

*Calvary
Presbyterian
Church*



*The Third
Sunday
of Advent*

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING

The Christmas Joy Offering celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ, the truly "indescribable 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.

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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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.

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 195.

The Order of Service for the Worship of God

December 17, 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 –

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme (from Cantata #140) (Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying)

J. S. Bach

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (Plainsong Melody)

Arr. L. Smith

Susan Wheatley, piano; Roberta Jones, organ

THE STRIKING OF THE BELL

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

THE WELCOME

Student Pastor Ben Fitzgerald-Fye

THE CHORAL INTROIT – My Soul in Stillness Waits

Marty Haugen

(The congregation stands at the beginning of Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates.)

* THE HYMN 8 – Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

Truro

* THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

(All be seated.)

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

Dr. Phil Neusius

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION, *responsively*

People: Holy God, great Shepherd, have mercy on us.

You call to us and gather us together.

Like sheep, we fear the world around us

and fail to seek your help when we are lost.

We struggle against you instead of striving for you,

and your ways mercy and justice in the world.

Forgive us, we pray.

(A time of silence for personal confession.)

* *Congregation standing, as able*

Leader: Renew us and restore us, Lord of hosts.
Light our path and lead us,
that we may be found;
for your love's sake. 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

Dr. Tim Runge

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

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON (Pew Bible, NT, page 236)

Ephesians 4:1-6

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE ANTHEM – The Work of Christmas

Dan Forrest

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON (Pew Bible, NT, page 31)

Matthew 23:23-28

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON – Busyness & Bethlehem: Whoa to Woe

Rev. David J. Hanna

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

* THE HYMN 53 – What Child Is This

Greensleeves

(All be seated.)

A CANDLE LIGHTING CEREMONY

The Reiter 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: During Advent our eyes are opened to the wonders of God.

People: With God all things are possible.

Leader: During Advent our faith is nurtured by the promise of God.

People: With God all things are possible.

Leader: During Advent our hope is reawakened to the presence of God.

People: With God all things are possible.

Leader: During Advent our lives are touched by the love of God.

People: With God all things are possible.

Leader: Today we light three candles.

The first candle reminds us that Advent is a time to hear again the message of hope offered through the Savior’s birth. The second candle calls us to believe that just as God worked mighty deeds in ages past, God is still actively at work today. The third candle is lit as we draw closer to God in faithful acceptance. Advent reminds us that even when God’s ways exceed our understanding, God’s word still demands our trust. As we continue our Advent journey let us hear what God has spoken and believe what God has promised, and accept what God has revealed.

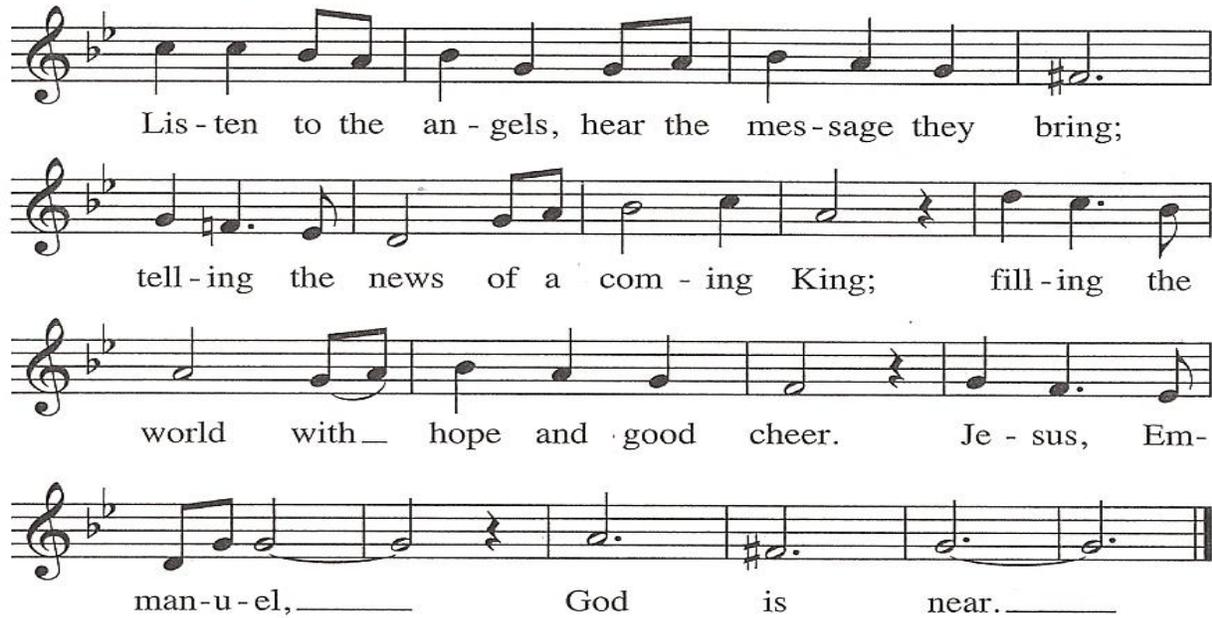
CHORAL AND CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

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.

PRAYER

Leader: Gracious Lord, as we continue on our Advent journey, help us to hear again the message of the season, to place our faith in your unfolding promises, and lead us towards full acceptance of your will as it unfolds in the world and in our lives. We pray this in the name of Christ, our Lord. Amen.

THE CALL TO OFFERING

(Our giving is an offering to God. All offerings, whether made in the worship service or outside of it, are part of our worship of God and are used to support Calvary's ministry.)

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM – Coventry Carol

arr. Calvary Handbell Quartet

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

* **THE PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING AND DOXOLOGY, 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**

* THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(All be seated.)

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.**

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

- * THE HYMN 28 – Good Christian Friends, Rejoice In dulci jubilo
- * THE BENEDICTION
- * THE CHORAL RESPONSE – Amen arr. Joseph Baunoch
- * THE ORGAN POSTLUDE
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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, Organ, and Brass

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

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

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

CHURCH OFFICE AND BUILDING will be closed Monday, December 25, Tuesday, December 26, and Friday, December 29 in observance of the Christmas and New Year holidays.

THIS MORNING AT CALVARY CHURCH

GREETING YOU THIS MORNING were Louise Earley and Janet Decker.

TEAM 4 is ushering this morning.

THE BEADLE AND ACOLYTE this morning are Maura and Brenna Nutter.

THE FLOWERS are given by Betsy DeGory, in memory of her parents, Walter and Lucille Morgan Koehler.

THE FLOWERS on the piano are in loving memory of Bruce Waddingham. He faithfully served God, family, and friends and he is missed every day, by Cheryl, Laura, Mark, Eric, Maddie, and Alex.

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, beverages and snacks; hosts: Sharon and Rick Kahle, Ellen and Rob Werner, and Eleanor and Dale Arbuckle.

DEACON OF THE WEEK – (December 18 – December 24) Joan Rittenberger

COUNTING TEAM – (December 18) Team 1 – Linda Jane Double, captain

ST. ANDREW'S VILLAGE CHURCH SERVICE – Sunday, January 14, 2018, 7:00 p.m. Donna Winsheimer, sermon and liturgist; Earl Winsheimer, 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR CHRISTMAS EVE MORNING SERVICE will include A Christmas Tree Narrative which Calvary youth and children will present. We hope you will join us for this special service. If you intend to do so, please note that during the morning offertory, the congregation will be given a choice to either place a monetary offering in the collection plate as usual OR to come forward to place a creative or more symbolic gift for Jesus under the tree. We hope that some members of the congregation will choose the option to come forward as it will enhance our worship experience that morning. Gifts that one might bring forward can be a creative, simple unique expression of what he or she might want to give Jesus. A small object or something written is an idea. Use imagination and heart to decide what YOU might bring.

2018 OFFERING ENVELOPES are available in the Chalice Room today. Please take your envelope packet home with you. They are arranged in alphabetical order. Sign up to request envelopes if you do not already have an envelope number assigned.

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.

CHILI AND CAROLING EVENT – Today, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. meet in the Dining Room.

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.

ANGELS' WINGS –The brightly-wrapped gifts were lovingly organized, bagged and marked for six families consisting of 23 individuals which included 12 children, 9 parents, 2 grandparents and one elderly single woman. We are joyful that we as a congregation provided the items described on 140 tags and that we were able to provide each family with \$100 in gift cards to spend for the makings of a wonderful Christmas dinner. To give you an idea of the quantity, there were 16 giant garbage bags filled to the brim plus one bike and a snow shovel. Please check out the photos in the next newsletter. As the sign on our empty tree proclaims, "Oh what fun it is to give!" Thank you for your patience and diligence in searching out toy items that were virtually impossible to find. For a lot of us that brings back memories of Christmases past: remember the Cabbage Patch doll year, the Christmas we learned that sometimes Santa Claus must substitute too. Thank you also to our devoted Mission Committee members who stood by the Angels' Wings tree for four Sundays to make this project go smoothly, plus completing the sorting, counting, and bagging process. Thank you to Craig Miller and Don Becker for transporting the gifts to the Angels' Wings reception area. The Mission Committee's hope for the congregation is that you got as much joy from this project as we did!

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)
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:

Sunday, December 24, 11:00 a.m. – Christmas Eve Family
Sunday, December 24, 7:00 p.m. – Christmas Eve Candlelight
Monday, December 25, 10:00 a.m. – Christmas Day Service

Reminders for next week:

Greeters: **Volunteers needed 11:00 a.m.;** Louise Earley and Judy Vuckovich 7:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hour: Tracee Denlinger 11:00 a.m.
Liturgist: Heidi Earhart 7:00 p.m.
Beadle and Acolyte: Joey and Maize Baunoch 11:00 a.m.; Maura and Brenna Nutter, Connor McQuaide 7:00 p.m.
Deacon of the Week: (December 25 – December 31) Helen Edwards
Counting Team: (December 27) 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	Handbell Choir Director Interim: Stacy Bussell
Office Manager: Brenda Brock	Head Sexton: Richard Smith
Bookkeeper: Kristi Velardo	Sexton: Kenneth Leasure
Nursery Caregiver: Norma Sherry	Counselor: Christine Butler



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