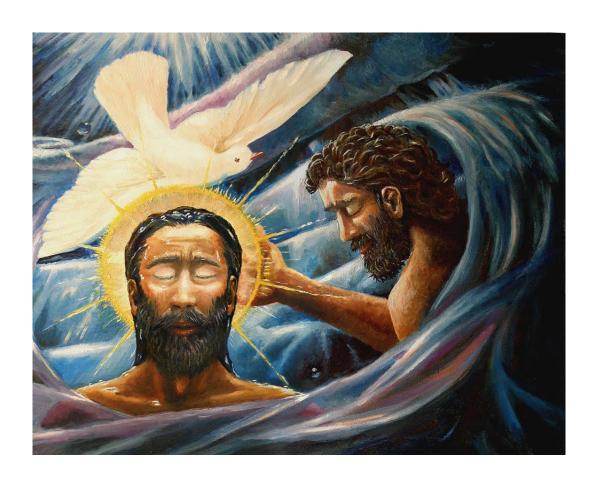


# Calvary Baptist Church

Open to all. Closed to none.

# **Baptism of the Lord Sunday**

January 13, 2019



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

"There are two ways of spreading light: to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it."

- Edith Wharton, American novelist & playwright (1862-1937)

The + symbol invites you to rise in body or spirit. In the spirit of worship, please silence all electronic devices.

**Prelude** With Joyful Heart G. Near

### Chiming of the Hour & Lighting the Christ Candle

#### **Welcome & Time of Greeting**

Rev. Anne J. Scalfaro

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 worshiping 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.

#### +Call to Worship

#### inspired by Isaiah 43:1-7

Nadou Lawson

One: We have been claimed by the God who calls us children.

Many: We, the redeemed, have been called by name.

One: As with the Israelites, God promises to pass with us through the water.

Many: We will not fear, for God is with us!

One: The rivers shall not overwhelm us for God is our guide and our protector.

Many: Through God's saving grace, the waters that tested us

are now the waters that wash us and nourish us.

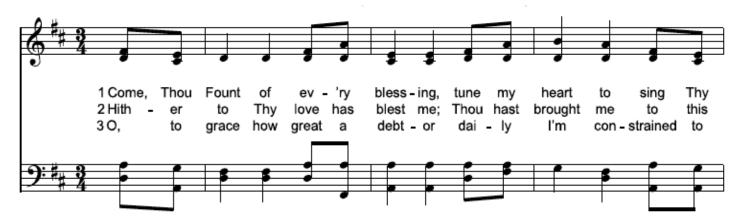
One: Great is the Fount of Every Blessing,

Many: Ever flowing, ever redeeming, ever claiming us as God's children.

All: Come, let us worship the God who washes us in grace!

#### +Hymn

## Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing





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### + Gospel Reading

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 New Revised Standard Version Rev. Alice Horner-Nelson

One: For the Word of God in Scripture, For the Word of God among us,

For the Word of God within us,

All: Thanks be to God.

#### **Invitation to the Waters**

Rev. Morgan C. Fletcher

Prayer of Confession inspired by Matthew 3:13-17

One: We are incredibly stubborn, O Lord.

Many: We have entered the season in which Your Light has been given to the world,

your blessings have been poured out on the world, and yet all we can think about is our own problems,

our own needs, our own desires.

One: Help us to desire you, Lord.

Help us to yearn for your presence.

Many: Pour your baptismal waters over us again,

cleansing us from our self-pity and arrogance.

Nourish and heal us so that we may joyfully serve you.

Wash away our jealousy, greed, and all negative thoughts and behaviors that stand in the way of our truly being the people you have called us to be.

All: Again let us receive the blessings offered in creation,

in the birth and baptism of Jesus,

and in the ministry of the saints of light.

Amen.

Words of Assurance

One: The love of God is always offered to us, freely, joyfully, for all eternity.

Rejoice, dear friends, this is the Good News of our Lord.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Song

All Who Are Thirsty

As we sing together, you are invited to remember your baptism by dipping your fingers in the waters of life, by touching the salt and bringing it to your lips, and by lighting a candle to represent Christ's light shining through you. As you come, remember the blessing of God and the words of Jesus: "You are my beloved child. In you I am well pleased. You are the salt of the earth. You are the light of the world."

All who are thirsty

All who are weak

Come to the fountain

Dip your heart in the stream of life

Let the pain and the sorrow be wash'd away in the waves of His mercy as deep cries out to deep Chorus

(We sing)

Come, Lord Jesus, come

Come, Lord Jesus, come

Come, Lord Jesus, come Come, Lord Jesus, come

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#### Word for God's Children

Angela Leonard

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

**Mission Moment** 

Rev. Morgan C. Fletcher

Retired Ministers & Missionaries Offering

Anne Comstock, soloist

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.

Throughout January, we are receiving the RMMO 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

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.

Message

"Yes, We Are Leaders...And, We Are Followers" Rev. Anne J. Scalfaro Second sermon in nine-week "Yes, And..." series: Passion + Humility Yes, you feel what you feel...and you can practice humility.

#### + Song of Response

#### Down to the River to Pray

During this song there are multiple ways you may respond. You may receive prayer and anointing 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.

Solo:

As I went down in the river to pray Studying about that good old way And who shall wear the starry crown Good Lord, show me the way!

O sisters, let's go down, Let's go down, come on down O sisters, let's go down Down in the river to pray

Solo:

As I went down in the river to pray Studying about that good old way And who shall wear the robe and crown Good Lord, show me the way!

O brothers, let's go down Let's go down, come on down Come on, brothers, let's go down Down in the river to pray

#### Congregation:

As I went down in the river to pray Studying about that good old way And who shall wear the starry crown Good Lord, show me the way! O fathers, let's go down Let's go down, come on down O fathers, let's go down Down in the river to pray

As I went down in the river to pray Studying about that good old way And who shall wear the robe and crown Good Lord, show me the way!

O mothers, let's go down
Let's go down; don't you want to go down?
Come on, mothers, let's go down
Down in the river to pray

As I went down in the river to pray Studying about that good old way And who shall wear the starry crown Good Lord, show me the way!

> O sinners, let's go down Let's go down, come on down O sinners, let's go down Down in the river to pray

As I went down in the river to pray Studying about that good old way And who shall wear the robe and crown Good Lord, show me the way!

**Announcements** 

Rev. Alice Horner-Nelson

Benediction

Rev. Anne J. Scalfaro

**Postlude** Postlude in F E. Thiman



**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 **white** today for **Baptism of the Lord Sunday**. 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. **Baptism of Our Lord Sunday** continues the season of Epiphany which empha-sizes the manifestations of God to humans through Jesus. On this day, we read the account of Jesus' baptism in Mark's Gospel, and remember our own experiences of baptism. In Baptist tradition, baptism does not mark the beginning or end of our faith journey; rather it is an expression of our public profession of faith in Christ. As followers of Jesus, we are commissioned to be "salt and light," throughout the world, spreading God's love (Matthew 5:13-14).

The artwork on the front cover is "Baptism of Christ."

The **Call to Worship** is posted on http://www.stephenmfearing.com/liturgy//call-to-worship-baptism-of-the-lord-year-c-january-10th-2016. It is read by **Nadou Lawson.** Nadou is our Church Hostess, and is actively involved in Reed Circle and the Membership Team.

This month we are receiving the **Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering (RMMO)**, which has supported retired ABC ministers, missionaries and their widowed spouses since 1977. 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. You may place your note in the envelope on the missions bulletin board outside of the church office.

- Louise Barger (out of state)
- Edythe Berglund (spouse)
- Delores Bowermaster (spouse)
- Myron & Jan Chartier (out of state)
- Jim Comstock
- Amy & John Derrick (out of state)
- Chuck Goertz
- Glenn Hill

- Mary Hulst
- Gordon Kieft
- Jim McClements (out of state)
- Jo Murrow
- John Pipe
- Warren Risch (out of state)
- Daniel & Estela Schweissing

\*If we have missed your name, or the name of someone you know that needs to be listed here, please notify the church office so we can make the update.

The soloist today is **Anne Comstock**. Anne and her husband, Jim joined Calvary in 2000. She is blessed daily by the Calvary community and has served in many diverse ways from music to nursery! Anne has worked in the child welfare field for 30 years and especially enjoys her role of grandma to five amazing grandkids.

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



 $\label{lem:vip} \textbf{VIP ("Very Inspiring Person") of the Week} - \text{Nelson Cox}$ 

Student of the Week - Chudier Bile

**Congregational Mission Partner Prayer Focus** – Donna Munip, Chief Financial Officer, Metro Caring

In Celebration – Congratulations to Mick and Jan Davey (and their daughter Lindsay Weaver) on the birth of their granddaughter, Aspen Elizabeth Weaver, on Dec. 28, 2018.

In Sympathy – Love and sympathy to the family of Bettie Loughhead, who died on Wed., Dec. 26, 2018.

**Recovering from Surgery** – Denise Lanning

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

**In Hospice Care** – Jane Lehrmann, Katherine Marcuson (Diane Newcom's mother)

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, John Kimley, Andy Kowalski, Kim Lenz, Travis McManemon, Don Miller, Calvin Moore, Lynette Pahs, Kathryn Phurrough, John Pipe, Patty Redifer, Judy Tate, Kellona Bain Burke, Ken Pinkham, Denise Lanning, Topsy Miller

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



Monday, Jan. 21 - Our Bootstraps & Blessings "Meal of Thanksgiving" is one week away on Monday, January 21st downtown at the First Baptist Church. The biggest needs right now are financial donations to underwrite the cost of the meal, as well as a few volunteers for the clean-up slot from 2:30 to 3:00 p.m.. Please email Pat Hagen pwestcotthagen@comcast.net if you are interested in contributing in any of these ways.

**Sun. Jan. 20 - 8:30 - Common Table, Common Life - Chapel**. Join us for our twenty minute service of prayer and communion. All are welcome.

**Sat., Jan. 26, 5:00 p.m. - The Gathering - Chapel.** Join us for our monthly praise and worship service! Whether you really connect with more contemporary Christian music, or aren't able to attend church the following Sunday, or you want to give us a try, we'd love to have you there!

**The Calvary Choir** has enjoyed a holiday break following their wonderful singing through Christmas Eve. They will return to the chancel next week to lead music in our worship service. If you're interested in joining the Choir, email David at dfarwig@calvarydenver.org.

Annual Meeting & Potluck - Wednesday, January 30th, 6:00 p.m. - Fellowship Hall. Please be present to keep informed and provide feedback related to the 2019 proposed budget, hear reports from staff and lay leaders, vote on the 2019 leadership ballot, and to celebrate our many 2018 volunteers. Potluck will begin at 6:00 p.m. Those with last names: A-F bring entrees (meat, veggie, bean or tofu-based dish); G-N bring salads or side dishes; O-Z bring desserts. Gluten-free and vegetarian options are welcomed. Calvary will provide the beverages.

**GPS Proposals Due February 3rd!** GPS (God. People. Service.) small groups create meaningful ways to gather in community. And, your leadership and gifts are needed during the Spring 2019 GPS. Whether you have led groups before or are ready to try it for the first time, consider this your personal invitation to submit a proposal. Focus on a hobby or passion. Discuss the Bible, the sermon or a book together. Make a difference in the lives of others by leading a 6-12 week small group. New groups should begin in March and end sometime before Memorial Day, May 27.

**Jan. 6 - Mar. 3 - Two Spiritual Practice Components to "Yes, And..." Series: Passion + Humility: "Yes, you feel what you feel...and you can practice humility."** 1) You are encouraged to invite people to do something with you that you are already passionate about (could be attending a march or event with you, or joining you for a hobby or activity). 2) You are also encouraged to do something or to go somewhere that will expose you to something others are passionate about (perhaps going to one of our mission partner sites, or something a friend or family member is passionate about but that you have never fully understood or been that interested in). We will gather together on **Wednesday, February 13** to share our experiences together. You are also encouraged to post about your experiences on Facebook (#CBCDenverYesAnd).

#### **Save the Date For These Upcoming Events!**

• Wed., Jan. 30, 6:30 p.m. Calvary's Annual Meeting (Potluck begins at 6:00 p.m.)

Tues., Feb. 12, 6:30 p.m. Healing & Wholeness Service

• Sat., Mar. 9th, a.m. Calvary Women invited to attend Women's Breakfast at New Hope

Sun., Mar. 10th, 10:45 a.m. Joint Worship Service with New Hope Baptist Church (at New Hope)

Joint Good Friday Worship Service with New Hope Baptist (at CBC)

#### **Giving At A Glance**

Gifts Received (1/1 to 1/9)

Fri., April 19th, 7:00 p.m.



#### **Church Office Hours**

staffed by volunteers

# Mon-Thurs, 9:00am - 4:30pm

(lunch hour, 12:30-1:30pm)

#### Sunday, January 13

FAMILY PROMISE HOST WEEK

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)

12:00 p.m. Staff Relations Mtg (PS) 5:00 p.m. Threshold Taizé Service (C) 6:30 p.m. Threshold Monthly Potluck

Monday, January 14

9:00 a.m. Bootstraps & Blessings (N)

10:00 a.m. Bethell Circle (YL)

6:30 p.m. GPS Monday Night Pub (Piccolo's)

Tuesday, January 15

9:00 a.m. Tuesday Prayer and Study Group (BR)

9:30 a.m. Tuesday Bible Study (YL)

1:00 p.m. Budget Reconciliation Mtg (BR)

7:00 p.m. Reed Circle (BR)

Wednesday, January 16

9:30 a.m. Game Day (YL)

10:00 a.m. Resource Management Meeting (L)

6:30 p.m. Council Mtg (Caritas Room)

Thursday, January 17

7:00 p.m. Calvary Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, January 19

10:00 a.m. Creativity & Conversation (Rm 316/320)

11:00 a.m. International Congregation

(Rms 300/306)

Sunday, January 20

8:30 a.m. Common Table, Common Life (C)

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)

12:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry (BR) 5:00 p.m. Threshold Taizé Service (C)

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



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