doughnut fellowship,
10:00 a.m. in Woodward Hall, followed by worship,
11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.**

PASTORAL CARE. The Church Office is closed this week.
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