



# Calvary Baptist Church

*Open to all. Closed to none.*

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## First Sunday in Advent

December 2, 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

*“As we anticipate God made flesh in Christ Jesus, we dare to relinquish control, to harness our empty life-numbing habits, and to forfeit logic and reason because God often acts outside of such boundaries.*

*Advent is a season in which we are reminded that God invites us to listen, dwell, wait, and trust in communion with one another. No one is left to discern God’s life-altering activity alone, to hold God’s promises alone, or to bear the burden of divine blessings without faithful companions, whether human or angelic...We are given a wider glimpse of God when we allow Advent to be an invitation to dream beyond our comfort zones of what we think can happen in our lives or what God can do.”*

- Enuma Okoro (Nigerian-American author & speaker)

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

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

## Prelude

*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

C. Callahan

During the prelude the **blue Advent paraments** are placed on the pulpit, lectern, and Bible and the **Advent candles** are placed in the Advent wreath.

## 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 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.

## Lighting the Candle of Hope

Kate & Andy Gibbs

One: “The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

**Many: those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined...**

One: For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” (Is. 9:2, 6)

**Many: Today we remember the prophets of old,  
who demanded to be heard,  
who dared to speak of the child to come,  
who would be an unexpected liberator of the people,  
the vulnerable incarnation of the Holiest of Holies,  
and a new name for God.**

One: On this first Sunday of Advent, we light this Candle of Hope as a symbol of the prophets who renew our faith and remind us of what may be.

*Lighting the Candle of Hope*

**All: Today we give thanks for the prophets among us,  
who bring to us surprising new visions of hope,  
who challenge us to think outside the box,  
who show us a future we never anticipated.**

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

## +Time of Greeting

## + Processional Carol

### *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

Those designated to **light the Christmas trees** or **balcony garland** may do so now. Those with a **green wreath** are invited to hang the greenery over the end of the pew.

1. Come, thou long-expect-ed Je-sus, born to  
2. Born thy peo-ple free; from our fears and in  
set child thy and yet a king, born to reign in  
sins re-lease us; let us thy find our rest in dom  
us for-ev-er, now thy gra-cious king-dom  
thee. bring. Is By-rael's strength and e-con-ter-so-nal Spir-ition, it  
hope rule of in all the our earth thou art; dear De-by-thine  
sire of ev-ery na-mer-tion, it  
all suf-fi-cient mer-tion, it  
Joy of ev-ery long glo-ing heart.  
raise us to thy glo-rious throne.

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## + Call to Worship

David Farwig

One: It doesn't matter whether or not you can have faith;  
whether or not you are cynical or despairing, hope-filled or hope-less:  
what matters to God is simply that you are here.

Many: **We are entering the time of Advent, in preparation for Christmas.**  
**Advent reminds us that if God is to be born again in the most ordinary parts**  
**of our world and our lives that we need prepare for it.**

One: Let us make space in our lives where hope might be born.

All: ***Welcome to this tiny corner of refuge in a harsh and dark world.***  
***Together, let us keep silence, be open, and make space for the Christ-child.***  
***Let us practice being ready, having faith that Christ will come.***

# + Carol

## *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

Those with **greenery garlands** or **baptistry wreaths** are invited to come forward and hang them along the chancel and baptistry.



1. Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and  
 2. King of kings, yet born of Ma - ry, as of old on  
 3. Rank on rank the host of heav - en spreads its van-guard  
 4. At His feet the six - winged ser - aph; cher - u - bim, with

trem - bling stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly mind - ed,  
 earth He stood, Lord of lords, in hu - man ves - ture,  
 on the way, as the Light of light de - scend - eth  
 sleep - less eye, veil their fac - es to the Pres - ence,

for with bless - ing in His hand, Christ our God to earth de -  
 in the bod - y and the blood; He will give to all the  
 from the realms of end - less day, that the powers of hell may  
 as with cease - less voice they cry, "Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -

scend - eth, our full hom - age to de - mand.  
 faith - ful His own self for heaven - ly food.  
 van - ish as the dark - ness clears a - way.  
 lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Lord Most High!"

## Word for God's Children

Angela Leonard

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

### Offertory

*O Come Emmanuel*

E. Hagenberg

Calvary Choir

"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 by December 9th 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 Christmas offering to support our ministries this holiday season. Thank you!

### + 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.**

### + Gospel Reading

*Luke 1:26-38*

Raquel Walker

New Revised Standard Version

*Sung Response*

**Emmanuel, Emmanuel,  
His name is called Emmanuel  
God with us, revealed in us,  
His name is called Emmanuel**

### Message

*"Yes, this is a shock...and this is my life."*

Rev. Anne J. Scalfaro

First 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."

### Communion

Rev. Alice Horner-Nelson

Calvary practices open communion. This is not a Baptist table or Calvary's table; this is the Lord's Table. All are welcome! The ushers will dismiss you pew by pew. Communion is served by intinction; take a cracker, dip it in the cup and eat it. All stations are gluten-free. If you need the bread and cup brought to you in the pew, signal an usher and the servers will come serve you. ***As you come forward to receive communion, those who have chrism ornaments may hang them on the Christmas trees as we sing "O Come All Ye Faithful" (music on next page).***

*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.**



## O Come All Ye Faithful

1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O  
2. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,  
3. True God of true God, Light from Light E - ter - nal, O

come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;  
sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav'n a - bove;  
Je - sus, to Thee be all glo - ry giv'n;

Come and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;  
Glo - ry to God, all glo - ry in the high - est;  
Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing!

O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, O

come, let us a - dore him, Christ, the Lord.

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### + Passing the Peace

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

Many: **And also with you.**

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

## + Carol of Response

### *The Source of Hope*

Those who have **poinsettia plants** may bring them forward and place them along the side edges of the chancel steps and around the base of the pulpit, lectern, and communion table.

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

1. The source of hope is in the Word, a  
2. Re - deem - ing grace re - veals God's care and  
3. A re - vo - lu - tion is be - gun, not  
4. Re - la - tion - ships, pri - or - i - ties, will  
5. The won - der of this ho - ly birth can

time - less tes - ta - ment. The pro - phets speak 'til  
mag - ni - fies the Lord, in - vit - ing peo - ple  
just in heav'n a - bove. The world is changed and  
soon be re - a - lined; and we'll dis - cov - er  
move an ach - ing heart. Re - claim once more your

all have heard the love that God has sent.  
to pre - pare to wel - come Christ the Lord.  
jus - tice won as God em - bod - ies love.  
that God sees what's good for hu - man - kind.  
sa - cred worth: Give love a place to start!

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## + Benediction

Rev. Anne J. Scalfaro

### Postlude

*Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*

A. Giamonco

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



# Service Notes

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

**The Tree of Remembrance & Hope** is located in Fellowship Hall. 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. Ornaments and markers are provided. The Giving Tree is

also located in Fellowship Hall. Choose an ornament to learn how you can support Calvary's Bootstraps & Blessings ministry.

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 Hope. Our theme for Advent is "Being Open + Making Space: Yes you can be open to different ideas, and you can create space for them within what you already know."

**Today's Lighting of the Candle of Hope** is by **Andy and Kate Gibbs**. The litany is adapted from one found at <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/advent-candlelighting-liturgy>. Kate and Andy have been attending Calvary since 1987. Kate taught elementary school full time for 30 years and was a substitute teacher for 16 years and is now retired. In Kate's free time, she is a card maker extraordinaire. At Calvary, Andy has served as Property Chair, served on Staff Relations and is a former moderator. Andy has worked on, fixed, built and cleaned almost every space there is at Calvary.

**The Call to Worship** is written by Cheryl Lawrie and posted on <http://holdthisspace.org.au/all-of-who-we-are/>.

**The Calvary Choir**, under the direction of Dr. David Farwig and accompanied by Denise Lanning, is open to all singers and is Calvary's main choral ensemble.

**The Gospel Reading** is read by Raquel Walker. Raquel grew up at Calvary and now attends the Savannah College of Art and Design where she majors in Fashion Design.

**Communion** is prepared by Janet Kerlin and Jeremy Clements. Today's communion servers are **Maggi Susman, Wayne Burch, Ken & Karen Pinkham, Mick & Jan Davey, Sara Sieker, and Sharon Murphy**.

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

**Hanging of the Greens:** In the church year, the Christmas season is preceded by the season of Advent—the season of "going toward" the birth of Christ. As we make ready for the birth of the Christ child by preparing this sanctuary, we make ready ourselves and the sanctuary of our own hearts. As we decorate the church, we will re-dedicate these symbols—and ourselves—to the service of God.

**Paraments** (which adorn our pulpit, lectern, and Bible) are something like drapes and curtains in a home. With the changing colors of the church year, they attract attention, add variety, and point to the significance of the season or festival being celebrated. The color for Advent is blue, which represents anticipation and promise. As we hang the paraments, we reflect on how we prepare ourselves for the sacred in our lives.

**The Advent Wreath:** The Advent wreath is a circular evergreen wreath with five candles, four around the wreath and one in the center. The circle of the wreath reminds us of God, eternity, endless mercy, and everlasting life— all of which have no beginning or end. The greens of the wreath speak of the hope that we have in God, the hope of newness, of renewal, of eternal life.



**The Advent Candles:** The candles symbolize the light of God coming into the world through the birth of His son. The four outer candles represent the period of waiting during the four Sundays of Advent, which themselves symbolize the four centuries of waiting between the prophet Malachi and the birth of Christ. Since Jesus is called “the light of the world” in the New Testament, the lighting of candles is an important part of our Christian worship. Some early Christians believed that the wax of altar candles represented the body of Christ, the wick symbolized his soul, and the flame portrayed his divine nature. The Advent candles symbolize Emmanuel, “God with us,” who embodies hope and help for everyone, and whose ministry guides us to personal peace and joy through the illumination of his message of the love of God.

- **The first candle** is traditionally the candle of Expectation or Hope (or in some traditions, Prophecy). This draws attention to the prophetic anticipation of the coming of an Anointed One, a Messiah, that weaves its way through the history of the Hebrew people.

- **The remaining candles** of Advent may be associated with different aspects of the Advent story in different churches, or even in different years. Usually they are organized around characters or themes as a way to unfold the story and direct attention to the celebrations and worship in the season. So, the sequence for the remaining three Sundays might be Bethlehem, Shepherds, Angels. Or Peace, Joy, and Love. Or John the Baptist, Mary, the Magi. Or the Annunciation, Proclamation, Fulfillment.

- **The third candle** is traditionally Pink or Rose, and symbolizes Joy at the soon Advent of the Christ. It marks a shift from the more solemn tone of the first two Sundays of Advent that focus on Preparation and Hope, to a more joyous atmosphere of anticipation and expectancy.

- **The center candle** is white and is called the Christ Candle. It is traditionally lit on Christmas Eve or Day. Its central location reminds us that the incarnation is the heart of the season, giving light to the world.

**Lighting the Trees of Advent:** As we prepare for the coming of Jesus, the Light of the World, we light Christmas trees. During this season of Advent, whenever you see a lighted Christmas tree, let it call to mind the One who brings light to our Darkness, healing to our brokenness, and peace to all who receive him.

**The Greens of Advent:** The color green represents renewal, new life, freshness, and rebirth. Plants such as pine, fir, holly, ivy, and mistletoe are called evergreens because they appear not to die each season. The holly and ivy were also considered signs of Christ’s passion. Their prickly leaves suggested the crown of thorns, the red berries the blood of Christ, and the bitter bark the drink offered to Jesus on the cross. As we place the greens, we signify that while the kingdom of God undergoes transformation, it is without end.

**The Chrismon tree** is an evergreen (symbolizing everlasting life) that is decorated with signs of Christ (in gold and white) such as stars, crosses and crowns. White lights are used on Chrismon trees to symbolize that Jesus is the Light of the World.

**The Chrismon Ornaments:** Chrismons are Christmas decorations with Christian symbols on them. They were first made by Frances Kipps Spencer at the Ascension Lutheran Church in Danville, Virginia. She also thought of the word, Chrismon, which is a combination of Christ and monogram (meaning symbol). The idea quickly spread to other churches. Chrismons are traditionally colored white and gold. White is the liturgical (or Church) color for Christmas and symbolizes the pure and divine nature of Jesus. Gold symbolizes the majesty and glory of God.

### **Meaning of Chrismon Symbols**

Anchor - This is also known as “The Cross of Hope.” This child, Jesus, is the hope of the world.

Angel – Indicates that the Gospel is for everyone.

Bell with Cross - Bells represent the proclamation of the Gospel to the World. The cross indicates “The Good News of Jesus Christ.”

Calvary Crosses - The Latin Cross represents Christ’s death on Calvary. The three crosses may represent faith, hope and love.

Celtic Cross - This cross is symbolic of Christ’s redemptive love by which we receive grace, forgiveness and salvation. The circle also represents eternal life in Christ.

Chi Rho Cross - The Greek Letters are the first letters in the words: Jesus Christ. Here this symbolism is strengthened by

the cross, representing Jesus as Savior. The Surrounding gold circle represents God's Love for all people.

Christ's Cross Over a Heart - This represents Christ's Love.

Cross Flamant (Fiery Cross) - The flames represent the fiery zeal of one filled with the Spirit of God. (Romans 12:11)

Cross with Greek Letters: Iota Chi - These Greek Letters are the first letters of "Jesus Christ." In this symbol, these letters also form a cross and are surrounded by a circle, which represents God's Love.

Cross with IHC - This Cross emphasizes the eternal nature of Christ's redemptive love.

Cross with the Rose of Sharon - This represents Jesus: "I am the Rose of Sharon and the Lily of the Valley."

Crown - The Crown is a symbol of the Kingship of Jesus - "The King of Kings and the Lord of Lords."

EMMANUEL Manger with White Rose - Emmanuel means "God with us." The manger refers to His humble birth in a stable. The white rose represents purity and is often used to represent Mary.

Fish - Represents "The Savior." A fish was used as a secret sign by early Christians to recognize each other. It can also reflect Christ's message, "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." (Matthew 4:19)

Fish with enclosed cross or enclosed Greek Letter P - Indicates that we, as Christian believers, need the knowledge and love of Christ.

Five Pointed Star with enclosed Angel - Christians believe that the five pointed star represents the five wounds of Christ. Angels remind us the Gospel is for everyone.

Five Pointed Star Surrounded by a Circle - Christians believe that the five pointed star represents the five wounds of Christ. The Circle reminds us the Gospel is for everyone.

IXOYC Fish - The Greek word for fish is an acrostic representing the first letters of: Jesus Christ, God's Son, Savior. A fish was used as a secret sign by early Christians to recognize each other.

King's Crown - This is a symbol of royal power and authority. Combined with the Greek letter, Chi for Christ, this represents Jesus as King of the Jews, both in fulfillment of prophesy and as the exalted "King of Kings."

Lamp - Symbolizes knowledge and wisdom found in the Bible. "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light to my path." (Ps. 119:105)

Manger with Christ's Head - This symbol is made up of the Greek Letter for Christ. It reminds us of Jesus' humble birth in a stable.

Manger made up of the Greek Letters Iota Chi - This symbol is made up of the first letters in the Greek Word for "Jesus Christ." The Crown is a symbol of the Kingship of Jesus - "The King of Kings and the Lord of Lords."

Serpent - The serpent is a symbol of sin and evil that is to be overcome by Jesus's death on the cross.

The Shepherd's Cross - Here we have Christ representing "The Good Shepherd."

Snowflake - Snowflakes are all unique but generally are made of six rays. A star with six points represents, "I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and shining star."

Star of David - Represents Perfect God and Perfect Man, brought together in Jesus Christ. "I am the root and offspring of David, and the bright and shining star." (Revelation 22:16)

Star of David Enclosing a Cross - Also known as "Creator's Cross." The six points represent six aspects of God: love, mercy, wisdom, majesty, power, and justice. Together with the cross this represents Perfect God and Perfect Man, brought together in Jesus Christ.

Triangle and Trefoil - The Triangle represent The Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The Trefoil is made up of a triangle and three circles. This symbol was used by St. Patrick to represent the Trinity. When surrounded by a circle, this represents

the unity of the Trinity and the eternal nature of God.

Treflee Cross - The three circles at the end of each arm of the cross symbolize the Holy Trinity.

Treflee Cross with IHS - The Greek Letters IHS are the initial letters of "Jesus Hominum Salvator" which means, "Jesus Savior of Men." Here this is superimposed on a "Treflee Cross" which signifies this "Good News" being sent out to the four corners of the earth.

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**VIP ("Very Inspiring Person") of the Week – Andy Gibbs**

**Student of the Week – Goy Wang**

**Congregational Mission Partner Prayer Focus – Mike Criner, Chief Operating Officer, Habitat for Humanity**

**Love and sympathy** to Geraldine Saunders-Cook upon the death of her

brother-in-law, Dallas Johnson.

**Love and sympathy** to the family of **Betty Rae Marshall**, who died on Thanksgiving morning, November 22nd. A memorial service to celebrate Betty Rae's life will be held sometime in the spring.

**Love and sympathy** to the family of **Charles Armstrong**, who died on November 23rd. A memorial service to celebrate Charles' life will be Thursday, December 6th at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary at Calvary. His graveside service will be the same day at 1:00 p.m. at Olinger Crown Hill Mortuary and Cemetery. Visitation will be at Newcomer Funeral Home from 6:00-8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 5th.

**Surgery this upcoming week** - Garland Thurman, Debbie Honeker

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

**In Hospice Care –** Jane Lehrmann

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

**Prayer list additions and edits may be sent to [ahornernelson@calvarydenver.org](mailto:ahornernelson@calvarydenver.org).**



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**Reading Partners needed for Calvary/New Hope Partnership!** After months of discussion and discernment with various tutoring opportunities with Denver Public Schools, Calvary and New Hope are pleased to announce a joint partnership with POWER LUNCH at Stedman Elementary. Power Lunch is an opportunity for 30 Calvary and New Hope volunteers to join together each Friday to read with a classroom of 3rd grade children at Stedman Elementary (only 15 minutes north of Calvary) on **Fridays from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. on Jan. 11 – May 3, 2019 (with occasional weeks off)**. This is an opportunity for Calvary members and

New Hope members to build relationships as we seek to be a part of the work of racial reconciliation in Denver through engagement with our community. You can either volunteer every week or every other week. If you choose the every other week option it is only 8-9 Fridays this spring which is very doable! Just pick one training session to attend: Tuesday, Dec. 11 – 5:30-6:30 pm (location: New Hope Baptist) or Friday, Dec. 14 – 9:30-10:30 am (location: New Hope Baptist) Email Pastor Anne or Christine Flug ([christineflug@hotmail.com](mailto:christineflug@hotmail.com)) to sign up TODAY!

**ONLY A FEW DAYS LEFT! Sign up for Lifetouch Directory Photography Sessions: Wed., Dec. 5 through Sat., Dec. 8.** We will photograph all families on December 5th through the 8th here at Calvary. Spots are filling up quickly, so please sign up soon, either with Pastor Alice or the link in the E-News.

**Sun., Dec. 9 - "Yes, And..." 2019 Commitment Cards are Due!** Please return your commitment card by this date or email your pledge directly to Church Account Luwan Jones ([ljones@calvarydenver.org](mailto: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.

**Sun., Dec. 9, 6:00 p.m. – Calvary Christmas Concert and Cookie & Crafts Reception** – Come celebrate with your family and friends and experience an Advent and Christmas musical journey including works by Gustav Holst, George Frederick Handel, as well as readings from Scripture. Also join in singing some favorite carols arranged by Sir David Willcocks. Featuring our Calvary Choir and String Quartet, The Calvary Hand Bell 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.

**Please see our Friday E-News for much more!**



## Church Office Hours

*staffed by volunteers*

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

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

### Sunday, December 2

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. Bootstraps & Blessings Volunteer Mtg (BR)  
5:00 p.m. Threshold Taizé Service (C)

### Monday, December 3

9:00 a.m. Bootstraps & Blessings (N)  
10:00 a.m. Quilting Group (Rm 119)  
6:30 p.m. GPS Monday Night Pub (Piccolo's)

### Tuesday, December 4

9:00 a.m. Tuesday Prayer and Study Group (BR)  
9:30 a.m. Tuesday Bible Study (YL)

### Wednesday, December 5

2:00 p.m. LIFETOUCH DIRECTORY PHOTOS (C)  
-9:00 p.m.

### Thursday, December 6

2:00 p.m. LIFETOUCH DIRECTORY PHOTOS (C)  
-9:00 p.m.  
10:00 a.m. Charles Armstrong Memorial Service (S)  
7:00 p.m. Calvary Choir Rehearsal

### Friday, December 7

12:00 p.m. VIP Luncheon (FH)  
2:00 p.m. LIFETOUCH DIRECTORY PHOTOS (C)  
-9:00 p.m.

### Saturday, December 8

9:00 a.m. Scrapbooking (BR)  
9:00 a.m. Christmas Concert Dress Rehearsal (S)  
10:00 a.m. Youth Activity (off-site)  
10:00 a.m. Creativity & Conversation (Rm 316/320)  
10:00 a.m. LIFETOUCH DIRECTORY PHOTOS (C)  
-5:00 p.m.  
11:00 a.m. International Congregation  
(Rms 300/306)

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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. Christmas Concert Featuring Calvary Choir  
& String Quartet (S)  
7:00 p.m. Cookies and Crafts Reception (FH)

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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