

**CALVARY  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH**



**CHRISTMAS EVE  
7:00 P.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.

# THE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE WITH HOLY COMMUNION

DECEMBER 24, 2017 ♦ 7:00 P.M.

## THE ORGAN PRELUDES –

Christmas Prelude

Joseph Newell

Pastorale (from Messiah)

George Handel

On Christmas Night (Sussex Carol)

arr. David Cherwien

## THE STRIKING OF THE BELL

## THE CALL TO WORSHIP

## THE CHORAL INTROIT – Amen!

arr. Joseph Baunoch

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

## \* THE Hymn – 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!*

**Child, for us sinners, Poor and in the manger,**

**We would embrace thee, with love and with awe;**

**Who would not love thee, Loving us so dearly?**

*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!*

**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!*

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\* Congregation standing, as able

\* THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

Student Pastor Ben Fitzgerald-Fye

*(All be seated.)*

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

Ms. Heidi Earhart

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION, *responsively*

**People: God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us  
as light shining in darkness.**

**We confess that we have not welcomed the light,  
or trusted the good news to be good.**

**We have closed our eyes to the glory in our midst,  
expecting little, and hoping for less. Forgive us, we pray.**

*(A time of silence for personal confession.)*

Leader: Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope,  
so that we may receive the fullness of your grace,  
and live in the truth of Christ the Lord. Amen.

THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE – O Little Town of Bethlehem

St. Louis

**O holy Child of Bethlehem, Descend to us, we pray;**

**Cast out our sin and enter in, Be born in us today**

**We hear the Christmas angels, The great glad tidings tell;**

**O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Emmanuel!**

THE ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

*(All stand with the Chancel Choir for the singing of The Gloria Patri.)*

\* THE GLORIA PATRI, *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.**

*(All be seated.)*

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE GOSPEL LESSON (Pew Bible, NT, page 71)

Luke 2:1-14

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

THE ANTHEM – The Hills of Judea Ring

Joseph M. Martin

THE SERMON – A Sign for You

Rev. David J. Hanna

*(All stand with the Chancel Choir for the singing of Hark! The Herald Angels Sing.)*

\* THE HYMN – Hark! The Herald Angels Sing  
Hark! The herald angels sing,  
“Glory to the newborn King.  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled!”  
Joyful, all ye nations rise,  
Join the triumph of the skies;  
With the angelic host proclaim,  
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!”  
*Hark! The herald angels sing,  
“Glory to the newborn King!”*

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the sun of righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings,  
Risen with healing in His wings.  
Mild He lays His glory by,  
Born that we no more may die,  
Born to raise us from the earth,  
Born to give us second birth.  
*Hark! The herald angels sing,  
“Glory to the newborn King!”*

*(All be seated.)*

A CANDLE LIGHTING CEREMONY –

Creely-Ford 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: Tonight we gather with joyful hearts to receive God’s greatest gift.  
**People: Joy to the world, the Lord has come!**  
Leader: Tonight we hear again the good news that was given for all people.  
**People: Joy to the world, the Lord has come!**  
Leader: Tonight we join in steadfast wonder at God’s amazing love.  
**People: Joy to the world, the Lord has come!**  
Leader: Tonight we welcome the Savior whose birth has forever changed  
our lives.  
**People: Joy to the world, the Lord has come!**

Leader: Tonight we light all the candles.

The first candle reminds us that Jesus Christ is the gift of hope to a world in need. The second candle calls us to believe that just as God's wonder filled that first Christmas night, God still works miracles today. The third candle calls us to faithful acceptance of God's unfolding plan. The fourth candle calls us to embrace God's unchanging word. And tonight, we light the final candle, as we celebrate God's amazing love by welcoming the birth of our Savior.

## CHORAL AND CONGREGATIONAL

# God Is Near

*A Candle Lighting Ceremony for Advent*

Words and Music by  
JOEL RANEY

### Congregation:

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some rests. The lyrics are printed below the staff, aligned with the notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

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, our Advent journey has culminated in this night. As we celebrate the coming of Christ, open our eyes to see your wonder, open our hearts to know your joy, and open our lips to tell of your glory. For to us a Child has been born, to us a Savior has been given. We pray this in the name of Christ, our newborn King. 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 – O Holy Night

arr. Richard Nichols

*(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. 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.)*

THE COMMUNION ANTHEMS

Only a Manger  
A Babe is Born in Bethlehem

Craig Courtney  
arr. William Spencer

THE PRAYER AFTER HOLY COMMUNION, *responsively*

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

*(All remain seated during the candle lighting and the singing of The Hymn.)  
(Tip the unlit candle toward the lit one.)*

THE HYMN – Silent Night, Holy Night

Stille Nacht

**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.**

**Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight,  
Glories stream from heaven afar, Heavenly hosts sing: "Alleluia;  
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born."**

**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.**

**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.**

*(All stand for The Charge and The Hymn.)*

\* THE CHARGE AND RESPONSE

Leader: Worshipping friends!  
Go in God's peace and love!  
Joy to the world!

**People: Let earth receive her King!**

Leader: Let every heart prepare Him room,

**People: And heaven and nature sing!**

\* THE HYMN – 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.**

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make His blessings flow  
Far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found,  
far as, far as the curse is found.

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.

\* THE ORGAN POSTLUDE – Joy to the World

arr. Fred Bock

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**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.

**LEADING THE CHANCEL CHOIR** is Director of Music, Joseph Baunoch.

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

**THE BEADLE, THE CRUCIFER, AND THE ACOLYTE** this evening 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**

**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.

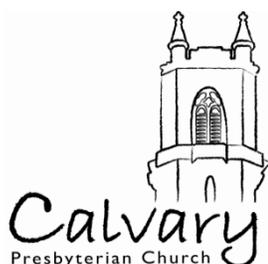
In 1904 work began on the third and present building, which was completed and dedicated in 1906. The present-day building, a Victorian eclectic structure designed by J.C. Fulton of Uniontown. Built of Hummelstown brownstone by Indiana contractor John S. Hastings, the new edifice was completed in 1906. 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](http://calvarychurchpa.com) or like us on Facebook.

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



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