

*Calvary
Presbyterian
Church*



*The Second
Sunday
of Advent*

MEANING OF ADVENT

In the season of Advent we heighten our joyful anticipation for the ultimate fulfillment of the 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

Merciful God,
you sent your messengers the prophets
to preach repentance
and prepare the way for our salvation.
Give us grace to heed their warnings
and forsake our sins,
that we may greet with joy
the coming of Jesus Christ our redeemer,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.

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CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING

The Christmas Joy Offering celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ, the truly "indefinable 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!

Wherever you may be on your journey of faith, Calvary Presbyterian Church, a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), welcomes you. We are a community where questions are valued and where faith is experienced as a loving relationship with God and with all people.

Affirming that every person is a unique creation and a child of God, we believe discrimination is incompatible with the Gospel message of Jesus Christ. We believe there is room at the table for people of different views and understandings. We are enriched by many voices and united in one Spirit, the spirit of a God who loves each one of us abundantly and unconditionally.

If you are passing through: we extend God's blessings to you as you continue on your way. If you are seeking a home: we invite you to join with us as we grow in faith and serve Jesus Christ.

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

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; Berkshire Hathaway 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.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

December 9, 2018 ♦ 11:00 A.M.

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

THE ORGAN PRELUDES –

Choralpartita on Lobe den Herren
Prepare the Way, O Zion

Joseph Ahrens
Then Svenska Psalmboken

Calvary Youth Band

Nun komm der Heiden Heiland

Dietrich Buxtehude

THE STRIKING OF THE BELL

THE WELCOME

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

THE CHORAL INTROIT – Come, Come Emmanuel

James J. Chepponis

(The congregation stands at the beginning of the Hymn.)

* THE HYMN 104 – O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

Valet Will Ich Dir Geben

* THE GATHERING PRAYER

Student Pastor Ben Fitzgerald-Fye

(All be seated.)

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

Mrs. Trish Dodson

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION, *responsively*

**People: Redeeming God, you have sent us prophets and we have not listened.
We have not always determined what is best
or made way for your reign
in our lives, our church, and our society.
Forgive us, we pray.**

(A time of silence for personal confession.)

Leader: Gracious God, forgive us, we pray, and renew your covenant within us,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE KYRIE ELEISON – Advent Kyrie Eleison

Dr. Joseph Baunoch

* *Congregation standing, as able*

THE ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

(Stand for the singing of The Response followed by The Passing of The Peace.)

- * THE RESPONSE, *Angels We Have Heard on High*, sung in unison

Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

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

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

People: And also with you.

(Let us share the peace of Christ.)

(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 SCRIPTURE READING *(Pew Bible NT, page 73)*

Luke 3:2-14

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE ANTHEM – Morning Star

Lloyd Larsen

THE SERMON – Waiting: Salvation is Coming

Rev. David J. Hanna

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Holly and Craig Miller

CHORAL OPENING

ADVENT TWO

Leader One: A voice cries out in the wilderness:

Leader Two: "Prepare the way of the Lord."

Leader One: A choir sings in the silence,

Leader Two: "Come, Emmanuel."

Leader One: Every valley shall be filled.

Leader Two: Every heart shall be made whole,

Leader One: for peace is stronger than turmoil,

Leader Two: and love is louder than hate.

CANDLE LIGHTING, *responsively*

Leader: As we light our second Advent candle

People: we pray for holy peace of God.

Leader: Come now, O Child of Mary.

People: Come now, O Prince of Peace.

(All sing together.)

103 Come Now, O Prince of Peace

The musical notation is for the hymn 'Come Now, O Prince of Peace'. It consists of two staves of music in a 3/4 time signature with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written on a treble clef. The lyrics are: 'Come now, O God of love; make us one body. Come, O Lord Jesus: rec-on-cile all people.' There is a '2' above the second measure of the first staff and a 'J-i' above the eighth measure of the first staff.

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 – Sing We Now of Christmas

Jay Althouse

(Stand 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 PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

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 for the singing of The Hymn followed by The Benediction.)

* THE HYMN 105 – People, Look East

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* THE BENEDICTION

* THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE – Amen

arr. Dr. Joseph Baunoch

* THE ORGAN POSTLUDE

THIS MORNING AT CALVARY CHURCH

We are glad to have you with us today for worship. There is information in the Chalice Room 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.

WE WELCOME ORGAN SCHOLAR, Julia Coler to worship today and thank her for sharing her talent with us.

GREETING YOU THIS MORNING were Joan Rittenberger and Sally Frank.

TEAM 3 is ushering this morning.

THE BEADLE AND ACOLYTE this morning are Julia and Sophie Runge.

THE FLOWERS are to the glory of God by Jim Couch and family in loving memory of his mother Betty Couch and his father James K. Couch, his brother R. Mike Couch and his step-father "Snuffy" Baroni.

CHILDCARE (Nursery) – Our Church Nursery is 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, for beverages and snacks – host: Edna Lehman, Jane Mitchell, and Karen Ross.

DEACON OF THE WEEK – (December 10 – December 16) Cate D'Amico

COUNTING TEAM – (December 10) Team 4 – Dee Garrettson, captain

ST. ANDREW'S VILLAGE CHURCH SERVICE – Tonight at 7:00 p.m. David Hanna will preach, Dee Garrettson will be the liturgist, and Charles Cashdollar will be the pianist for the service. Many residents, mostly in wheelchairs, assemble in the Community Living – Learning Center for the worship service. Members of our congregation are encouraged to attend this service to help with the singing and to mingle and talk with residents, many of whom are our own church members. Come and join in worship.

DEACON'S TABLE – **Remember to visit the Deacons' Table 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.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE COME TO AN INTERGENERATIONAL CHRISTMAS CRAFTSTRAVAGANZA tonight, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the Dining Room. Come and make some Christmas cards or simple crafts to adorn gifts or Christmas trees. “It’s a Wonderful Life” will be shown, and some light refreshments will be served. The only requirement is to wear your ugliest Christmas sweater.

MEETING THE CHALLENGE – Many thanks to all who have submitted pledges for 2019! The more pledges we receive by next Sunday, December 16, the better Session will be able to plan at its December 19 meeting. All pledges will be consecrated next Sunday, in whatever manner they are received. Some folks thought they would be asked to come forward with their pledges, but that is not the plan. The US mail or the offering plate are just fine! Thank you.

ANGELS’ WINGS – Remember that all gifts are due today or in the office on Tuesday, at the very latest. Please take a few moments to feast your eyes on your response to the needs of six Indiana County Families. The families consist of: a mother, son and daughter; a mother and two daughters; a mother, son and daughter; a mother, a son, and daughter; a mother and four daughters; and a mother and two daughters and a son, for a total of six adults and 15 children. As you are feasting your eyes on the tree, picture these same six families having the money to purchase items for a holiday dinner from ALDIs and Walmart. The Committee hopes you experience the same feeling of warmth as we did as we worked on this most enjoyable project! Thank you for your ever-present enthusiasm.

INDIANA COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION (ICCAP) FOOD COLLECTION – November donations have been delivered to ICCAP. November’s total was 130 pounds making the 2018 total 1,916 pounds going into December. We will collect the same items in December: foods that help to make the family Christmas merry. Lists are on the Mission Table.

PARENT NIGHT OUT – Hey kids of all ages. Come to our Grinch Christmas party on Saturday, December 15, 5:30 – 9:00 p.m. In addition to wintry games and movies, you will have an opportunity to create your own gingerbread house. Tell your parents to schedule a date night so that you can come spend the evening with us. Register in the Chalice Room.

IF YOU HAVE FAMILY IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY the Deacons would like to send them a Christmas gift. Kindly provide their name and contact information to the church office by Monday, December 10.

2018 CONTRIBUTIONS – We will accept 2018 contributions up to December 31. Any contributions received after December 31 will be credited to 2019.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS – Refreshments, and fellowship after worship are an important part of sharing life with one another at Calvary. The Hospitality Committee needs volunteers to host Fellowship Time for December 23 and December 30. Please sign up in the Chalice Room. Thank you!

CHRISTMAS PLAY AND SOUP DINNER – Please join us in the Sanctuary Tuesday, December 18 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. for a Christmas play involving some of our Calvary children, youth and their parents. This special production will be followed by a soup dinner in the Dining Room. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE (PDA) – PDA is working with Santa Barbara Presbytery, Sacramento Presbytery and the Presbytery of the Pacific to respond to the recent wild fires in California. PDA has deployed National Response Team members to the Presbytery of the Pacific to be embedded into the American Red Cross (ARC) shelters in Pacific Palisades and San Fernando Valley, at the ARC's request, as Disaster Spiritual Care Providers. Toward that end, Calvary's Mission and Outreach Committee forwarded a donation of nearly \$400 toward Response Number DR000165 for the most recent wild fires. Over the year 2018, Calvary has financially helped hurricane victims, fire victims earlier in the fall and now victims of the more recent wild fire.

OUR CHRISTMAS SERVICES:

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23

11:00 a.m. – *A Service of Lessons and Carols*
Chancel Choir, Bell Choir, and Organ

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24, CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT

7:00 p.m. – *Holy Night Service*
The Sacrament of Holy Communion
Rev. Richard Cassel, celebrant; Rev. David Hanna, preaching
Chancel Choir, Organ, and Brass

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25, CHRISTMAS DAY

10:00 a.m. – *The Sacrament of Holy Communion*
Rev. Richard Cassel, celebrant; Rev. Donald Wilson, preaching

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. – Bible Study (Dining Room)
Sundays, 9:30 a.m. – Youth Ensemble Rehearsal
Sundays, 10:00 a.m. – Youth Study Group (Youth Room)
Sundays, 10:15 a.m. – Children’s Choir Rehearsal (East Classroom)
Sundays, 5:30 p.m. – Ukirk (Campus Ministry) Meeting (IUP Library)
Thursdays, 5:15 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, 4:00 p.m. – Circle 6 (Joyce Scibek’s house)
2nd Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. – Finance and Investment Committee
2nd Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. – Mission and Outreach Committee (Dining Room)
2nd Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. – Hospitality Committee (Prayers & Square Room)
2nd Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. – Christian Education Committee (Heritage Room)
2nd Wednesday, 8:00 p.m. – Deacons (Heritage Room)
2nd Thursday, 4:00 p.m. – Communications Committee (Dining Room)
3rd Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. – Session (Heritage Room)

Upcoming events:

Sunday, December 23, 11:00 a.m. – A Service of Lessons and Carols
Monday, December 24, 7:00 p.m. – Christmas Eve Candlelight
Tuesday, December 25, 10:00 a.m. – Christmas Day Service

Reminders for next week:

Greeters: Jackie and Jim Wiley
Ushers: Team 4
Beadle and Acolyte: Connor McQuaide and Jacob Reiter
Deacon of the Week: (December 17 – December 23) Thelma Smith
Counting Team: (December 17) Team 1 – Linda Double, captain

Fellowship Time: Handbell Choir
Liturgist: Susan Drummond

Church Staff:

Pastor: David Hanna
Parish Associate: Richard Cassel
Student Pastor: Ben Fitzgerald-Fye
Director of Community Assistance/ Mission: Becky Becker
Director of Christian Education: Tracee Denlinger
Office Manager: Brenda Brock
Bookkeeper: Kimberly Blackgrove
Web Designer: Sue Grimm

Director of Music: Joseph Baunoch
Associate Director of Music: Roberta Jones
Director of Youth Music Ministry: Kayla Deyarmin
Acting Handbell Choir Director: Stacy Bussell
Head Sexton: Richard Smith
Sexton: Kenneth Leasure
Nursery Caregiver: Norma Sherry
Counselor: Christine Butler



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