



Calvary Baptist Church

Open to all. Closed to none.

Second Sunday of Advent

December 9, 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 + symbol invites you to rise in body or spirit.

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

Prelude

Of the Father's Love Begotten

W. Held

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome

Rev. Alice Horner-Nelson

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 Peace

Daniel & Estela Schweissing

inspired by Isaiah 11: 1-10

One: In a world where so many experience violence,

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

One: “By the tender mercy of our God the dawn from on high will break upon us,
to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,
to guide our feet into the way of peace.” (Luke 1:78-79)

**Many: We dream God's dream of a world at peace
where enemies are reconciled and children play in safety;
where the poor and powerless find justice.**

One: On this first Sunday of Advent, we light this Candle of Peace
as a symbol of God's promise of a Ruler of Peace,
filled with the Spirit of God, of wisdom and understanding,
of counsel and might, of justice and faithfulness.

Silence while Lighting the Candle of Peace

**All: Come Lord Jesus,
open our lives to the Peace which you bring;
let us turn to you, and get ready!**

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

+ Time of Greeting

1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran-som cap-tive
 2. O come, Thou Day-spring, come and cheer our spir-its by Thine
 3. O come, Thou Wis-dom from on high, and or-der all things,
 4. O come, De-sire of na-tions, bind all peo-ples in one

Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here, un -
 ad - vent here; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night, and
 far and nigh; to us the path of knowl - edge show, and
 heart and mind; bid en - vy, strife, and quar - rels cease; fill

til the Son of God ap - pear.
 death's dark shad - ows put to flight. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em -
 cause us in her ways to go.
 all the world with heav - en's peace.

man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

+ Call to Worship

Chuck Goertz

One: We come from a world of darkness and fear
Many: into Christ's world of light.
 One: We come from a world of weariness
Many: into God's strength and hope.
 One: We come from a slumbering world
Many: into the Spirit's movement and life.
**All: *This Advent season, we come to awaken our souls
 and watch for the coming of Christ, the Prince of Peace.***

+ Carol

O Little Town of Bethlehem

1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!
 2. For Christ is born of Ma - ry, and gath - ered all a - bove,
 3. How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly the won - drous gift is given!
 4. O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;

A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep the si - lent stars go by;
 while mor-tals sleep the an - gels keep their watch of won - dering love.
 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of His heaven.
 cast out our sin, and en - ter in, be born in us to - day!

yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing Light;
 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth,
 No ear may hear His com - ing, but in this world of sin,
 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;

the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
 and prais - es sing to God the King, and peace to all the earth!
 where meek souls will re - ceive Him still, the dear Christ en - ters in.
 O come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el!

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

Word for God's Children

Todd Clough

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

Offertory

David's Royal City

arr. J. Raney

Calvary Choir with Handbells and Children

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. Anne J. Scalfaro

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: 1-7

Beverly Goertz

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. Morgan C. Fletcher

"Yes there are limited resources... and there is more than enough room."

Second 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

I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light

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.

I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light

1. I want to walk as a child of the light.
2. I want to walk as a child of the light.

I want to fol - - low Je - - sus.
I want to fol - - low Je - - sus.

God set the stars to give light shine to the world.
Clear Sun of righ - teous - ness, shine on my path,

The star of my life is Je - - sus.
and show me the way of lo - - ve.

In Him there is no dark - ness at all.

The night and the day are both a - like.

The Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.

Shine in my heart, Lord Je - - sus.

Text and Music: K. Thomerson. CCLI License #105571/CCLI Song 89848

+ Benediction

Rev. Morgan C. Fletcher

Postlude

Oh, Come, Emmanuel

W. Held

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 central themes of Advent, a Latin word which means “coming” or “arrival,” are expectation and longing for the birth of the Christ child. Advent is a time of preparation as we look forward to the great day of Christ’s incarnation, and we celebrate God dwelling among us in the person of Jesus. It is a time of longing, watching, and praying for God’s healing, transformative presence to be ever more vibrantly present in the world, a time we focus on that key phrase in the Lord’s Prayer, “thy kingdom come.” 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 Peace**.

The **narthex cabinet exhibit** of nativity scenes is created by **Corry Doty** and **Mary Hulst**.

The **artwork** on the front cover is "Sunshine Mother and Child" by Shijun Munns.

Today's **Lighting of the Candle of Peace** is by **Daniel & Estela Schweissing**. Daniel and Estela are former American Baptist missionaries, having previously served in the Bahamas (2000-10) and, subsequently, with Karen refugees in Aurora (2010-15). Daniel is a native-Coloradan, born and raised in the Denver-area. Estela is from La Romana in the Dominican Republic. Estela is a bilingual substitute teacher for Denver Public Schools. Daniel teaches English as a Second Language at the Community College of Aurora.

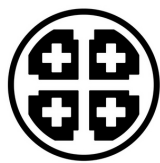
The **Candle Litany** is adapted from litanies at <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2013/11/advent-candle-litany-peace.html> and <http://carolpenner.typepad.com/leadinginworship/2015/11/litany-for-advent-candle-lighting.html>.

The **Call to Worship** is from a UCC resource. It is led by **Chuck Goertz**. Chuck is a minister, retired after 30 years in ministry in multi-ethnic/cultural congregations. He has a degree in the New Testament. He is currently working with Continuum of Colorado, a community-based nonprofit serving developmentally disabled persons.

The **Word for God's Children** is led by **Todd Clough**. Todd retired as the CEO from the Denver Inner City Parish after 30 years of service a year and a half ago. He is now living on a ranch west of Shawnee Colorado with his two dogs, 8 chickens, three feral barn cats and lots of trout. He is keeping plenty busy with his art (in five galleries - you can visit him at the Denver Art Society at 734 Santa Fe every First Friday Art Walk in his permanent gallery space in the basement) guiding fly-fishing trips, writing and teaching an art therapy class once a week at a homeless day center.

The **Calvary Choir**, under the direction of David Farwig and accompanied by Denise Lanning, is open to all singers at Calvary. The **Calvary Handbell Players** include **Beth Dickinson**, **Katherine Pound**, **Amelie Haas**, and **Stephan Barry**.

The **Gospel Reading** is read by **Beverly Goertz**. Beverly has served with Chuck in ministry and is a retired massage therapist. Chuck and Beverly are the proud grandparents of Charlee and Lydia.



Prayer

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

In Hospice Care – Jane Lehrmann

We continue to remember in prayer - Dick Ashworth, Olga Ashworth, Babu Bachu, Lakshmi Bachu, Edythe Berglund, Nelson Cox, Harry Crandall, Pat Crandall, Jeanine Crane, Cory Crile, David Ferguson, Jack Fredericks, Andy Gibbs, Betty Goding, Allie Hulst, Margie Jonell, Beth Kieft, John Kimley, Andy Kowalski, John Kron, Kim Lenz, Bettie Loughhead, Tom Madden, Travis McManemon, Don Miller, Calvin Moore, Lynette Pahs, Kathryn Phurrough, Debby Pilloud, John Pipe, Patty Redifer, Judy Tate, Decarious Wang

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

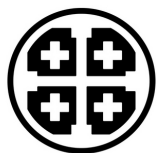
VIP ("Very Inspiring Person") of the Week – Tom Moss

Student of the Week – Alexandra White

Congregational Mission Partner Prayer Focus – Charlie Gwirtsman, Board Chair, Jewish Family Services

Recovering from Surgery – Debbie Honeker, Garland Thurman

Upcoming Surgery this week – Art Phurrough



Connect

grocery cart in the coat room.

The **Tree of Remembrance & Hope** is located 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 located in Fellowship Hall. Choose an ornament to support Calvary's Bootstraps & Blessings ministry. Returns items to the B&B

TONIGHT - 6:00 p.m. – Calvary Christmas Concert and Cookie & Crafts Reception - Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall – Come celebrate with your family and friends and experience an Advent and Christmas musical journey. Featuring our Calvary Choir and String Quartet, The Calvary Handbell Players, Denise Lanning on piano and organ, and other delightful and worshipful music. Following the concert, enjoy a cookie and crafts reception with the children.

TODAY - "Yes, And..." 2019 Commitment Cards are Due! Please return your commitment card or email your pledge directly to Church Accountant 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.

Tues., Dec. 11th - 6:30 p.m. - Chapel - Advent Healing & Wholeness Service. This service offers a place for those who are grieving, overwhelmed, struggling with illness, tired, depressed, seeking hope, or just needing or just needing some quiet, contemplative time in the midst of this season's fullness. Come for a time of music, visual liturgy, rituals, sharing and candle lighting, and community support. Anne Scalfaro & Matt Nelson are leading.

Giving at a Glance

Gifts Received Last Week	\$7,802.25
Weekly Budget for Gifts	\$13,379
YTD Received Gifts (1/1 to 12/5)	\$613,391
YTD Budgeted Gifts (1/1 to 12/31)	\$696,749

We are aware that members are interested in contributing to Calvary via an IRA distribution. As a reminder, your IRA withdrawal must go directly from your IRA account to Calvary Baptist Church of Denver. In this way, your IRA withdrawal will be income tax free, so you would not need to claim a charitable contribution on your income tax return.

See more upcoming events in our Friday E-News!



Sunday, December 9

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)
6:00 p.m.	Threshold Monthly Potluck (Caritas)
6:00 p.m.	Christmas Concert (S)
7:00 p.m.	Cookies & Crafts Reception (FH)

Monday, December 10

9:00 a.m.	Bootstraps & Blessings (N)
6:30 p.m.	GPS Monday Night Pub (Piccolo's)

Tuesday, December 11

9:00 a.m.	Tuesday Prayer and Study Group (BR)
9:30 a.m.	Tuesday Bible Study (YL)
5:30 p.m.	Power Lunch Training (New Hope Baptist)
6:30 p.m.	Advent Healing & Wholeness Service (C)

Wednesday, December 12

10:00 a.m.	Resource Management Mtg (L)
2:00 p.m.	Budget Reconciliation Mtg (BR)
3:00 p.m.	Executive Advisory Council Meeting (BR)



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Denise Lanning, Organist

Church Office Hours (staffed by volunteers)

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

Thursday, December 13

7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
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Friday, December 14

9:30 a.m.	Power Lunch Training (New Hope Baptist)
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Saturday, December 15

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

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)

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

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