

**CALVARY
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**



**CHRISTMAS EVE
11:00 A.M.**

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT CALVARY!

We are glad to have you with us tonight 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 TONIGHT'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

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.

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING SERVICE

Youth readers:

Joey Baunoch
Ty Matos
Connor McQuaide
Maura Nutter
Brenna Nutter
Julia Runge
Sophie Runge

Children placing ornaments on the tree:

Maize Baunoch
Teagan Baunoch
Jocelyn Caves
Ellie Caves
Ana Matos
Jacob Reiter
Addison Reiter
Ben Reiter
Emma Runge

FAMILY SERVICE WITH HOLY COMMUNION

DECEMBER 24, 2017 ♦ 11:00 A.M.

ORGAN PRELUDES – Christmas Pipings

Dale Wood

Angels We Have Heard on High (French Carol)

Carol of the Manger (American Carol)

O Come, Little Children (18th Century Melody)

STRIKING OF THE BELL

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

(The congregation stands at the beginning of O Come, All Ye Faithful.)

* CAROL – O Come, All Ye Faithful

Adeste Fideles

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!

See how the shepherds, Summoned to his cradle,

Leaving their flocks, draw nigh to his gaze;

We too will thither, Bend our joyful footsteps!

O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,

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

Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation,

Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;

Glory to God, all Glory in the highest;

O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,

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

* OPENING PRAYER

(All be seated.)

INTRODUCTION

SCRIPTURE

* *Congregation standing, as able*

REFLECTION: Christmas Tree

(Stand for the singing of O Little Town of Bethlehem.)

* CAROL – O Little Town of Bethlehem

**O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.**

**For Christ is born of Mary;
And gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars, together
Proclaim the holy birth!
And praises sing to God the King,
And peace to all on earth.**

(All be seated.)

INTRODUCTION

SCRIPTURE

REFLECTION – Star

(Stand for the singing of The First Nowell.)

* CAROL – The First Nowell

**The first Nowell the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay.
In fields where they lay a-keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel.**

**They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east beyond them far,
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel.**

And by the light of that same star
Three wise men came from country far,
To seek for a king was their intent,
And to follow the star wherever it went.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel.

This star drew nigh to the north-west;
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest.
And there it did both stop and stay,
Right over the place where Jesus lay.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel.

(All be seated.)

INTRODUCTION

SCRIPTURE

REFLECTION – Angels

(Stand for the singing of Angels We Have Heard On High.)

* CAROL – Angels We Have Heard On High

Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains.

Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee
Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.

Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.

(All be seated.)

INTRODUCTION – Bells

ANTHEM – He is Born

Handbell Choir

arr. Cynthia Dobrinski

INTRODUCTION

REFLECTION & SCRIPTURE – Christmas Balls

SOLO – Emmanuel, God with Us

REFLECTION: Gifts

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.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC – A Gift to You

Choir

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

* 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.**

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

(All be seated.)

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SANCTUS

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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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. To come forward, please wait for an usher to dismiss you by the side aisle and return to your seat from the center aisle. If you do not wish to come forward, remain in your seat and communion will be served to you.)

PRAYER AFTER HOLY COMMUNION, *responsively*

Leader: Great God, as you came at night when all was still,
so enter our lives.

Illumine our paths with the light of Christ's presence,
that we may see clearly the way before us,
the truth to speak, and the life to live for him,
our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

(Stand for the singing of Joy to the World.)

* CAROL – 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.**

**He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness, and wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love, and wonders, and wonders of His love.**

* CHARGE

* BLESSING

* ORGAN POSTLUDE – Noel! Noel! J. S. Bach

(The congregation may exit the sanctuary upon the organ postlude.)

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.

AT THE ORGAN is Associate Director of Music, Roberta Jones.

AT THE HANDBELLS is Interim Director, Stacy Bussell.

AT THE PIANO is Director of Children's' Choir, Ellen Werner.

THE BEADLE, THE CRUCIFER, AND THE ACOLYTE this morning are Maura and Brenna Nutter, and Connor McQuaide.

THE FLOWERS are to the glory of God and in loving memory of Richard and Sarah Houk by Linda Jane and Bill Double.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 24 – Candlelight worship at 7:00 p.m.
in the Sanctuary with Holy Communion,
Rev. David Hanna, preaching and Rev. Richard Cassel, celebrant.

Monday, December 25 – Casual (come as you are) worship at 10:00 a.m.
in the Sanctuary with Holy Communion,
Rev. Dan Little, preaching and Rev. Richard Cassel, celebrant.

Sunday, December 31 – Traditional worship at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary,
Rev. Art Seaman, preaching.

Sunday, January 7 – Traditional worship at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary,
Student Pastor Ben Fitzgerald-Fye, preaching

ABOUT CALVARY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The congregation was organized in 1807 as the First Presbyterian Church in Indiana. Meeting first in homes and, after 1809, in the County Courthouse, the congregation erected its first building in 1827 on this site — ground donated by George Clymer, a signer of the Declaration of Independence. In 1858 a larger church replaced the initial building.

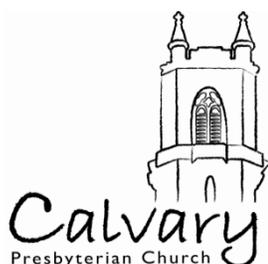
In 1904 work began on the third and present building, which was completed and dedicated in 1906. The present-day building, a Victorian eclectic structure designed by J.C. Fulton of Uniontown. Built of Hummelstown brownstone by Indiana contractor John S. Hastings, the new edifice was completed in 1906. Its octagonal sanctuary, dominated by an art glass dome 28 feet in diameter, incorporates the central pulpit and semi-circular pew arrangement of the “Akron Plan,” allowing worshipers to hear and see from any seat.

Originally the northwest tower of our building was crowned by a steeple, which was removed in 1966 after weather damage affected its stability. The education wing was added in 1955 to accommodate a growing congregation.

In 1959 the congregation changed its name when the merger of two branches of Presbyterians into a single denomination left two “First” churches standing side by side in Indiana. Our congregation chose the name Calvary Presbyterian Church.

We have been ministering to the Indiana county and beyond since 1807. Learn more about Calvary at calvarychurchpa.com or like us on Facebook.

*On behalf of the church family
we wish you
Christmas joy and blessings!*



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