



Calvary Baptist Church

Open to all. Closed to none.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 23, 2018

emmanuel

G O D W I T H U S

Calvary is a Christ-like community that experiences and shares God's love. Calvary welcomes and affirms all people as children of God from every cultural and religious background, sexual orientation, family composition, physical and mental ability, economic means, race, age and gender.

Order of Worship

“One of the essential paradoxes of Advent: that while we wait for God, we are with God all along, that while we need to be reassured of God’s arrival, or the arrival of our homecoming, we are already at home. While we wait, we have to trust, to have faith, but it is God’s grace that gives us that faith. As with all spiritual knowledge, two things are true, and equally true, at once. The mind can’t grasp paradox; it is the knowledge of the soul.”

– Michelle Blake

The + symbol invites you to rise in body or spirit.

In the spirit of worship, please silence all electronic devices.

You are invited to use a Prayer Card in the pew rack to write a prayer request or thanksgiving. Place the card in the offering plate later in the service. The prayers will be offered aloud during the *Prayers of the People*.

Prelude

Partita on Jesus Has Come

arr. John Behnke

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome

Rev. Morgan C. Fletcher

Welcome to Calvary! We are glad you have joined us for worship today. Please let us know you are here by filling out the Welcome Registry. Pass the registry along the pew and back again to the center aisle to see who is joining you in worship today and to learn a fun fact about them!

If this is your *first* time worshipping with us, we offer you a gift: a loaf of bread, which is a reminder that Jesus is the “bread of life” that nourishes our life in community together. To receive your loaf of bread, when we stand to greet one another, please raise your hand to let our ushers know that this is your first time at Calvary.

Lighting the Candle of Love

Matt and Fabiola Mansfield

One: In a world where so many experience hatred,

Many: God lights a candle of love in our hearts as we wait for a Savior, who will be Emmanuel, Christ the Lord.

One: Hear the call of love from the Lord as he answers this question: “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?”

Many: ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’

One: This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it:

Many: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’

One: On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.” (Matthew 22:36-40)

Many: This Advent, we seek a spirit of love in all that we do and say.

One: We light this fourth candle of Advent as a symbol of the Love that is found in Jesus.

In Silence- Lighting the Candle of Love

One: May the light and the fire from this candle burn away everything that is preventing God’s Love from being born among us.

All: May we “be not afraid,” for God’s love is overwhelming the world.

One: Please stand and greet one another in the spirit of Love.

+ Time of Greeting

+ Processional Carol

His Name is Called Emmanuel

1. His name is called Em-man - u - el, more won-der-ful than words can
2. Re - joice, and lay a - side your fear. Re - joice, the Ho - ly One is

tell. God is with us! Al-le - lu - ia! Born in our dark-ness, He is
here. God is with us! Al-le - lu - ia! Lift up your voic - es, come and

Light; born in our weak-ness, He is Might. God is with us! Al-le-
sing. Come wor-ship Christ, the new-born King.

lu - ia! God is with us! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia!

Text: K. Bible and T. Fettke. Music: Geistliche Kirchengesang. CCLI License #105571/Song #2961455

+ Call to Worship

Rev. Anne J. Scalfaro

(based on Isaiah 43:1-4, 18-19)

One: Listen to the word of God from Isaiah: "But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel:

Many: **Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.**

One: When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.

Many: **Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old.**

One: I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

All: **For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. You are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you."**

+ Carol

Love Came Down At Christmas

1. Love came down at Christ-mas, Love all love - ly, Love di - vine;
 2. Wor - ship we the God - head, Love in - car - nate, Love di - vine;
 3. Love shall be our to - ken; love be yours and love be mine;

Love was born at Christ - mas; star and an - gel gave the sign.
 wor - ship we our Je - sus, but where-with for sa - cred sign?
 love to God and oth - ers, love for plea and gift and sign.

Text: C. Rossetti. Music: Trad. Irish Melody. CCLI License #105571/Song #276338

Word for God’s Children

Taylor Goodman

Children of all ages are invited to come forward to the chancel steps.

Offertory

Child of Peace and Love

S. Pethel

Calvary Choir; Tracy Lane, flutist

YES AND 2019 Commitment Cards are available in the pew racks. Thank you for turning in your card TODAY to help us in our financial planning for 2019. In addition to your regular giving, you are invited to give a special gift to help us end the year with strength!

Calvary is a congregation supported church. Your tithes and offerings make all of Calvary’s ministries possible, including this worship service. Your generosity inspires and uplifts lives. You may give to Calvary by cash, check, or via smart phone by texting open2all to 77977.

Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God for all that love has done. Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Rev. Morgan C. Fletcher

The Prayers of the People include the prayers from the congregation that were placed in the offering plate.

The Lord’s Prayer

**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.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
for thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory forever.
Amen.**

+ Gospel Reading

Anne Michel, Tim Michel, Natalie Michel

Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 2:21; John 1:10-12 (NRSV)

Sung Response
**Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
His name is called Emmanuel
God with us, revealed in us
His name is called Emmanuel.**

Text and Music: B. McGee CCLI License #105571/Song #12949

Message **“Yes, God is with us always...and God is with us in all ways.”**

Rev. Anne J. Scalfaro

Fourth Sermon in the Advent Series Being Open + Making Space

“Yes, you can be open to different ideas...and you can create space for them within what you already know.”

+ Carol of Response

Away in a Manger

During this song there are multiple ways you may respond. You may receive prayer, anointing and communion in the back of the sanctuary. You may also come forward to make public your profession of faith in Christ, request baptism, share that you would like to become a member of this church family, share how God is leading you to answer a call to ministry, or share any way that God is at work in your life.

1. A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a bed,
2. The cat - tle are low - ing, the Ba - by a - wakes,
3. Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask Thee to stay

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down His sweet head;
but lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing He makes.
close by me for - ev - er, and love me, I pray.

the stars in the sky looked down where He lay,
I love Thee, Lord Je - sus, look down from the sky
Bless all the dear chil - dren in Thy ten - der care,

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
and stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.
and fit us for heav - en, to live with Thee there.

Text: Anonymous (st. 1 & 2). J.T. McFarland (st. 3). Music: J. R. Murray. Public Domain.

Benediction

Rev. Anne J. Scalfaro

Postlude

A Rose Breaks into Bloom

J. Brahms

Thank you for worshipping with us. Please leave quietly in respect for those continuing to worship through the postlude.



Service Notes

Childcare is available in the nursery for children up to age 5. Worship bags for older children are in the narthex.

Hearing Assistance: If you need additional amplification, ask an usher for a hearing assistance device, which provides a direct feed into a headset or compatible hearing aids.

The **paraments** are **blue** for the season of Advent. The themes of Advent, a Latin word which means “coming” or “arrival,” are expectation and longing for the birth of Jesus. Advent is a time of preparation as we await the day of Christ’s incarnation, and we celebrate God dwelling among us in the person of Jesus. We begin our worship service by lighting candles in the Advent wreath. The lighting of the Advent candles, one for each Sunday in Advent, helps us to focus on Jesus, the light of the world, and the gifts of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love that he brings to the world. Today we light the Candle of Love.

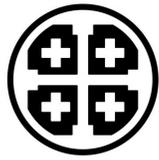
The Lighting of the Candle of Love is adapted from litanies at re-worship.blogspot.com. **Matt & Fabiola Mansfield** light today’s candle. Matt and Fab have been attending since February 2018. Matt is a realtor, was baptized here at Calvary, enjoys the outdoors and daily Bible study. Fab enjoys Bible journaling and spending time with friends. They have been married for 20 years, live in Southeast Denver and enjoy traveling to Costa Rica.

Today’s **Word for God’s Children** is led by **Taylor Goodman**. Taylor was dedicated as a baby at Calvary. She is currently attending University of Colorado, Denver pursuing a major in communications & a minor in fine arts. In her free time she enjoys reading, crocheting, making art, going to concerts and watching movies. She also sings and plays guitar.

The **Calvary Choir**, under the direction of Dr. David Farwig and accompanied by Denise Lanning, is open to all Calvary singers. Accompanying the Choir today is **flutist Tracy Lane**. Tracy was our featured player in the Christmas concert on December 9. She performed for her first time in public as a child for the congregation here at Calvary, where she was raised as a member. In 2001, Tracy received her B.A. in Music from Metro State University and later ran her own private studio. She has since performed as a soloist and ensemble player throughout the region. Tracy currently works as an educator of special needs children but continues to play her flute.

The Gospel Reading is read by **Anne Michel, Tim Michel, and Natalie Michel**. Having lived in Denver for 51 years, **Anne** has declared herself and her husband Fred to be semi-natives. She attends Caritas class and volunteers in the church office. She feels blessed to have had her four children and six of her grandchildren grow up attending Calvary. She likes to read (mostly fiction) and do puzzles. **Tim** started attending Calvary as a child in 1967 and was Baptized in 1979. He and his wife Kelli were active in the church and raised 4 children until her death in 2011. Tim is a geophysicist currently living in Highlands Ranch. He enjoys golf, fishing and traveling with his new wife Pam. **Natalie** is the 5th generation of her family to call Calvary home. She was dedicated as a baby and later baptized alongside her childhood friends. She has been active in choir since she was a young child until she graduated from high school, and avidly participated in the youth group.

Today’s sound tech is **Tessa Farland**. Today’s worship videographer is **Damon Scalfaro**. Sermons are uploaded to Calvary’s Facebook page, YouTube page, and website within 24 hours following worship.



Prayer

VIP (“Very Inspiring Person”) of the Week – John Smith
Student of the Week – Kyle Hartley
Congregational Mission Partner Prayer Focus – Chris Mellon, Board Member, Family Promise of Greater Denver

Recovering from Surgery – Kellona Bain Burke

In the Hospital – Topsy Miller

In Longterm Care/Rehab – Andy Gibbs, Marie Rountree, Jan Taylor, Art Phurrough

In Hospice Care – Jane Lehrmann, Kathleen Marcuson (Diane Newcom’s mother)

Love and Sympathy to the family of **Frances Burch**, who died on Dec. 15, 2018. Frances’ memorial service will be at Calvary on Thurs. Jan. 3, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

We continue to remember in prayer - Dick Ashworth, Olga Ashworth, Babu Bachu, Lakshimi Bachu, Edythe Berglund, Nelson Cox, Harry Crandall, Pat Crandall, Jeanine Crane, Cory Crile, Betty Goding, Allie Hulst, Margie Jonell, John Kimley, Andy Kowalski, Kim Lenz, Bettie Loughhead, Travis McManemon, Don Miller, Calvin Moore, Lynette Pahs, Kathryn Phurrough, John Pipe, Patty Redifer, Judy Tate

Prayer list additions and edits may be sent to ahornernelson@calvarydenver.org.



Connect

TODAY - “Yes, And...” 2019 Commitment Cards Due! Calvary is a congregation supported church. We depend upon each and every one of us giving generously of our financial resources to fund the ministries of our church. We have no outside funding. We are grateful for your presence in worship and need your financial support too. The budget reconciliation process is underway and so if you have not yet already, please return your commitment card or email your pledge directly to Church

Account Luwan Jones (ljones@calvarydenver.org). Thank you for helping us fund our mission and ministry for 2019! Copies of the narrative budget and line item budget are on the kiosk.

The Tree of Remembrance & Hope is in Fellowship Hall. On an ornament, you may write the name of a loved one who has died who you are remembering this season, or the name of someone who needs prayer.

The Giving Tree is in Fellowship Hall. Choose an ornament to support Calvary’s Bootstraps & Blessings ministry. Return items to the B&B grocery cart in the coat room.

TODAY - Family Promise Volunteer Sign Up. Calvary will host Family Promise in just a few short weeks. Volunteers are crucial and needed for the program’s success. Without volunteers, it is more difficult to offer hospitality to families in need. We need you! Please stop by the sign up table in the Narthex to secure your favorite spot. Our host week is January 13-20, 2019. Thank you!

Tomorrow, Dec. 24 - 4:00 p.m. - Family Christmas Eve Service. Join us for an interactive, family-friendly worship experience with your favorite carols, the Christmas story, and candle lighting.

Tomorrow, Dec. 24 - 10:00 p.m. - Music Room - Young Adult Ensemble - All Youth, College Students & Young Adults are invited to the Music Room to learn a simple anthem to sing at the 11pm service. E-mail David Farwig to RSVP.

Tomorrow, Dec. 24 - 11:00 p.m. - Candlelight & Communion Christmas Eve Service. Join us for a liturgical worship service with Scripture, carols, communion, and candlelight.

Sun., Dec. 30 - There will be no Children or Youth Church School, however, Adult Classes may meet if they wish.

Parking Warning - If you park in the handicap spots in our parking lot, you may receive a parking ticket. Our parking lot is a public lot that is patrolled by police. Several Calvary members have received parking tickets, even if they parked only for five minutes. Please only park there if you have a handicap sticker.

Holiday Office Hours

Mon., Dec. 24, 10am - 4pm --- Tues., Dec. 25, closed --- Wed., Dec. 26, 9am - 1pm --- Thur., Dec. 27, 9 am - 1pm

Jan. 6 - Annual Reports Due. Calvary’s Annual Meeting is coming up on Wed., Jan. 30 with a Potluck at 6:00 p.m. and the Meeting beginning at 6:30 p.m.. We encourage all those who are chair, president, teacher, head, coordinator, etc. of any of our different groups to please submit your reports to Pastor Alice Horner-Nelson at ahornernelson@calvarydenver.org.

Shop for Christmas gifts at Creator Mundi and help Calvary! Did you know you can shop for Christmas gifts, and give to Calvary at the same time? Shop online at creatormundi.com and use code “DonateCB” at checkout, and Calvary will receive 12% of your purchase!

Giving at a Glance - *Thank you for your generosity during this busy holiday season!*

Gifts Received Last Week	\$10,894
Weekly Budget for Gifts	\$13,379
YTD Received Gifts (1/1 to 12/19)	\$646,493



Calendar

Church Office Hours

staffed by volunteers

Mon-Thurs, 9:00am - 4:30pm
(lunch hour, 12:30-1:30pm)

Sunday, December 23

8:45 a.m. Nursery Open (EW)
9:00 a.m. Library Open (L)
9:00 a.m. Church School (EW, YL, WW)
10:00 a.m. Fellowship Time (FH)
10:30 a.m. Worship (S)
5:00 p.m. Threshold Taizé Service (C)

Monday, December 24

Office Open from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
9:00 a.m. Bootstraps & Blessings (N)
4:00 p.m. Family Christmas Eve Service (S)
10:00 p.m. Young Adult Ensemble Rehearsal (MR)
11:00 p.m. Candelight & Communion Service (S)

Tuesday, December 25

CHRISTMAS DAY- OFFICE CLOSED

Wednesday, December 26

Office Open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Thursday, December 27

Office Open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Saturday, December 29

10:00 a.m. Creativity & Conversation (Rm 316/320)
11:00 a.m. International Congregation
(Rms 300/306)

Sunday, December 30

No Children or Youth Church School
9:00 a.m. Library Open (L)
9:00 a.m. Adult Classes May Meet If They Wish
10:00 a.m. Fellowship Time (FH)
10:30 a.m. Worship
5:00 p.m. Threshold Taizé Service (C)

Location Key		(MR)	Music Room
(BR)	Boardroom	(N)	Narthex
(C)	Chapel	(PS)	Pastor's Study
(EW)	East Wing	(S)	Sanctuary
(FH)	Fellowship Hall	(WW)	West Wing
(FP)	Fireplace Room	(YL)	Youth Lounge
(G)	Gym		
(L)	Library		



Staff

Rev. Anne J. Scalfaro, *Senior Pastor*
ascalfaro@calvarydenver.org

Rev. Morgan C. Fletcher, *Pastor*
mfletcher@calvarydenver.org

Rev. Alice Horner-Nelson, *Pastor*
ahornernelson@calvarydenver.org

Rev. Mary Hulst, *Pastoral Associate & Pastor Emerita*
revmhulst@gmail.com

Dr. David Farwig, *Director of Music*
dfarwig@calvarydenver.org

Denise Lanning, *Organist*

Angela Leonard, *Children's Ministry Coordinator*
aleonard@calvarydenver.org

Becky Porter, *Nursery Coordinator*
bporter@calvarydenver.org

Lori Grohskopf, *Administrative & Operations Coordinator*
lgrohskopf@calvarydenver.org

Luwan Jones, *Accountant*
ljones@calvarydenver.org

Owen Honeycutt, *Set-up & Security*