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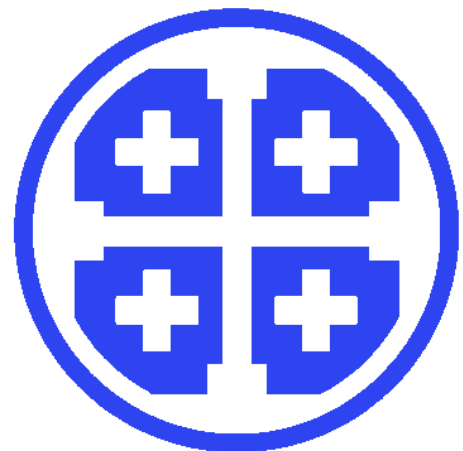
Baptism of Our Lord Sunday

January 12, 2025



Hold Fast

Reorient



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

Thriving in Goodness Touchstone Symbols
For Epiphany/New Year Season:

 Hold Fast  Reorient

+ Please rise in body or in spirit


Prelude

Hymn Medley
Jerimiah Otto, organ


original arrangement

As the prelude begins, please quiet your conversation and silence electronic devices.

Centering Quote:

*Holy God, we read that many were baptized by John with their questions, expectations, and anticipation.
May we hold fast  to your Presence in times when our questions wash over us like baptismal waters. Amen.*

Chiming of the Hour & Lighting of the Christ Candle

We light the Christ Candle as a symbol of the living presence of Christ  among us and within us today.

Welcome & Time of Greeting

Rev. Anne J. Scalfaro

We are glad you have joined us for worship this morning! If you are a new worshiper with us at Calvary, we invite you to fill out a Welcome Card by scanning this QR code or, if you are worshipping online, by clicking the link in the YouTube description. Alternatively, you may fill out a Welcome Card from the pew rack and place it in the offering plate later in the service. If you are worshipping with us in the sanctuary, please receive a Welcome Bag from the Welcome Kiosk as you leave.



The *Thriving in Goodness* Touchstone Symbols in your Order of Worship signal times when we invite you to engage in that practice. The 18 touchstones are divided into 9 pairs; we are focusing on one pair at a time throughout the year. The symbols are a guide; you may experience these practices at other times in worship or in a different way than we have indicated. That is okay; follow the Spirit's leading! The intention for including these symbols is to 1) draw our attention to where we naturally engage with these practices in our worship, 2) become aware of their impact in helping us tether ourselves to our Created Goodness, so that 3) we become intentional about utilizing these practices in our everyday lives outside of worship so that we Thrive by creating Good in our lives and in the world.


You are welcome in worship just as you are this morning. Acknowledging that the Spirit connects with us in different ways, as we sing, pray, and worship together may you receive whatever resonates with you, and release what doesn't.

+ Invocation

Katherine Dunn


One: Holy Triune God, author of community,

All: come baptize us.

**Remind us what it means
to belong to one another.** 


One: God who tears the heavens,

All: come baptize us.

**Reveal to us your power
that ushers in new realms.** 

One: God who calls us beloved,

All: come baptize us.


**Declare to us your great delight
and hold us in your pleasure.** 

One: God of vulnerability,

All: come baptize us.

**Welcome us into the paradox
of strength that comes from weakness.**

One: Together, let us remember this day.

All: In the Creator's love we are held,  into Christ's body we are baptized, and by the Spirit's power, we are claimed. Amen.

+ Hymn 451

Come, Be Baptized 

COME, BE BAPTIZED



Word for God's Children

Erin Gangloff

Children of all ages are invited to come forward to the chancel steps. Children are invited to bring an offering forward with them to put in the children's offering box.

Following this time, children grades K-5th may go to Children's Church School with the Children's Ministry leadership.

Thriving in Goodness Moment




 *Hold Fast / Reorient* 

Rev. Brenda J.R. Goodman

Time of Prayer

Prisca Ampah

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.**

Offertory

Wade in the Water
Dr. David Farwig, soloist

arr. David Farwig

Calvary is a congregation-supported church. Your tithes and offerings make all of Calvary's ministries possible, including this worship service. Thank you for your generosity! In addition to placing a gift in the offering plate you may give by one of these methods:

- Online: www.calvarydenver.org/give
- Smartphone: text *Open2All* to 833-303-3655 OR scan this QR code
- Mail: Calvary Baptist Church of Denver (6500 E. Girard Ave. Denver, CO 80224)



Throughout January, we are receiving the Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering (see service notes). To make a gift to RMMO, please designate RMMO in the memo line of your check or on your envelope.

+ Doxology 

OLD 100th


**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.**



+ Gospel Reading


Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Malcolm Floyd

New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

As the people were filled with expectation and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water, but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the strap of his sandals. He will baptize you  with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Now when all the people were baptized  and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved;  with you I am well pleased."

One: For the Word God in Scripture, 
for the Word of God Among Us,
for the Word of God Within Us,

All: **Thanks Be to God!**

Message

*The Waters of Wonder:
Baptized with Questions, Led by Faith*
Second sermon in the series, *Hold Fast & Reorient*

Rev. Alice Horner Nelson

+ Hymn of Response 450

With Water Freely Flowing 

MERLE'S TUNE

During this hymn you may 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. You may fill out our membership form using the QR code.



Benediction

Rev. Alice Horner Nelson

Postlude

Chelsea Bridge
Jeremiah Otto, piano

Billy Strayhorn

Thank you for worshipping with us today. Please leave the sanctuary quietly for those who wish to continue worshipping through the postlude.

The worship service has ended; our service to the world continues. Go in peace.



Service Notes

Hospitality Notes:

- **Childcare** is available in the nursery for children up to age 5.
- **Worship bags** for older children are on the east side of the narthex across from the library. See an usher for assistance.
- **Large print copies of the hymns** are available on the Welcome Kiosk.
- **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.
- **Nametags:** If you need a nametag made or replaced, please email cbc@calvarydenver.org or notify an usher.
- **Christine Zeiler** is our online greeter for the livestream.
- **Sermons** are uploaded to Calvary's YouTube page and website the week following the service.

Today's **livestream webcaster** is **willow carter**, **livestream support** is **Ken Pinkham**, and the **sound tech** is **Evan Coulter**.

The **paraments** are **white** for **Baptism of Our Lord**. White is used for all high Holy Days and festival days of the Church Year, especially the seasons of Christmas and Easter. White symbolizes purity, holiness, and virtue, as well as respect and reverence. The season of Epiphany emphasizes the manifestations of God to humans through Jesus and how the presence of Christ is mysteriously revealed in our lives and in the world. We are invited to experience divine revelation in ways that surprise us.

The **Call to Worship** is sourced from calltoworshipjournal.org and is led by **Katherine Dunn**. Katherine has been attending Calvary for a few years and was baptized on Palm Sunday 2024. She plays competitive soccer, piano, and volleyball, and loves spending time with her family: mom and dad Matt & Terri Dunn, and siblings Luke, Beatrice, and John.

The **Word for God's Children** is given by **Erin Gangloff**. Erin has been a Calvary member since birth in 1983. She was dedicated, baptized, married, and had her own daughter (Aubrey Leigh) dedicated in the church. You can say that Calvary is a family affair, as her parents (Tim and Leigh Bessey) and grandparents are members. Erin is the Chief Marketing Officer for the Colorado Golf Association. She serves as Co-Moderator of our deacons. In her spare time, you will find her and her husband watching their daughter dance, swim, or playing golf!

The **Thriving in Goodness moment** is given by **Rev. Brenda J.R. Goodman**. Rev. Brenda J.R. Goodman grew up at Calvary, and is a member of Calvary's Facing Racism Cohort, Calvary's Gun Violence Prevention group, a rotational leader of Word For God's Children, and a Lifeline volunteer. She was ordained at Calvary in 2014, and is a hospital chaplain at Sky Ridge, and a float chaplain for Swedish. She loves running, writing, audiobooks, podcasts, movies & TV, photography, digital scrapbooking,

trumpet, and all genres of music, especially 80's, jazz, and classical. Brenda and her partner, John, have two adult children, Taylor & Nathan, two cats, Kevin & Quincy, & Greyhound, Max. Brenda is part of three generations of Calvary members including her mother, Earlene Ramay, and her late father, Carl Ramay.

Calvary receives the **Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering (RMMO)** during the month of January. The roots of RMMO go back to the mid-1930s, when American Baptist congregations received a Communion Fellowship Offering on the first Sunday of each month to support retired ministers, missionaries, their widowed spouses, and elderly clergy within their churches. In 1977, American Baptist Churches USA launched RMMO to continue this appreciation of God's service. The offering supports those who have dedicated their lives to God's service in ABC-USA for 15 or more years with a thank you check and provides emergency assistance in times of need. To make a gift to RMMO, please designate RMMO in the memo line of your check.

We acknowledge so many who have inspired our faith and made sacrifices throughout their lives as they have fostered Christian community. Below are the names of retired ministers and missionaries and/or their spouses who are connected to our Calvary congregation. If you know of a name that needs to be added to this list, please notify the church office. You are invited to write a note of gratitude to one or more of these ministers. Email cbc@calvarydenver.org if you need an address.

- Jan Chartier (out of state)
- Mary Jane Fox (spouse)
- Mary Hulst
- Gordon Kieft
- Warren Risch (out of state)
- Daniel & Estela Schweissing
- Carol Willard (spouse/out of state)

The **Gospel Reading** (Year C, Revised Common Lectionary) is read by **Malcolm Floyd**. Malcolm and his mom Shirley joined Calvary in October of this year. Malcolm works as a behavioral health technician for the Mile High Recovery Center.

Today's **Message** is the **second sermon in the epiphany/new year series, *Hold Fast & Reorient***, which is part of our annual series, ***Thriving in Goodness for Good and for GOOD***. A full theme description may be found on the kiosk. Here is a summary: Jesus reminds us, *"The thief comes only to steal, kill, and destroy. I came so that they might have abundant life—indeed, so that they might live life to the fullest,"* (John 10:10, CEB). Jesus' invitation to thrive in an abundant life is rooted in our original goodness—God proclaiming humanity as *tov meod* (very good) in the Creation story. To thrive in an abundant life, we first must dwell within our own created goodness—for in doing so, we will see the good in others and be the good for the world. When we thrive in the midst of this goodness, we 1) create Good within ourselves and in the world for others (in the here and now), and 2) we co-create the kin-dom of God for GOOD (the ultimate reality when all is finally and forever well with the world—when justice, mercy, and peace flow and exist for all). In other words, when we are able to thrive in our goodness it is not only for the Good of the world "here and now," it also creates the kin-dom of God which eradicates all pain, injustice, evil, and sin for GOOD, forever!

Throughout the year we're exploring 18 touchstones (9 pairs of practices) of *Thriving in Goodness*—the Goodness in which God created us and for which God intends for us to live. These touchstones include practices and rhythms that serve as reminders of our goodness; they shape our worship experience together, and they can shape our daily lives if we practice them with intention.

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Touchstones</u>	<u>Season</u>
September 8, 15, 22, 29	Center & Connect	Gathering
October 6, 13, 20	Release & Receive	Gathering
October 27, November 3, 10, 17, 24	Remember & Dream	Stewardship
December 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	Wait & Cultivate	Advent
January 5, 12, 19, 26	Hold Fast & Reorient	Epiphany/New Year
February 2, 9, 16, 23, March 2	Reflect & Respond	Epiphany
March 9, 16, 23, 30	Acknowledge & Absolve	Lent
April 6, 13, 20, 27	Lament & Rejoice	Lent and Eastertide
May 4, 11, 18, 25, June 1	Bless & Challenge	Eastertide



*****Full Prayer List Posted Outside Office and in E-News*****

The Order of Worship is printed on Wednesdays by 5 p.m. Prayer requests received after this time will appear in the following Sunday's Order of Worship.

VIP ("Very Inspiring Person") of the Week – Earlene Ramay

Student of the Week – Grace Kochman

In Long term Care – Dick Ashworth, Earlene Ramay

In Hospice Care – Phyllis Bennett

Love & Sympathy to –

- Robyn Warren and family upon the death of Robyn's nephew, Hunter Walker, who was killed in an automobile accident on December 31 in West Virginia

New Prayer Updates This Week –

- Bruce Whitaker—recovering from ankle arthrodesis surgery (Jan. 10); will be non-weightbearing for several months
- Lilli Bailey-Duran—recovering from gallbladder surgery (Jan. 5)



Giving at a Glance

2024 YTD Gifts Received (1/1/24 - 12/31/24): \$643,574
2025 YTD Gifts Received (1/1/25 - 1/4/25): \$2,432

Your giving makes a difference. Just as we join our hearts together in prayer and worship, we join

our resources together to continue the vital ministry of Calvary. Thank you for supporting our staff, ministries, mission partners, & building costs. Scan this QR code with your camera phone to give:



Notes From Your Deacons

From Financial Wellness Deacon Natalie Ralston: 12 Days of Calvary—Thank you to everyone who celebrated the Twelve Days of Calvary between Christmas and Epiphany by making a gift to one of Calvary's ministry areas! Each day a different ministry area was highlighted, as well as specific costs related to sustaining them. Thanks to the generosity of 35 donors, we raised \$17,852 in

support of Calvary's 2025 annual budget. Every gift helps to close the gap we have between anticipated income and anticipated expenses during this new year. Thank you for giving gifts that spread cheer all year!

From Property Deacon Bill Warren & Pastor Anne: Spoofing Alert

Please be aware that spoofing emails went out under Pastor Anne's name this week asking for gift cards and other favors. These are *NOT* from Pastor Anne. Spoofing is when someone changes a "display name" to suggest to the email receiver that they are someone other than who they are.

No pastor or staff member will ever ask you to buy gift cards for the church over email. You may double check emails claiming to be from Anne by looking at the *email address* (not the name) and ensure it is from ascalvaro@calvarydenver.org. Spoofers will often make up an email through gmail or yahoo that looks similar my real one.

If you receive an email that seems suspicious or that asks for any favor that is financial in nature, please or call or text Pastor Anne directly or call the church office. Because of the nature of these incidents, we work hard to eliminate all email addresses from the website; however we were able to locate the webpage that had the email addresses on it and removed them immediately. Thank you to all who reported the issue so we could act as quickly as possible.

Note: Calvary's email system, database, and financial system were not hacked and are secure.



Connect

TODAY – 4:00 p.m. – Calvary Concert Series 2025 – Chapel. Calvary is launching a concert series! At this first concert Jeremiah Otto will perform a special program in the chapel. This will be an intimate concert of music, storytelling and a time to get better acquainted with our newest Calvary staff musician. A free will donation will be taken for the music

department to curate this series of six amazing spring concerts!

Sun. Jan. 26 – Annual Gathering – 9:00 – 11:45 a.m. – Fellowship Hall and on Zoom. Join us as we celebrate the past year and look forward to the future.

- Program Schedule
 - 8:50 - Gathering Music
 - 9:00 - Welcome & Potluck
 - 9:30 - Celebrating 2024
 - 10:00 - Looking Forward with Vision to 2025 (including voting on proposed 2025 Financial Plan)
 - 11:20 - Closing & Communion Around the Tables
- Things to bring
 - Breakfast item per Last Name
 - A-H: Something savory
 - I-P: Bread item
 - Q-Z: Fruit or Yogurt
 - A reflective spirit
 - A dreaming mind

Thurs. Jan. 30 – 12:00 p.m. – Lunch Bunch – Yard House Park Meadows (Park Meadows Mall, 8437 South Park Meadows Center Dr.). Lunch Bunch Begins our 3rd Year! After settling into 2025, we look forward to catching up with each other's news, ideas, hopes, goals, and, yes, some regrets. If you haven't joined us before, I hope this will be a fun first for you. Everyone is welcome! Reservations must be made with Nancy Dávila, [nbhoff2003\(at\)msn\(dot\)com](mailto:nbhoff2003(at)msn(dot)com), by Tues., Jan. 28. The restaurant will give separate checks.

Fri. Jan. 31 – 11:00 a.m. – Men's Group – Fellowship Hall. Ever get frustrated with your smart phone when trying to take a picture or how can you get photos from your phone to your computer? Come join the Men's Group to learn all the features of your camera on your phone! Lunch is \$10 for members and \$5 for guests. This Is Open To All. Please sign up so we can have an accurate food count. You can do this at the entrance to Fellowship Hall each Sunday or email [mickandjand\(at\)aoi\(dot\)com](mailto:mickandjand(at)aoi(dot)com) or call 720-253-4738.

Sun. Feb. 9 – Call For Musicians. Are you a musician that might like to be involved in a concert at Calvary? Here's your chance! On February 9th a home-baked goods sale and fabulous concert of Calvary musicians is being organized as a fundraiser for the music department. The concert will be at 4:00 p.m. For more info please email Jeremiah. Be on the lookout for the wonderful variety of Calvary concerts this spring!

Shop at King Soopers and Support our Community – Calvary's Blessings ministry is partially supported by our church's usage of King Soopers Cards. If you don't have an account, go to any King Soopers service desk, and request a loyalty/ rewards card. After giving your email and phone #, ask them to link it to **JD738** as your charity. If you already have a KS account card and want to link it with Blessings, please go to kingsoopers.com. Log into your account, search for Calvary by our nonprofit organization # (JD738) and click enroll. When checking out, swipe or hand your card to the cashier or enter your phone # into the checkout screen at the beginning so Calvary gets the rebate. Thank you for helping support our community!

SUBSCRIBE to Calvary's E-News for the latest updates, resources, and articles. Go to calvarydenver.org, scroll to bottom, fill in email address, click "subscribe." Ensure emails don't go to spam by adding cbc@calvarydenver.org as a contact in your address book.

Help Spread the Word about Calvary – Google and Yelp reviews are huge in helping new people find us and get to know us. It takes just a few minutes, but leaving a review makes a huge impact on our web presence.

- Yelp review: Search "calvary baptist church of Denver." Click on "write a review."
- If you have a Google account: Go to google.com and type in "calvary baptist denver" and search. A new page will come up. Click on "Write a review" on the right-hand side.



Location Key					
BR	Boardroom	L	Library	S	Sanctuary
C	Chapel	LS	Livestream (YouTube)	SLC	Silver Lining Café
EW	East Wing	IR	Instrument Room	WW	West Wing
FH	Fellowship Hall	MR	Music Room	YL	Youth Lounge
FP	Fireplace Room	N	Narthex (outside FH)	Z	Zoom (online)
G	Gym	PS	Pastor's Study		

Church Office Open:

Tues. & Wed. – 9:00 a.m. — 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 12

9:00 a.m. Nursery Open (EW)
 9:00 a.m. Church School Classes
 10:00 a.m. Fellowship Time (FH)
 10:30 a.m. Worship (S/LS)
 12:00 p.m. Deacon Ministry Advisory Board Meeting (119/Z)
 4:00 p.m. Community Concert (C)

Monday, January 13

10:00 a.m. Blessings (N)
 2:00 p.m. Caring Hearts (Z)

Tuesday, January 14

9:00 a.m. Bible Study (YL/Z)
 9:00 a.m. Tuesday Prayer & Study Group (BR/Z)
 10:00 a.m. Game Day at Silver Lining Café (SLC)

Thursday, January 16

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (MR/S)

Friday, January 17

6:00 p.m. Calvary Choir Mid-Winter Party (FH)

Saturday, January 18

9:00 a.m. Scrapbooking (YL)

Sunday, January 19

9:00 a.m. Nursery Open (EW)
 9:00 a.m. Church School Classes
 10:00 a.m. Fellowship Time (FH)
 10:30 a.m. Worship (S/LS)
 12:00 p.m. 2025 Annual Gathering Planning (L/Z)



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