



Calvary Baptist Church

Open to all. Closed to none.

Third Sunday of Advent

December 16, 2018



**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

"The season of Advent means there is something on the horizon the likes of which we have never seen before. So stay. Sit. Linger. Tarry. Ponder. Wait. Behold. Wonder. There will be time enough for running. For rushing. For pushing. For now, stay. Wait. Something is on the horizon."

- Jan Richardson, author & artist

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

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

Prelude

Gabriel

C. Phillips

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 Joy

Nancy & Bob Hoffmaster

One: In a world where so many are sorrowful,

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

One: "You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands." (Isaiah 55:12)

Many: This Advent, we ask for God's mercy and a joyful new beginning.

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

In Silence - Lighting the Candle of Joy

One: Gracious God, you came to us in human flesh and you abide with us in the Holy Spirit.

All: Fill us with your joy, and help us shine as a light to the world.

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

+ Time of Greeting

+ Processional Carol

The First Nowell

verses 1 and 2

1. The first Now - ell the an - gel did say, was to cer - tain poor
2. For all to see there was a star shin - ing in the
3. And by the light of that same star the wise men
4. Then let us all with one ac - cord sing prais - es

shep-herds in fields as they lay; in fields where they lay keep-ing their
east, be - yond them far, and to the earth it gave great
came from coun - try far; to seek for a king was their in -
to our heav-en - ly Lord who hath made heaven and earth of

sheep, on a cold win-ter's night that was so deep.
light, and so it con - tin - ued both day and night. Now - ell, Now-
tent, and to fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went.
naught, and with His blood hu - man - kind hath bought.

ell, Now - ell, Now - ell, born is the King of Is - ra - el.

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+ Call to Worship

based on Philippians 4:4-7

Sandrine Haas

One: Most of all, friends, always rejoice in the Lord!

Let us never tire of saying it:

Many: Rejoice!

One: Keep your gentle nature so that all people know what it looks like to walk in his footsteps.

Many: The Lord is ever present with us.

One: Don't be anxious about things and do not worry;
instead, pray.

Many: Pray about everything.

One: The Lord longs to hear our requests,

Many: so let us talk to God about our needs and be thankful for what has come.

One: And may we know that the peace of God,

Many: a peace that is beyond any and all of our human understanding,

**All: will stand watch over our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus,
the coming and Anointed One, Emmanuel.**

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

verses 1,2, 5 and 6

1. While shep-herds watched their flocks by night, all seat-ed
 2. "Fear not," said he, for might-y dread had seized their
 3. "To you, in Da-vid's town, this day is born of
 4. "The heaven-ly Babe you there shall find to hu-man
 5. Thus spoke the ser-aph and forth-with ap-peared a
 6. "All glo-ry be to God on high, and to the

on the ground, the an-gel of the Lord came down,
 trou-bled mind. "Glad tid-ings of great joy I bring
 Da-vid's line a Sav-ior, who is Christ the Lord,
 view dis-played, all mean-ly wrapped in swath-ing bands,
 shin-ing throng of an-gels prais-ing God on high,
 earth be peace; good will hence-forth from heaven to earth

and glo-ry shone a-round, and glo-ry shone a-round.
 to you and hu-man-kind, to you and hu-man-kind.
 and this shall be the sign, and this shall be the sign:
 and in a man-ger laid, and in a man-ger laid."
 who thus ad-dressed their song, who thus ad-dressed their song:
 be-gin and nev-er cease, be-gin and nev-er cease!"

Text: N. Tate. Music: Harmonia Sacra. Public Domain.

Word for God's Children

Karen Folgate

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

Offertory*What Is This Lovely Fragrance?*

P. Manz

YES AND 2019 Commitment Cards are available in the pew racks. Please use those cards to indicate your giving for the upcoming year. Thank you for turning in your Commitment Card TODAY to help us in our financial planning.

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.

In addition to your regular giving, you are invited to give a special holiday gift this season by using the Christmas envelopes in the pew racks. Thank you for helping us end the year with strength and hope!

+ 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.**

Time of Prayer

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.
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*Luke 2:8-20*

Jared Leonard

New Revised Standard Version

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

Rev. Anne J. Scalfaro

Yes, fear is often our first reaction...and it doesn't have to be our last.

Third 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*Angels We Have Heard on High*

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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.

Benediction

Rev. Anne J. Scalfaro

Postlude*Sing With Joy*

H. Schroeder

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

Angels We Have Heard on High

1. An - gels we have heard ju - on high, sweet - ly sing - ing
2. Shep - herds, why have this joy - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous

o'er strains the plains: And the the moun - tains in re - ply,
pro - long? What the glad - some tid - ings be

ech - o in - ing their joy - ous strains.
which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?

Glo - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - ol Glo - ri - a

ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - ol

Text and Music: French Carol. Public Domain.

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 Joy**.

The **artwork** on the front cover is found at <http://christchurchepiscopal.org/?p=6142>.

The **Lighting of the Candle of Joy** is adapted from litanies at re-worship.blogspot.com. **Lighting the Candle are Nancy and Bob Hoffmaster**. Nancy and Bob are active members at Calvary and volunteers in their community. Nancy is the founder of Serving Kids, a program that provides clothing for students.

The **Call to Worship** is led today by **Sandrine Haas**. Sandrine attends DePaul University in Chicago, IL,

studying Political Science and considering a Minor in Journalism. She sang in Colorado Children's Chorale and plans to join an acapella group at DePaul. She loves spending time with her family and friends.

The **Word for God's Children** is led by **Karen Folgate**. Karen has been coming to Calvary since June 2014. She and her partner Linnea live in Denver with their two dogs. She volunteers at Calvary as a Sunday School teacher. Karen is a Regulatory Manager for insurance products. During her free time, she enjoys watching sports, playing her banjouke, writing songs, taking walks, riding her bike and spending time at home.

Today's **Mission Moment** is led by **Pat Hagen**. Pat is a regular volunteer for Bootstraps and Blessings who will be taking over as coordinator in January, as well as a writer for Calvary's quarterly newsletter, *The Messenger*.

The **Gospel Reading** is read by **Jared Leonard**. Jared is a senior at the University of Northern Colorado studying sports marketing and exercise science with an emphasis in sports administration. He enjoys spending time with friends and family, especially his niece Adelaide.

Leading music in worship is guest **Adrianne Fleming**. Dr. David Farwig works 3/4 time at Calvary and is away for another professional engagement this week.

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



VIP ("Very Inspiring Person") of the Week – Mildred Smith
Student of the Week – Harry Hammon Jahn
Congregational Mission Partner Prayer Focus – Erik Hicks, Chief Development Officer, Metro Caring
Recovering from Surgery – Art Phurrough
In the Hospital – Topsy Miller

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

In Hospice Care – Jane Lehrmann

In Sympathy - Suzanne Lustie upon the death of her husband Al on December 6.

In Celebration – Chuck & Beverly Goertz upon the birth of their granddaughter, Lydia Rose, on December 3.

We continue to remember in prayer - Dick Ashworth, Olga Ashworth, Babu Bachu, Lakshimi Bachu, Edythe Berglund, Harry Crandall, Pat Crandall, Cory Crile, Andy Gibbs, 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, Debbie Pilloud, Clark Diffendaffer, Nelson Cox

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



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.

Shop for Christmas gifts at Creator Mundi and help Calvary! Shop for gifts online at creatormundi.com and use code "DonateCB" at checkout, and Calvary will receive 12% of your purchase!

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.

Wed., Dec. 19 - 6:30 p.m. - Fireplace Room - Council Meeting. All are welcome.

Fri., Dec. 21 - 11:00 a.m. - Fellowship Hall - Men's Group. The theme is "Lunch and Reindeer Games." Come for Fellowship, Games, Soup, Sandwiches, Drinks and Dessert. Cost is \$10.00.

Sat. Dec. 22 - 5:00 p.m. - Chapel - The Gathering Christmas Eve Service. Join us for a festive, contemporary worship experience as we celebrate the birth of Christ!

Mon., 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.

Mon., Dec. 24 - 10:00 p.m. - Music Room - Young Adult Ensemble - All 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.

Mon. 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.

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 by January 6th.

Giving at a Glance - *Thank you Calvary for your gifts and your generosity!*

Gifts Received Last Week	\$22,209
Weekly Budget for Gifts	\$13,379
YTD Received Gifts (1/1 to 12/12)	\$635,599
YTD Budgeted Gifts (1/1 to 12/31)	\$698,749



Sunday, December 16

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)
11:30 a.m.	Youth Christmas Party (YL)
12:00 p.m.	Staff Relations Mtg (L)
12:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministry Mtg (BR)
5:00 p.m.	Threshold Taizé Service (C)

Monday, December 17

9:00 a.m.	Bootstraps & Blessings (N)
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Tuesday, December 18

9:30 a.m.	Tuesday Bible Study (YL)
6:30 p.m.	Finance Meeting (L)
7:00 p.m.	Reed Circle (YL)

Wednesday, December 19

9:00 a.m.	Game Day (YL)
6:30 p.m.	Council Mtg (FR)



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Church Office Hours

staffed by volunteers

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

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

Thursday, December 20

7:00 p.m.	Calvary Choir Rehearsal (MR)
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Friday, December 21

10:00 a.m.	Calvary Men's Group (FH)
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Saturday, December 22

10:00 a.m.	Creativity & Conversation (Rms 316/320)
11:00 a.m.	International Congregation (Rms 300/306)
5:00 p.m.	The Gathering (C)

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
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		

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