



Calvary Baptist Church

*Open to all. Closed to none.*

# Christmas Eve

## Candlelight & Communion Service

December 24, 2018 - 11:00 p.m.



**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

*“What good is it that Christ was born 2,000 years ago  
if he is not born now in your heart?  
I believe in God, but do I believe in God-in-me?  
I believe in God in heaven, but do I believe in God-on-earth?  
I believe in God out there, but do I believe in God-with-us?  
Lord, be born in my heart. Come alive in me this night...”*

- Meister Eckhart, German theologian/mystic (1260-1328)

+ please rise in body or spirit

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

## Prelude

*Carol Medley*

P. Manz

## Chiming of the Hour

### Welcome & Passing of the Peace

Rev. Morgan C. Fletcher

One: May the Peace of Christ be with you.

Many: **And also with you.**

*Please stand and share a word of peace with those near you.*

### +Call to Worship

*“First Coming” by Madeleine L’Engle*

Josiana Umuhoza

One: God did not wait until the world was ready, until the nations were at peace.

Many: **God came when the heavens were unsteady and prisoners cried out for release.**

One: God did not wait for the perfect time.

Many: **God came when the need was deep and great.**

One: God did not wait until all hearts were pure.

Many: **In joy, God came to a tarnished world of sin and doubt.**

**To a world like ours of anguish and shame, God came.**

**God light’s would not go out.**

One: God came to a world which did not mesh; to heal its ill, and shield its scorn.

Many: **In the mystery of the Word made flesh,**

**the maker of the stars was born.**

One: We cannot wait until the world is sane,  
to raise our songs with joyful voice, to share our grief, to touch our pain.

Many: **God came in grace, with love and hope and joy and peace,**

All: **and so we say, “O come let us adore Him!”**

### +Carol

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

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!

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, O 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!

## Lighting the Advent Wreath

### Candle of Hope

Margie Jonell; Kristina, Dave, Toby, & Maia Yarrington  
Kevin, Jennifer, Michael, Christopher, & Alexandria Jonell

One: We light the Advent Candle of Hope: a candle of watching and waiting,

**All: *for we have searched and waited for our Savior to come to us.***

*Sung Response:*

Hope, peace, joy, and love!  
These are gifts You bring from above.  
Jesus, Emmanuel, come to be  
light of Your Hope reflected in me.

### Candle of Peace

Jen Friedel & Sarah Mather

One: We light the Advent Candle of Peace: a candle of preparation,

**All: *for we have prepared our hearts to receive the Savior.***

*Sung Response:*

Hope, peace, joy, and love!  
These are gifts You bring from above.  
Jesus, Emmanuel, come to be  
light of Your Peace reflected in me.

### Candle of Joy

Carl & Earlene Ramay; John, Brenda, Taylor, & Nathan Goodman  
Jason Ramay & Lynn Hunnicutt, Matt & David Ramay

One: We light the Advent Candle of Joy: the candle of rejoicing,

**All: *for we have been blessed with the good news of God's love for all people!***

*Sung Response:*

Hope, peace, joy, and love!  
These are gifts You bring from above.  
Jesus, Emmanuel, come to be  
light of Your Joy reflected in me.

### Candle of Love

Tom & Karen Bennett; Tim Bennett; Rebecca Bennett & Tim Baird

One: We light the Advent Candle of Love: the candle of beholding and believing,

**All: *for we have experienced the mighty power and love of God in our lives.***

*Sung Response:*

Hope, peace, joy, and love!  
These are gifts You bring from above.  
Jesus, Emmanuel, come to be  
light of Your Love reflected in me.

### 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 the dark street shineth the everlasting Light;  
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

Text: P. Brooks. Music: L. Redner. Public Domain.

**Being Open + Making Space:**  
**The Incarnation in Word, Music, Deed, Silence, & Ritual**

**Gospel Reading**  
**Carol**

*Luke 2:1-12*  
*Away in a Manger*

Karen Folgate

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;  
the stars in the sky looked down where he lay,  
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

Text: Anonymous, J. McFarland. Music: J. Murray. Public Domain.

**Reflection**

*WORD*

Rev. Anne J. Scalfaro

**+Gospel Reading**

*Luke 2:13-14*

Bill Warren

**+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.

Text and Music: French Carol. Public Domain.

**Reflection**

*MUSIC*

Dr. David Farwig

**Gospel Reading**

*Luke 2:15-18, 20*

Denise Wylde

**Carol**

*The First Noel*

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

Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heav'nly Lord,  
That hath made heav'n and earth with love, and came down to earth from heav'n above.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel.

Text and Music: English Carol. Public Domain.

**Reflection**

*DEED*

Rev. Morgan C. Fletcher

**Musical Meditation**

*Ghost Garden*  
Michael Jonell, Marimba

A. Hopper

**Gospel Reading**

*Luke 2:19*

Rev. Matt Nelson

## Reflection

*SILENCE*

## Carol

*What Child Is This*

What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing:  
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

Text: W. Dix. Music: English Melody. Public Domain.

## Offertory

*Ding Dong! Merrily On High*

Traditional

Youth, College, & Young Adult Choir

Thank you for your special Christmas offering tonight. Calvary is a congregation-supported church. Your offerings make all of Calvary's ministries possible, including this worship service. To give a special gift tonight, you may use one of the offering envelopes in the pew rack to give cash or check (made out to *Calvary Baptist Church*) or you may give via your smart phone by texting open2all to 77977. Your generosity inspires and uplifts lives!

## Communion

*RITUAL*

Rev. Alice Horner Nelson

*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.  
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.  
Amen.**

### *Intinction Servers:*

Revs. Morgan C. Fletcher, Brenda Goodman, Alice Horner Nelson, & Anne J. Scalfaro

Tonight we will receive the elements by intinction. Break off a piece of bread and dip it in the cup. The bread is gluten free. This is the Lord's Table. All are welcome to come and receive. If you prefer to receive a blessing in place of the bread and cup, please come forward and cross your arms over your chest. If you would like a minister to serve you in your pew, please raise your hand after everyone has been served.

## Music during Communion

*Gesu Bambino*

P.A. Yon

David Farwig, soloist

## The Light of the World

### Lighting the Christ Candle

Greg Austin & David Farwig

One: We light the Christ Candle: the candle of Jesus' birth,

**All: *because we celebrate the light of Christ illuminating our darkness.***

*Sung Response:*

Hope, peace, joy, and love!  
These are gifts You bring from above.  
Jesus, Emmanuel, come to be  
Light of the world reflected in me.

## Sharing the Light of Christ

*John 1:9-14*

Rev. Anne J. Scalfaro

The candle lighters include **Josiana Umuhoza** who was baptized in 2018. At her baptism, she received a candle symbolizing her call to be the “Light of the World.” Tonight she shares that light with us.

The sharing of light symbolizes the coming of Christ’s light to a dark world.

Please tilt your UN-lit candle to receive the light from an upright lighted candle and share the light down each pew. Hold your lit candle for the singing of “Silent Night,” the benediction, and “Joy to the World!”

## Carol

### *Silent Night, Holy Night*

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.  
Glory streams 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.

## Benediction

Rev. Anne J. Scalfaro

## +Recessional Carol

### *Joy to the World*

(all stand)

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare Him room, and heav’n and nature sing,  
and heav’n and nature sing, and heav’n, and heav’n and nature sing!

(hold candle high)

Joy to the earth! the Savior reigns; let men their songs employ;  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

(recessional; light come on)

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, wonders of His love.

## Postlude

### *God Rest You Merry*

P. Manz



# Calendar

**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)

**Monday, December 31**

Office Open from 9 a.m. to noon

**Tuesday, January 1**

Office Closed

**Sunday, January 6**

*Annual Reports Due*

9:00 a.m. Library Open (L)

9:00 a.m. Church School

10:00 a.m. Fellowship Time (FH)

10:30 a.m. Worship

5:00 p.m. Threshold Taizé Service (C)



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