



*Mosaic art near Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem*

December 24, 2015

Christmas Eve  
Worship and Nativity

Calvary Baptist Church  
Washington, DC

## THE WORSHIP OF GOD

DECEMBER 24, 2015

CHRISTMAS EVE

7:00 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.

### PRELUDE

Improvisation on ADESTE FIDELES

*During the Prelude,*

Graham Velsey, Organ

*prepare for worship by centering your heart with this prayer:*

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

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

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  
O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him  
O come let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

En pobre pesebre yace reclinado  
Al hombre ofrece eternal salvación  
El santo Mesías, verbo humanado  
Venid, adoremos; venid, adoremos  
Venid, adoremos a Cristo el Señor.

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born for our salvation  
Jesus to thee be all glory given  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing  
O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him  
O come let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

### ⊕ LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Yolanda Appiah-Kubi  
Nancy Renfrow

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.**

**Let us worship the newborn Christ!**

### ⊕ Congregation standing; la congregación se pone de pie.

⊕ EVENING PRAYER Reverend Palacios

⊕ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST Reverend Palacios

Today our Savior, Emmanuel, is born!  
**Surely God is with us. Alleluia!**

¡Hoy nuestro Salvador, Emmanuel, ha nacido!  
**Seguro Dios es con nosotros. ¡Aleluya!**

MUSICAL MEDITATION *O Holy Night*  
Chuck Andreatta, Banjo

LITANY OF ADORATION AND PRAISE Psalm 98  
Kathy Whatley

Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things;  
his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for  
him.

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

He has remembered his love and his 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, 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 he comes to judge the earth.

**He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with  
equity.**

READING *Kneeling in Bethlehem* Ann Weems  
Reverend Lea

HYMN 162 *What Child Is This*

HOMILY *The Wait is Over*  
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 Jac Whatley

*Tonight's offerings designated for missions will 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*

THE NATIVITY STORY

Luke 2:1-20  
Jac Whatley

✦ 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.*

✦ CAROL

*Silent Night*

*Calvary Young Musicians sing verse 1:*

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.

*All join in singing:*

**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 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, 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.**

*Flute plays a final verse, to conclude.*

✦ BENEDICTION

Reverend Lea

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

In this season of gratitude, we extend  
to our church family deepest thanks.

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 vigiliass 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**

<b>Baby Jesus</b>	Isobel Wright
<b>Mary</b>	Mary Wright
<b>Joseph</b>	Isaac Wright
<b>Chief Cherub</b>	Grace Wright
<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!** Chuck Andreatta, banjo; Ashley Dalton, flute; Graham Velsey, organ. Calvary Young Musicians, directed by Dwayne Pinkney. Calvary Chamber Singers—Amelia Taylor, Aleah Prentice, Dwayne Pinkney, Zain Shariff. **Tonight, we sing primarily in a capella style. Please sit toward the front in the center section, so that our voices will support one another as we sing. Enjoy the quiet intimacy of tonight’s congregational singing, and thank you for participating by adding *your* voice, in melody or in harmony.**

**WORLD MISSION OFFERING** is a special Christmas Offering, supporting 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).

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**Be sure to join us in worship Sunday,  
December 27, 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary,  
for a Service of Lessons and Caroling.  
All are welcome!**