

*Calvary
Presbyterian
Church*



*The First
Sunday
of Advent*

MEANING OF ADVENT

In the season of Advent we heighten our joyful anticipation for the ultimate fulfillment of the Old Testament promises, when the wolf will lie down with the lamb, death will be swallowed up, and every tear will be wiped away. In this way Advent highlights for us the larger story of God's redemptive plan.

Advent leads us into a time of preparation; however, Advent is far more than preparing to celebrate the first coming of Christ, the incarnate Word. The pulpit hanging and the clergy stole are purple to symbolize the future coming of Christ the King to establish his rule over all things. In light of Christ's first coming, we know God's loving purposes are realized and we have hope for the fulfillment of the kingdom of God in the future.

PRAYER FOR ADVENT

God of all peoples, your servant John came baptizing and calling for repentance. Help us to hear his voice of judgment, that we may also rejoice in his word of promise, and be found pure and blameless in that glorious Day when Christ comes to rule the earth as Prince of Peace. Amen.

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CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING

The Christmas Joy Offering celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ, the truly "incredible gift," as well as the gifts of church leaders - past, present and future and as such has been a cherished Presbyterian tradition since the 1930s. It compels us to reach out with charity, justice, and grace. We seek to honor every child of God. This, too, is how we celebrate the child born on that first Christmas day. Presbyterians can respond to that love at Christmas by giving generously to the Christmas Joy Offering. Your Christmas Joy gift helps to provide:

- Gifts equally to the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and to Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges
- Critical financial support to church workers and their families
- Presbyterian-related schools and colleges with education and leadership development while nurturing racial and ethnic heritage which has been a Presbyterian commitment for nearly 140 years.

Christmas Joy envelopes are in the pew racks for your convenience.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT CALVARY!

We are glad to have you with us today for worship. Please stop by our **Welcome Table** in the Chalice Room for more information about our church family and involvement opportunities in our ministry. **The restrooms** and **nursery** are located in the Christian Education wing through the sanctuary doors to your right. Just follow the signage.

DURING TODAY'S WORSHIP

Large-print bulletins are available at the entrances.

Individual listening devices for improved sound are also available from ushers.

If your infant or child needs care or extra attention during the worship service you may leave the Sanctuary and return as you wish. Rocking chairs are available at the back of the Sanctuary. Our Church Nursery is staffed during worship and fellowship time.

Children's packets containing quiet activities are available in baskets located at the back of the Sanctuary.

Burgundy fellowship registers are passed for you to sign, so that we might know you are here; all worshipers have an opportunity to provide updated information and to greet one another by name following the service.

Please silence all electronic devices when in the Sanctuary.

IF YOU ARE NEW TO CALVARY

We invite you to stop by fellowship hour after worship for refreshments, conversation, and information about church programs and volunteer opportunities.

Parking, several professional offices make their parking lots available to church members on Sunday mornings. Feel free to take an available space at the following locations, and thank these neighbors when you have the chance: Rose Medical Associates – the lot runs between Klondyke Avenue and School Street, parallel to South Seventh; Northwood Realty – near the corner of South Seventh and School (please do not park in their reserved spaces); Bonya, Gazza & DeGory – lot on the left on School, near the light at South Sixth. (That office was once Calvary's manse.) The Indiana Borough Parking Garage is located at 650 Water Street.

CALVARY CARES

To notify pastoral staff or deacons of personal concerns, illnesses, hospitalizations, or deaths; to pass along a prayer request; or to arrange homebound Communion, contact the church office. Please note that under current law, medical institutions no longer automatically inform churches when a member is admitted.

Last Sunday's Attendance 184.

The Order of Service for the Worship of God

December 3, 2017 ♦ 11:00 A.M.

Welcome to worship at Calvary Church.

We ask that you take this time to prepare your hearts and minds for worship.

THE ORGAN PRELUDES

On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry (Winchester New)	Arr. Cherwien
Comfort, Comfort Now My People (Freu Dich Sehr)	Kosche
Nun Der Heiden Heiland	Buxtehude

THE STRIKING OF THE BELL

THE WELCOME

(Please sign and pass the burgundy fellowship register at this time.)

THE CHORAL INTROIT – My Soul in Stillness Waits	Marty Haugen
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(The congregation stands at the beginning of Blessed Jesus, at Your Word.)

* THE HYMN 454 – Blessed Jesus, at Your Word	Liebster Jesu
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* THE PRAYER OF ADORATION	Student Pastor Ben Fitzgerald-Fye
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(All be seated.)

THE CALL TO CONFESSION	Mrs. Susan Nutter
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THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION, *responsively*

**People: Gracious Lord, we have not kept watch for you.
We have occupied ourselves with our own concerns.
We have not waited to find your will for us.
We have not noticed the needs of the people around us.
We have not acknowledged the love that has been shown to us.
Forgive us for our lack of watchfulness, we pray.**

(A time of silence for personal confession.)

Leader: Help us to wait to know your will.
Help us to look out for the needs of others.
Help us to work and watch for your coming;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE KYRIE ELEISON – Kyrie Eleison

arr. Dr. Joseph Baunoch

THE ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

(Stand with the Chancel Choir for the singing of The Gloria Patri followed by The Passing of The Peace.)

* THE GLORIA PATRI, *sung in unison*

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.**

* THE PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST, *responsively*

Leader: May the Peace of Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

(All be seated.)

THE TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Ms. Tracee Denlinger

(Following this time together, young children through kindergarten age may leave for the nursery.)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON (Pew Bible, OT, pages 779)

Isaiah 7:10-16

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON – Busyness & Bethlehem: Immanuel

Rev. David J. Hanna

(Stand with the Chancel Choir for the singing of The Hymn.)

* THE HYMN 9 – O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Veni Emmanuel

(All be seated.)

A CANDLE LIGHTING CEREMONY –

The Matos Family

(“God is Near” words and music by Joel Raney; litany by Rev. Rich Davis)

CHORAL OPENING

Angels we have heard on high
sweetly singing o’er the plains,
and the mountains in reply
echo back their joyous strains.

RESPONSIVE LITANY

Leader: Advent is a time to hear again of God's redeeming work.

People: Give us ears, O Lord, and help us to hear.

Leader: Advent is a time to hear again of God's reconciling love.

People: Give us ears, O Lord, and help us to hear.

Leader: Advent is a time to hear again of God's unmerited grace.

People: Give us ears, O Lord, and help us to hear.

Leader: Advent is a time to hear again of our ultimate hope.

People: Give us ears, O Lord, and help us to hear.

CANDLE LIGHTING

Leader: Today we light the first candle.

The first candle reminds us that as we wait upon the Lord we do so with a sense of heightened awareness. In a world where our attention is easily diverted in many directions, Advent is a time to quiet ourselves and listen for God's word with expectant ears. This Advent may we hear and receive the messages of the One who continues to speak.

CHORAL AND CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

God Is Near

A Candle Lighting Ceremony for Advent

Words and Music by
JOEL RANEY

Congregation:

Lis-ten to the an-gels, hear the mes-sage they bring;
tell-ing the news of a com-ing King; fill-ing the
world with hope and good cheer. Je-sus, Em-
man-u-el, God is near.

The musical score is written on four staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a common time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are placed below the notes. The second staff continues the melody and lyrics. The third staff continues the melody and lyrics. The fourth staff concludes the piece with a double bar line.

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PRAYER

Leader: Gracious Lord, thank you for the ways you continue to speak to a world in need. Through both prophets and angels you declared the message of hope, the way of healing, and the coming of a Savior. As you spoke in the days of old, so we know you continue to speak to us today. As we begin our Advent journey, grant us ears that truly hear and hearts to openly receive. We pray this in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE CALL TO OFFERING

The Offertory Anthem – Come Jesus, Come Morning Star

Linda Cable Shute

(Stand with the Chancel Choir for the singing of The Doxology and The Prayer of Dedication.)

* THE PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING AND DOXOLOGY, *sung in unison*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him, above ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

* THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION

(All be seated.)

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE SANCTUS - Sanctus in A flat

Knodle

THE LORD'S PRAYER, *in unison*

**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;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE SERVING OF HOLY COMMUNION

(All who come to the table of our Lord Jesus Christ are offered the bread and cup, regardless of their age or understanding. The opportunity to eat and drink with Christ is not a right bestowed upon the worthy, but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love. Please eat the bread as you receive it, but hold the cup until we are all served, so we might drink it together.)

THE COMMUNION ANTHEM – A Shoot Shall Come Forth

Richard Horn

THE PRAYER AFTER HOLY COMMUNION, *responsively*

Leader: O Immanuel, child of promise and sign of hope,
you come from a distance far beyond our reach,
yet are closer to us than we are to ourselves:
remain with us in our own days of expectation,
that we may give birth to what is just, true, beautiful, and good—
through the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
abides with us, one God now and forever.

People: Amen.

(Stand with the Chancel Choir for the singing of The Hymn followed by The Benediction.)

- * THE HYMN 15 – Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers Llangloffan
- * THE BENEDICTION
- * THE CHORAL RESPONSE – Amen African American Spiritual
- * THE ORGAN POSTLUDE

* *Congregation standing, as able.*

SPECIAL NOTE FOR COMMUNION – Gluten-Wheat-Yeast-Dairy-Egg-Soy-Nut and Corn Free wafers are available on each bread tray in separate silver, paper holders.

THIS MORNING AT CALVARY CHURCH

GREETING YOU THIS MORNING were Jackie and Jim Wiley.

TEAM 2 is ushering this morning.

THE BEADLE AND ACOLYTE this morning are Maize and Joey Baunoch.

THE POINSETTIAS on the pulpit are in loving memory of Twila Hoover, former organist, by her cousin, Hope Everhart.

CHILDCARE (Nursery) – Our Church Nursery will be staffed during worship and fellowship time by Norma Sherry.

FELLOWSHIP TIME – Following worship, join us in the Chalice Room, through the doors to your right, and snacks; hosts: Communication/Growth Committee.

DEACON OF THE WEEK – (December 4 – December 10) Cindy Holuta

COMMUNION SET-UP – Holly Miller, Melanie Wardrop, Stacey Bussell

COUNTING TEAM – (December 4) Team 4 – Dee Garrettson, captain

ST. ANDREW'S VILLAGE CHURCH SERVICE – Sunday, December 10, 7:00 p.m. David Hanna, sermon; Dee Garrettson, liturgist; and Charles Cashdollar, piano.

DEACON'S CORNER – **Remember to visit the Deacons' Corner in the Chalice Room** to add your name and a note to our Get Well, Sympathy and Congratulatory letters. These are provided weekly by the Deacons and mailed to members of our church family.

DECEMBER 24 CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY – 11:00 a.m.

A Family Christmas Eve Service

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Rev. David Hanna, celebrant

DECEMBER 24 CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT – 7:00 p.m.

A Holy Night Service,

The Sacrament of Holy Communion,

Rev. Richard Cassel, celebrant; Rev. David Hanna, preaching

Chancel Choir, Bell Choir, Organ, and Brass

DECEMBER 25 CHRISTMAS DAY – 10:00 a.m.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Rev. Richard Cassel, celebrant; Rev. Daniel Little, Preaching

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP CLASS, 9:00 A. M. JANUARY 14, 2018 – Are you interested in membership at Calvary? To join Calvary you will need to attend a membership class. There is no obligation to join once you have attended a class. For those who choose to join Calvary, there will be a time with Session and an admission ceremony during the worship service on January 21. Please contact the church office or sign-up at the Welcome Table.

ICCAP PRODUCT OF THE MONTH – The theme for December is “Things to Warm the Tummy” which could be any canned soups, veggies, chili beans, baked beans, canned tomatoes, sauerkraut, instant hot cereals, coffee, tea, instant hot chocolate (of any description) muffin and bread mixes – any food item that warms up a cold winter day. It is okay to donate other foods that loosely fall into our category!

ANGELS’ WINGS – The count is on! Today is the Third Sunday for the Angels’ Wings Christmas project. There are still a few tags left on the tree. Wrapped gifts are due back to Calvary no later than Sunday, December 10. Please tape your tag on the outside of the gift and check off your name in the family folder when you place your gift under the tree. Gift cards should be enclosed in an envelope, along with the tag, and inserted into the specially wrapped box on the Mission Table. Members of the Mission and Outreach Committee will be at the tree to help you. Thank you for your participation, remembering our theme for the tree: “What fun it is to give.”

FAMILY PROMISE (FP) OPEN HOUSE – There will be two open houses at the FP Day Center on December 8, 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. and December 9, 9:00 a.m. – noon. You are invited to stop in either day to see the new Day Center at 812 Marion Road (located on Route 119 on the left across from Dean’s Dairy.)

ENJOY A PARENT NIGHT OUT – Saturday, December 9, 5:30 – 9:00 p.m. Spend the evening with your significant other or adult friends while your children attend our Winter Wonderland party! Please send your child with a \$5 – \$10 gift to exchange, register them in the Chalice Room.

CHILI AND CAROLING EVENT – Help us spread some Christmas cheer through the streets of Indiana on Sunday, December 17. We will disperse from the Dining Room at 4:30 p.m. and return there for a bowl of warm chili afterward. Please sign up in the Chalice Room today.

2017 CONTRIBUTIONS – We will accept 2017 contributions up to noon on December 28. Any contributions received after noon on December 28 will be credited to 2018.

2017-2018 PRESBYTERIAN GIVING CATALOGS are available to the right of the Angels' Wings tree in the Chalice Room. If you are looking for a gift for someone who has everything, try sponsoring an animal through PCUSA.

THIS WEEK AT CALVARY CHURCH

Weekly events:

Sundays, 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – Child Care (Infants – Kindergarten, Nursery Room)
Sundays, 9:30 a.m. – Adult Class (Prayers and Squares Room)
Sundays, 9:30 a.m. – Calvary Kids (East Classroom)
Sundays, 9:30 a.m. – Growing Together: A Class for Parents (Heritage Room)
Sundays, 9:30 a.m. – Toddler Class (Nursery)
Sundays, 9:30 a.m. – Youth Study Group (Youth Room)
Sundays, 10:15 a.m. – Youth Choir Rehearsal (East Classroom)
Sundays, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. – Youth Group (Youth Room)
Thursdays, 5:30 p.m. – Handbell Rehearsal (Naomi Room)
Thursdays, 7:00 p.m. – Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 11:00 a.m. – Prayers and Squares (Prayers and Squares Room)

Monthly events:

1st Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. – Property Management Committee (Prayers and Squares Room)
1st Thursday, 6:00 p.m. – Worship Committee (Chalice Room)
2nd Monday, 6:30 p.m. – Circle 6 (Annual Christmas Party)
2nd Tuesday, 4:00 p.m. – Communications/Growth Committee (Dining Room)
2nd Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. – Finance and Investment Committee
2nd Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. – Hospitality/Grace Committee (Prayers and Squares Room)
2nd Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. – Mission and Outreach Committee (Library) **No December meeting**
2nd Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. – Christian Education Committee (Heritage Room)
2nd Wednesday, 8:00 p.m. – Deacons (Heritage Room)
3rd Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. – Session (Heritage Room)

Upcoming events:

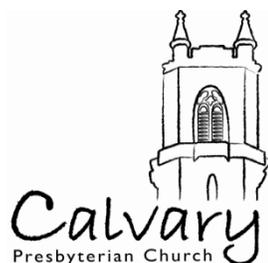
Tuesday, December 5, 6:30 p.m. – Advent By Candlelight (Chalice Room)

Reminders for next week:

Greeters: Chris and Barkley Butler
Fellowship Hour: Peach and Chuck Mack, Becky and Don Becker, and Judy Feulmer
Liturgist: Dee Garrettson
Beadle and Acolyte: Ryan and Evan Francis
Ushers: Team 3
Deacon of the Week: (December 11 – December 17) Stacy Bussell
Counting Team: (December 11) Team 2 – Mark Staszkiwicz, captain

Church Staff:

Pastor: David Hanna	Director of Music: Joseph Baunoch
Parish Associate: Richard Cassel	Associate Director of Music: Roberta Jones
Student Pastor: Ben Fitzgerald-Fye	Director of Children's Choir: Ellen Werner
Director of Community Assistance & Mission: Becky Becker	Handbell Choir Director: Becky Driscoll
Director of Christian Education: Tracee Denlinger	Head Sexton: Richard Smith
Office Manager: Brenda Brock	Sexton: Kenneth Leasure
Bookkeeper: Kristi Velardo	Nursery Caregiver: Norma Sherry
	Counselor: Christine Butler



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