

THE PEOPLE OF CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH GATHER

LA ADORACIÓN DE DIOS | THE WORSHIP OF GOD

DECEMBER 3, 2017

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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.

Somos un cuerpo cristiano ecuménico, multirracial y multiétnico
que se extiende al mundo con las Buenas Nuevas de Jesucristo.

Con ese fin nos esforzamos ser acogedores, receptivos, confiados y devotos en todo lo que hacemos.



ALABAMOS JUNTOS | GATHERING TOGETHER

PRELUDIO | VIOLIN AND PIANO PRELUDE

“Oh Come, Oh Come Emmanuel”
French Processional, 15th Century
Arranged by Anne Krentz Organ

LA BIENVENIDA | WELCOME

Reverend Sarratt

⊕ HIMNO PROCESIONAL | PROCESSIONAL HYMN 138

“Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn”

⊕ LLAMADA A LA ALABANZA | CALL TO WORSHIP

La Familia Durán | The Durán Family

Brilla, Luz de Cristo!
Shine on, Light of Christ!

Brilla en mi corazón,
Shine on in my heart.

Brilla en mis pensamientos,
Shine on in my thoughts.

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⊕ 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.

Brilla en mis acciones.
Shine on in my actions.

Y brilla en mis sueños.
And shine on in my dreams.

Despiertame a tu Presencia en el mundo.
Awaken me to your Presence in the world.

Despiertame a tu Palabra hecho en Carne.
Awaken me to your Word made Flesh.

Despiertame al amor que hace nuevo todas las cosas,
Awaken me to Love that is making all things news.

Brilla, Luz de Cristo!
Shine on, O Light of Christ! Amen.

“Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah”

Text: Wayne L. Wold

Yiddish Folk Tune

(Please listen as the choir sings once; the congregation is asked to join on the repeat.)

**Light one candle to watch for Messiah, let the light banish darkness.
He shall bring salvation to Israel, God fulfills the promise. Repeat**

⊕ LA PAZ DE CRISTO | PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Mayrita y Cristián Durán

La paz del Señor sea contigo. **Y contigo también.**
The peace of the Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

⊕ RESPONDEMOS JUNTOS | RESPONDING TOGETHER
HIMNO | HYMN 134

“Emanuel, Emanuel”

**Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel.
God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel.**

**Emanuel, Emanuel, su nombre es Emanuel,
Dios aquí, Dios aquí, su nombre es Emanuel.**

LA PALABRA DE DIOS | LISTENING FOR THE WORD OF GOD

⊕ LECCIÓN HEBREA | HEBREW LESSON

Isaías/ Isaiah 64:1-9

Daniel Alcazar

¹¡Oh, si rompieras los cielos, y descendieras, y a tu presencia se escurriesen los montes, ²como fuego abrasador de fundiciones, fuego que hace hervir las aguas, para que hicieras notorio tu nombre a tus enemigos, y las naciones temblasen a tu presencia! ³Cuando, haciendo cosas terribles cuales nunca esperábamos, descendiste, fluyeron los montes delante de ti. ⁴Ni nunca oyeron, ni oídos percibieron, ni ojo ha visto a Dios fuera de ti, que hiciese por el que en él espera. ⁵Saliste al encuentro del que con alegría hacía justicia, de los que se acordaban de ti en tus caminos; he aquí, tú te enojaste porque pecamos; en los pecados hemos perseverado por largo tiempo; ¿podremos acaso ser salvos? ⁶Si bien todos nosotros somos como suciedad, y todas nuestras justicias como trapo de inmundicia; y caímos todos nosotros como la hoja, y nuestras maldades nos llevaron como viento. ⁷Nadie hay que invoque tu nombre, que se despierte para apoyarse en ti; por lo cual escondiste de nosotros tu rostro, y nos dejaste marchitar en poder de nuestras maldades. ⁸Ahora pues, Jehová, tú eres nuestro padre; nosotros barro, y tú el que nos formaste; así que obra de tus manos somos todos nosotros. ⁹No te enojés sobremanera, Jehová,

ni tengas perpetua memoria de la iniquidad; he aquí, mira ahora, pueblo tuyo somos todos nosotros.

¹O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence—² as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! ³When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. ⁴From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. ⁵You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. ⁶We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. ⁷There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. ⁸Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. ⁹Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

⊕ HIMNO ADVIENTO | ADVENT HYMN 139

“Toda la Tierra” (All Earth is Hopeful)

Text: Alberto Taulé

**All Earth is hopeful, the Savior comes at last!
Furrows lie open for God’s creative task; this, the
Labor of people who struggle to see how
God’s truth and justice set ev’rybody free.**

**Toda la tierra espera al Salvador
Y el surco abierto, la obra del Señor;
Es el mundo que lucha por la libertad,
Reclama justicia y busca la verdad.**

**People of Israel, you heard the prophet tell;
A virgin mother will bear Emmanuel, she conceived him
“God with us,” our brother, whose birth restores
Hope and courage to children of this Earth.**

**Dice el profeta al pueblo de Israel;
De madre virgen ya viene Emmanuel,
Será “Dios con nosotros,” hermano será,
Con él la esperanza al mundo volverá.**

⊕ LECCIÓN DEL EVANGELIO | GOSPEL LESSON

Mark/Marcos 13:24-37

Jackie Wright

²⁴“But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. ²⁷Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.²⁸“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³²“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. ³⁵Therefore, keep awake— for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or

at cockcrow, or at dawn, ³⁶ or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. ³⁷ And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

²⁴ Pero en aquellos días, después de aquella tribulación, el sol se oscurecerá, y la luna no dará su resplandor, ²⁵ y las estrellas caerán del cielo, y las potencias que están en los cielos serán conmovidas. ²⁶ Entonces verán al Hijo del Hombre, que vendrá en las nubes con gran poder y gloria. ²⁷ Y entonces enviará sus ángeles, y juntará a sus escogidos de los cuatro vientos, desde el extremo de la tierra hasta el extremo del cielo. ²⁸ De la higuera aprended la parábola: Cuando ya su rama está tierna, y brotan las hojas, sabéis que el verano está cerca. ²⁹ Así también vosotros, cuando veáis que suceden estas cosas, conoced que está cerca, a las puertas. ³⁰ De cierto os digo, que no pasará esta generación hasta que todo esto acontezca. ³¹ El cielo y la tierra pasarán, pero mis palabras no pasarán. ³² Pero de aquel día y de la hora nadie sabe, ni aun los ángeles que están en el cielo, ni el Hijo, sino el Padre. ³³ Mirad, velad y orad; porque no sabéis cuándo será el tiempo. ³⁴ Es como el hombre que yéndose lejos, dejó su casa, y dio autoridad a sus siervos, y a cada uno su obra, y al portero mandó que velase. ³⁵ Velad, pues, porque no sabéis cuándo vendrá el señor de la casa; si al anochecer, o a la medianoche, o al canto del gallo, o a la mañana; ³⁶ para que cuando venga de repente, no os halle durmiendo. ³⁷ Y lo que a vosotros digo, a todos lo digo: Velad.

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

ORACIONES POR CALVARY Y EL PADRE NUESTRO

PRAYERS FOR CALVARY AND LORD'S PRAYER

Eugenia Reyes

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.

SERMÓN | SERMON

Stay Woke: When God Puts Slaves in Charge

Reverend Maria Swearingen

DANDO Y SIRVIENDO | GIVING AND SERVING

MUSICAL OFFERING (CHOIR)

“Each Winter as the Year Grows Older”

Tune: Annabeth Gay

Text: William Gay

Arranged by David Cherwin

HIMNO DE LA OFRENDA | OFFERING HYMN

“Jesus, Name Above All Names”

Naida Hearn

**Jesus, name above all names,
Beautiful Savior, glorious Lord,
Emmanuel, God is with us,
Blessed Redeemer, living Word. Repeat.**

COMPARTIENDO COMUNIÓN | SHARING COMMUNION

HIMNO DE COMUNIÓN | COMMUNION HYMN

“We Come to the Hungry Feast”
Ray Makeever

We come to the hungry feast, hungry for a word of peace.
To hungry hearts unsatisfied the love of God is not denied.
We come, we come to the hungry feast.

We come to the hungry feast, hungry for a world released
From hungry folk of ev’ry kind, the poor in body, poor in mind.
We come, we come to the hungry feast.

We come to the hungry feast, hungry that the hunger cease,
And knowing, though we eat our fill, the hunger will stay with us still.
We come, we come to the hungry feast.

INVITACIÓN A LA MESA | INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Reverend Swearingen

At God’s table of justice, everyone has a place, and no one is turned away.
Here strangers are welcomed as friends, the poor sit alongside the rich, and the upside-down kin-dom of God is revealed.
At God’s table of abundance, a banquet of righteousness and liberation is set for all.
Here the powerless are heard, the outcast are showered with honor, and the inside-out kin-dom of God is revealed.
At God’s table of life all peoples know peace, and creation flourishes.
Here the hopeless are nourished with possibility, the complacent are transformed into advocates for change. Here in our very midst, the kin-dom of God is revealed.

ORACIÓN DE CONFESIÓN | PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Reverend Sarratt

God of all peoples, whose reign extends around our world and beyond, we grieve that your church—which shares one Spirit, one faith, one hope, and one calling—has become a broken communion in a broken world. The one body spans all time, place, race, and language. But in our fear we have fled from one another and have fought one another. In our pride we have mistaken our part and our truth for the whole. Yet we marvel how, in your grace, you gather up the broken and scattered pieces to do your work, to give us hope, to bless us with joy. Forgive us our sin, and help us ever to seek the unity and peace of the body of Christ, for Christ’s sake and that of this world. Amen.

PALABRAS DE PERDÓN | WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Reverend Sarratt

Hear the Good News: Jesus Christ is our peace. Those who were divided, he has made one. Christ reconciles us into one people, making us one body. So let us live as we were made to be— one people, reconciled.
Yes, we will live as Christ has made us—one people, one body, reconciled. Thanks be to God!

DANDO GRACIAS | GIVING THANKS

Reverend Swearingen

COMPARTIENDO LA CENA | 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.

SER DISCÍPULOS | BECOMING DISCIPLES

INVITACIÓN A SER DISCÍPULO | INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Reverend Swearingen

⊕ HIMNO | CLOSING HYMN

“Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning”
African-American Spiritual

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
For this work’s almost done.

Refrain: Children, don’t grow weary,
Children, don’t grow weary,
Children, don’t grow weary,
For this work’s almost done.

Darker midnight lies before us,
Darker midnight lies before us,
Darker midnight lies before us,
For this work’s almost done. *Refrain.*

Lo, the morning soon is breaking,
Lo, the morning soon is breaking,
Lo, the morning soon is breaking,
For this work’s almost done. *Refrain.*

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
For this work’s almost done. *Refrain.*

⊕ AFIRMANDO LA LLAMADA DE DIOS | 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.

Damos gracias que haya sido guiado por Dios a este momento. Como una comunidad de fe, te damos la bienvenida a la membresía de esta iglesia. Nos comprometemos a amarnos unos a otros y a trabajar juntos para crecer en la plenitud de Cristo.

⊕ BENDICIÓN | BENEDICTION

Reverend Sarratt

MÚSICA FINAL | VIOLIN AND PIANO POSTLUDE

“The King Of Glory”
Israeli Folk Song
Arranged by Anne Krentz Organ

Be sure to 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, you’ll find changing tables in the Parents’ Room, balcony level on the right side, and also downstairs in the nursery.

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Scripture Passages for December 10, Second Sunday of Advent, are
Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13; 2 Peter 3:8-15a; Mark 1:1-8.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

NEW THIS WEEK: Amelia Powell, Andrea Powell's mother, who died November 27; Margaret Happoldt Litchko, Claudia Moore's cousin.

Kwaku Appiah-Kubi, Salima Appiah-Duffell's father; Sara Bermúdez, Lorena Pereira's mother; Sue Bollinger, Michelle Harris-Love's mother; Luis Campos, Daniel Alcazar-Roman's uncle; Dylan Canfield, Laura Canfield's nephew; Mamunah Embree, Pastor Elijah's cousin, who died November 2; Berniece and Bill Harward; Lucy Johnson, Jackie Wright's grandmother; Fernando Leonzo, father of Jose Leonzo, friend of Calvary; Jessica Long, Beverly Fahey's daughter-in-law; Carmen Myers, Theresa Beaton's cousin; Paul Rice; Harold Ritchie; Melo dos Santos, Raimundo Barreto's mother-in-law; Ruby Shepherd; Baron Alexander Steiner, son of Erik Steiner, on staff with St. Elizabeth's and Downtown Social Club; 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, racial reconciliation and justice everywhere; people targeted with hate crimes. Peace in our world, especially those impacted by war, violence, and government turmoil. Our collective response to resisting white supremacy; victims of terror everywhere. Our Nicaraguan and Haitian brothers and sisters impacted by the decimation of Temporary Protected Status.

SPECIAL GIFTS have been made to the Organ Fund in honor of Gretchen White by an anonymous donor; and to the Music Fund in memory of Betty Mein by Phil and Nancy Renfrow.

STAY WOKE: PREPARING THE WAY OF THE LORD. The Advent passages provided to us by this year's lectionary, at least on their surface, seem to have very little to do with Advent. For two weeks, we'll be in Mark's gospel and for two weeks, we'll be in John's gospel. Fun fact: guess which two Gospels literally have nothing to say about Jesus' birth narrative? That's right. Mark and John. So, why would we read passages from these two Gospels during the season that we are supposed to be preparing our hearts for the birth of Jesus? Why not the stories of Simeon and Anna, Mary and Hannah, Zechariah and Joseph? Why not the stories of angels, Egypt, pregnancy, and dreams? Well, because this year's texts invite us to look at Advent a little differently. And maybe this year's lectionary couldn't have come at a better time for us, a year when we might need a different lens than most. A year when we've struggled to make sense of the world around us, the violence and bigotry taking center stage, and what some days, feels like the end of the world. This year's Advent texts are "end of the world" texts. They are also "beginning of the world" texts. They are "labor pains" texts. They are texts calling us to "wake up," "keep alert," and "stay woke." Because the coming of Christ will happen when we least expect it, in ways we could have never predicted. As, of all things...a baby.

TO OUR GUESTS. Welcome to Calvary! Be sure to sign our guestbook or fill out a visitor's card. After worship join us for Coffee Hour in Woodward Hall, left as you exit the Sanctuary, for fellowship and snacks, and stop by the welcome table. If you parked in the garage adjacent to Calvary, using the blue Calvary elevator, be sure to have your ticket stamped (see an usher or stop by the Rotunda entrance downstairs) and give it to the attendant as you exit the parking garage today. Again, welcome!

TODAY

FIRST SUNDAY COMMUNITY BREAKFAST. Everyone in the Calvary Community is invited to share in a potluck-style breakfast together, **December 3** at 9:30 a.m. in Palacios Chapel. Join us for breakfast!

SUNDAY SCHOOL. Join us for study and conversation this season as we use *Preparing for Christmas: Daily Reflections for Advent* by Richard Rohr. Adult Sunday School class meets each Sunday at 9:45, English-speaking in the library, and Spanish-speaking in Palacios Chapel.

MUSIC NOTES. Joining us today in worship is violinist, Mary Thulson. Thank you, Mary! Choir is in session! If you love to sing, join us at **9:45 a.m. each Sunday** in the Music Suite, and sing with us in worship. All are welcome!

RETIRED MINISTERS AND MISSIONARIES COLLECTION. The December Communion Offering is in support of Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board, the retirement organization through ABC and the Alliance of Baptists. Please give as generously as you are able. Visit <https://www.mmbb.org/> for more info about MMBB. Offering will be taken as you exit worship today.



POINSETTIAS. Purchase a poinsettia to honor or remember a friend or loved one this season. Forms are available at the welcome table, in Narthex or church office, and order deadline is **Monday, December 11**. We'll place poinsettias in the Sanctuary for worship Sunday, December 17. Poinsettias are \$15 each and can also be ordered online at calvarydc.org/give – Select Flower Fund for Donation Designation and enter “In Memory of / In Honor of” information in Comments box.

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COMING UP

THEOLOGY ON DRAFT is reading Bryan Stevenson's award winning book, *Just Mercy*. Join us **Tuesdays** at 6:30 p.m. as we study this book and apply its lessons to our faith. Contact Pastor Elijah. The last meeting of Theology on Draft for 2017 will be Tuesday, December 12. We will resume on January 9, 2018.

WE BELONG TO EACH OTHER. Advent is here! This Advent season we will continue our tradition of the last few years of having Advent meals together and seek to be blessed by each other's company and by God's Spirit among us. Our deacons would like to host several Advent dinners starting with the first week of December until the first weekend of January as we finish off with Epiphany. Come to all of them, or just one. And please feel free to invite others! Friends, family, kids and new visitors are all welcome. RSVP via Evite or email Karen at ker64@georgetown.edu.

Saturday, December 9, 6:30 p.m. - hosted by Karen Rice

Be on the lookout for invitations to additional Advent meals:

Friday, December 22 - hosted by Liubov and Chuck Russell

Sunday, December 31 - hosted by Lu and Daniel Alcazar

Saturday, January 6 at 1:00 p.m. - hosted by Claudia Moore

CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY SERVICE. Calvary's Women's Missionary Society is collecting sample sized toiletries and clothing to fill shoeboxes to be distributed by SOME (So Others Might Eat) for Christmas gifts. In addition to toiletries, we need the following items to fill the boxes – men's, women's and children's underwear, winter hats, scarves and gloves, and socks. As a church wide mission project we will assemble the boxes Sunday, **December 10**, following worship.

MIDWEEK ADVENT MEDITATIONS. Finding ways to center and be renewed in the midst of the hectic reality of daily life is difficult. Add in the holiday season and it can feel downright impossible. With that, I (Pastor Sally) invite you to join me for Midweek Advent Meditations. The idea is that for a few minutes

in the middle of the week we'll carve out a brief time for meditation and prayer, and we'll use Howard Thurman and the Psalms as our guide. You don't have to do anything to prepare but show up. We will gather in the library at noon. Bring your own lunch and we'll eat together. Then at 12:20 p.m., I will guide us through an intentional time of meditation and prayer. We'll finish up by 12:50 p.m. for you to be able to get back to work or continue on with your day. Midweek Advent Meditations will begin on **Wednesday, November 29** and will continue each Wednesday until Christmas. Make plans to join us!



FILM SCREENING AT CALVARY: Thursday, December 7 at 6:30 p.m.,

Sojourners will host a screening and discussion in the Palacios Chapel of the critically-acclaimed documentary "Don't Tell Anyone (No Le Digas A Nadie)." In an environment where silence is often seen as necessary for survival, 24 year-old Angy Rivera steps out of the shadows to share her parallel journey of being undocumented and sexually abused, an ordeal all too common in her community. Following the film, Pastor Maria will moderate a short Q&A time with Angy Rivera and Silvana Arista, the attorney & project coordinator at CLINIC Legal. Spanish subtitles provided for the film. This film and discussion could not be more relevant for our times: DACA is under fire, the Violence Against Women Act is facing reauthorization, and hundreds of churches are signing up all over the country to join the Sanctuary movement. Find a trailer for the film and discussion guide at <https://sojo.net/media/don-t-tell-anyone-no-le-digas-nadie-trailer>. Please RSVP on Facebook if you plan to attend.

CALVARY WOMEN'S SERVICES. Calvary will serve breakfast at Calvary Women's Services Saturday, **December 16.** Contact Joshua Russell to volunteer.

NATIVITY SUNDAY, LAS POSADAS, AND SHALOM FUNDRAISER. Mark your calendar for a very special, family-friendly, fun-filled, multicultural, Shalom Church-fundraising extravaganza on Sunday, **December 17.** Since Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday this year, we've decided to move up our traditional Christmas Eve service, nativity and all, to the December 17 worship hour. After that, as a special end-of-year potluck fundraiser on behalf of our partner Shalom Baptist Church in El Salvador, we'll celebrate a rich Latin American Christmas tradition known as Las Posadas (in lieu of the traditional Christmas Gala from past years.) Together, we will go on a journey a little like Mary, Joseph, and baby Jesus' as they awaited the hospitality and care of strangers to see them through a most uncertain time. We'll sing, eat, and celebrate together! This is definitely a day to invite your friends as we celebrate Christmas and support Shalom together! Donations of any amount are welcome. Please bring a dish to share as we celebrate and eat together!

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A HOLY SEASON AT CALVARY

Saturday, December 2

6:00 p.m. | Nancy and Phil Renfrow's Residence | Dinner with Calvary's Deacons

Sunday, December 3

9:30 a.m. | Palacios Chapel | Community Potluck Breakfast

(Please bring a breakfast dish to share!)

11:00 a.m. | Sanctuary | First Advent Service

12:30 a.m. | Woodward Hall | Coffee Hour

Don't forget to bring donation items for S.O.M.E.

Wednesday, December 6

Noon | Library | Midweek Advent Meditation, Praying with Howard Thurman

Thursday, December 7

6:30 p.m. | Palacios Chapel | Screening of "Don't Tell Anyone (No Le Digas A Nadie)"

Saturday, December 9

6:30 p.m. | Karen Rice's Residence | Dinner with Calvary's Deacons

Sunday, December 10

9:45 a.m. | Palacios Chapel | Spanish-language Sunday school class

9:45 a.m. | Library | English-language Sunday school class

(Both classes will be studying Richard Rohr's Preparing for Advent meditations in English and Spanish respectively)

11:00 a.m. | Sanctuary | Second Advent Service

12:30 p.m. | Missions Fair in Butler Hall

Last Sunday to bring donation items for S.O.M.E.!

Wednesday, December 13

Noon | Library | Advent Meditation, Praying with Howard Thurman

Saturday, December 16

Calvary Women's Services Breakfast | Contact Josh Russell to help prepare or serve the meal.

A HOLY SEASON AT CALVARY

Sunday, December 17

- 9:45 a.m. | Palacios Chapel | Spanish-language Sunday school class
- 9:45 a.m. | Library | English-language Sunday school class
- 11:00 a.m. | Sanctuary | Nativity Sunday with special children's music
- 12:30 p.m. | Woodward Hall | Coffee Hour
- 1:00 p.m. | Woodward Hall | Special Posadas Potluck Celebration and Shalom Fundraiser
(Please bring a dish to share!)

Wednesday, December 20

- Noon | Library | Advent Meditation, Praying with Howard Thurman

Thursday, December 21

- 11:30 a.m. | Shallenberger Hall | Downtown Social Club Christmas Party

Friday, December 22

- Liubov and Chuck Russell's Residence | Dinner with Calvary's Deacons

Sunday, December 24

- 9:45 a.m. | Breakfast pastries and fellowship in Woodward Hall
- 11:00 a.m. | Sanctuary | Special Christmas Eve Service
Coffee Hour

Sunday, December 31

- Lu and Daniel Alcazar's Residence | Dinner with Calvary's Deacons

Saturday, January 6

- 1:00 p.m. | Claudia Moore's Residence | Dinner with Calvary's Deacons