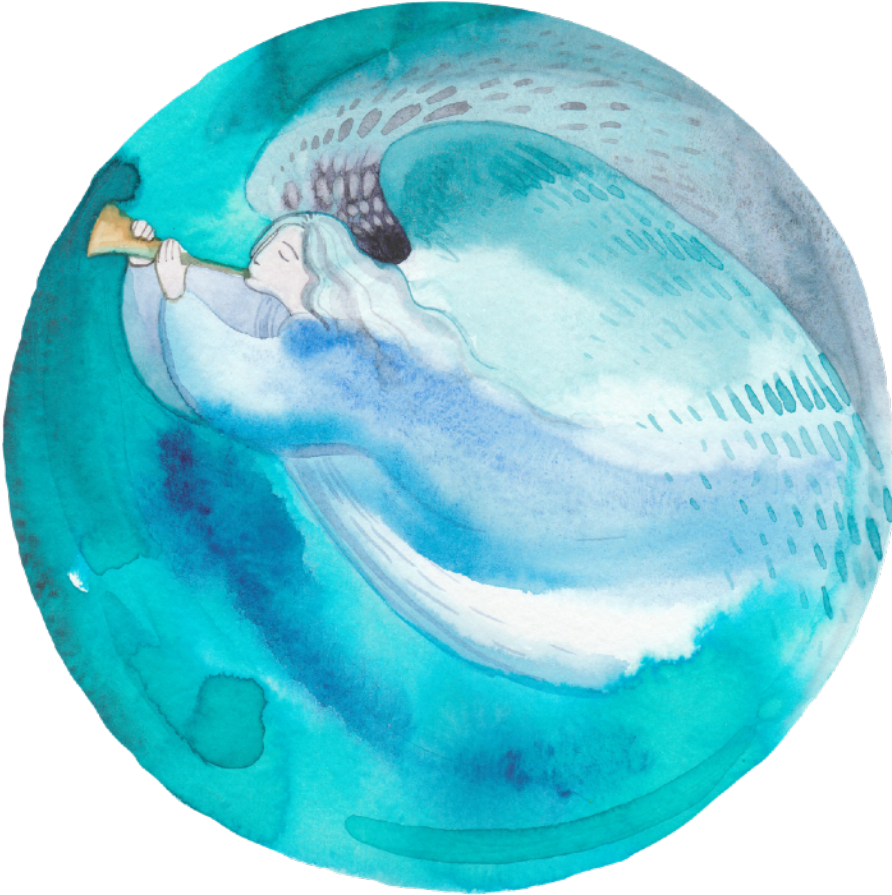


**Unity. Liberty. Love. Serve.**



*Angel (Svitlana Vorotniak)*

**THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**DECEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2023**



**We welcome all members and guests** to our service today,  
and we are glad that you have joined us for worship at Calvary!

### **SERVING IN WORSHIP**

**The Rev. Chaz Snider**, *Preaching*  
**Amanda Schumpert**, *Director of Music*  
**Mary Louise Kapp Peeples**, *Organist*  
**The Nance Family**, *Advent Candle*  
**Alexander Stultz**, *Violinist*  
**Blake Ingram**, *Lay Reader*  
**Brian Lott**, *Band Director*  
**The Calvary Band**  
**The Calvary Chancel Choir**  
**The Calvary Children's Choir**  
**Samantha Cheek & Josephine Rose**, *Nursery Attendants*  
**Clyde George, Lynn Biggam, & Scott Peddycord**, *Calvary Ushers*

The flowers placed in the Sanctuary are given  
in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. N. D. Fordham, Sr., Mr. N. Denny Fordham, Jr.,  
Mr. Michael Goforth, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Golden by the family.

Nursery is available for all children infant through Pre-K.

Children Kindergarten through 2nd grade may leave for Godly Play after the Children's  
Moment. For those children remaining in the sanctuary, New to the Pew bags can be  
found up front filled with fun activities to help them in worship. All children are welcome!

## 274 O Come, O Come, Immanuel

1 O come, O come, Im - man - u - el, and ran-som cap - tive  
 2 O come, O wis-dom from on high, and or - der all things  
 3 O come, O bright and morn - ing star, and bring us com-fort  
 4 O come, De-sire of Na - tions, bind all peo-ples in one

Is - ra - el, that mourns in low - ly ex - ile here un-  
 far and nigh; to us the path of knowl - edge show, and  
 from a - far! Dis - pel the shad-ows of the night, and  
 heart and mind; bid en - vy, strife and quar - rels cease; fill

*Refrain*  
 til the Son of God ap - pear.  
 teach us in her ways to go. Re - joice! Re - joice! Im-  
 turn our dark-ness in - to light.  
 the whole world with heav - en's peace.

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

# ADVENT AND PALM SUNDAY

(Standing)

Shout for joy, you heavens; rejoice, all the earth! The glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all people together will see it. For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

**Rejoice greatly, shout for joy! See, your king is coming to you. He is righteous and brings salvation.**

ST. THEODULPH (151 G)

Hail to the Lord's A - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!

Hail in the time ap - point - ed his reign on earth be - gun!

He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free,

to take a - way trans - gres - sion, and rule in eq - ui - ty.

We praise you, the Lord God of Israel! You came to the help of your people and have set them free.

**You have raised up for us a mighty Savior, a descendant of your servant David.**

You promised through your holy prophets long ago that you would save us from our enemies, from the power of all those who hate us.

**You have shown the mercy promised to our ancestors and have remembered your holy covenant.**

With a solemn oath to our ancestor Abraham, you promised to rescue us from our enemies and allow us to serve you without fear,

**So that we might be holy and righteous before you all the days of our life.**

By your tender mercy you cause the bright dawn of salvation to rise on 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.**

The voice of the messenger echoes from the desert, calling us to prepare the way of the Lord and to make a straight path on which he may come. Let us confess our sins, so that our crooked ways will be made straight and the rough ways smooth.

(Kneeling or sitting)

(for Advent)

Gracious Lord Jesus, you come to us with the good news of salvation, but too often we fail to notice. You come to us day by day, yet we close the doors of our hearts when it seems convenient to do things our own way. We ignore your presence and your leadership. We have failed to act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with our God. Forgive us, merciful Lord. May we live so that the world will know that you have come. Amen.

(for Palm Sunday)

Our sovereign Redeemer, we join the people of Jerusalem offering our own shouts of praise and celebration at your coming. Although we welcome you today with the multitude on Palm Sunday, we confess we have also stood with the condemning crowd on Good Friday. Our thoughts, words, and deeds have cried, "Crucify!" We turn to you for help and forgiveness, gracious Savior; not because we deserve it, but because you are forgiving. Save us from our sinful ways, and restore us to a life of loyalty to you. Amen.


Through John the Baptizer, we hear the Lord's promise: Turn away from your sins, and God will forgive your sins.

(Sitting)


ADVENT/PALM SUNDAY

(The following hymn is used for Advent.)


TRURO



VOICE: Lift up your heads, you might - y gates; be - hold, the  
 CHOIR: Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a  
 ALL: So, come, my Sov - 'reign, en - ter in; let new and



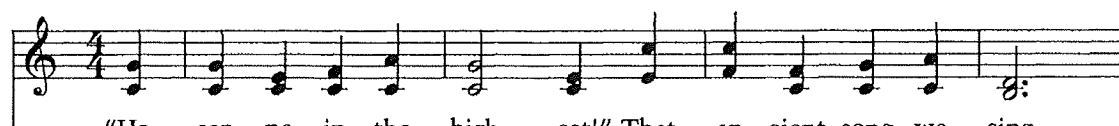
King of Glo - ry waits; the King of Kings is  
 tem - ple set a - part from earth - ly use for  
 no - bler life be - gin; the Ho - ly Spir - it



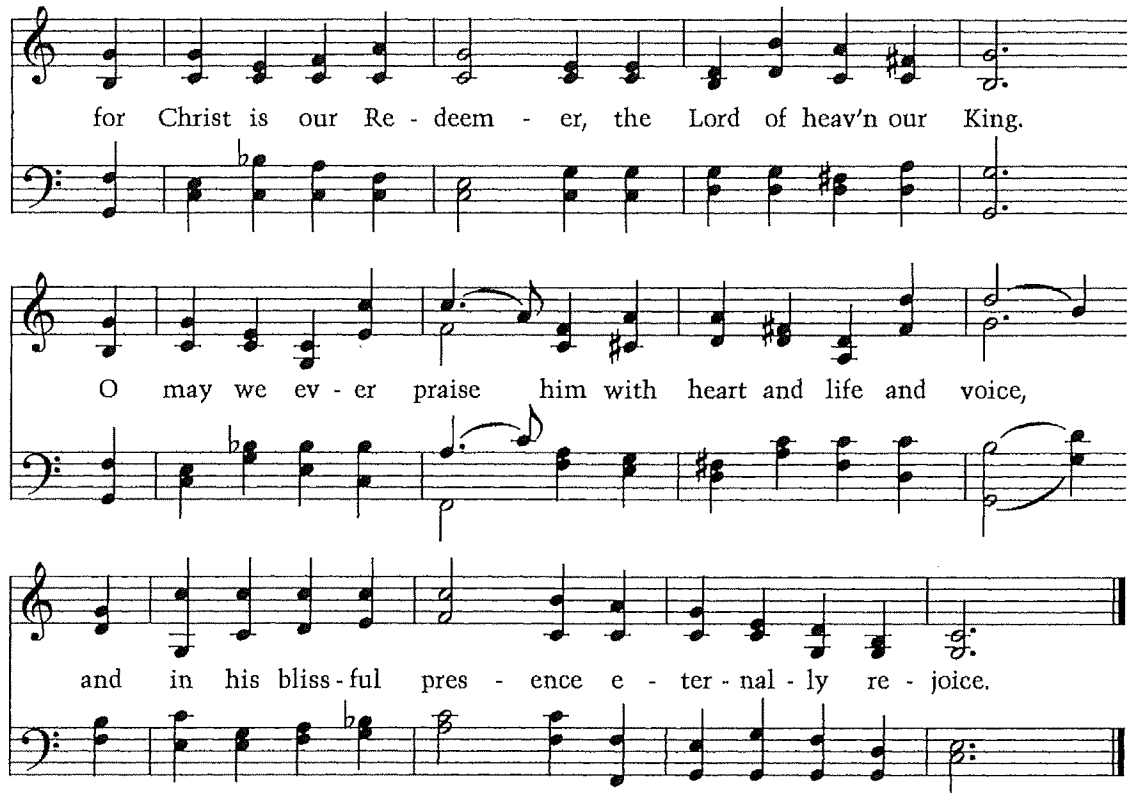
draw - ing near, the Sav - ior of the world is here.  
 heav'n's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.  
 guide us on, un - til our glo - rious goal is won.

(The following hymn is used for Palm Sunday.)

LANCASHIRE (151 M)



"Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing,



for Christ is our Re - deem - er, the Lord of heav'n our King.

O may we ev - er praise him with heart and life and voice,

and in his bliss - ful pres - ence e - ter - nal - ly re - joice.

Eternal God, Ruler of all ages, graciously you come to us in order that we might come to you, through the merit of Jesus Christ, strengthened by the Holy Spirit.

**Help us and all your children to respond to the call of your gospel with faith, love, and hope.**

God of faith, you created humanity to serve and praise you; and even when we rebelled against you, you promised to send a Savior to redeem us from our sins:

**Strengthen our faith in your saving work through Christ. As you chose the people of Israel to hear the promise of redemption through the prophets, may people today believe in your good will for all that you have made.**

God of love, you fulfilled your promise of a redeemer in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ:

**Grant us the gifts of the Holy Spirit that we may share your love with the sick and the afflicted, with the poor and the homeless, with the victims of injustice and discrimination, and with all who are experiencing times of trouble.**

God of hope, you comfort us through our Savior's promise to return in glory at the end of time:

**As we await the coming of the Prince of Peace, let us not despair. We long for you to inspire all the nations and peoples of the world to turn to cooperation and nurture, rather than to hatred and destruction.**

God of faith, love, and hope, to you and to you alone we pray:

**For you are our God, the only God, forever and ever. Amen.**

(Standing)

(Here the Hosanna, page 239, or another suitable hymn may be sung.)

Lord, you have kept the promise you made to our ancestors, and have come to the help of your servant people.

**You remembered to show mercy to Abraham and Sarah and to all their descendants forever!**

We praise you, Lord. You are enthroned in glory, yet you came and continue to come for all who will receive you. We praise you, for you are good, and your mercy endures forever.

**To you be glory and power, forever and ever. Amen.**

REGENT SQUARE (585 D)

ALL


Praise to you, O Lord, we ren - der for your love in Je - sus shown,

may that love, so strong and ten - der, bind us fast to him a - lone,

CHOIR ALL

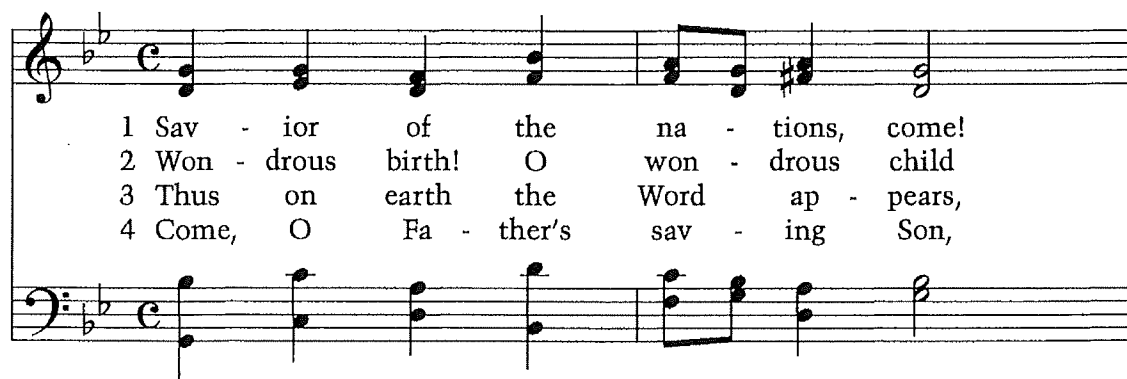
now and ev - er, now and ev - er, gath - er us a - mong your own.



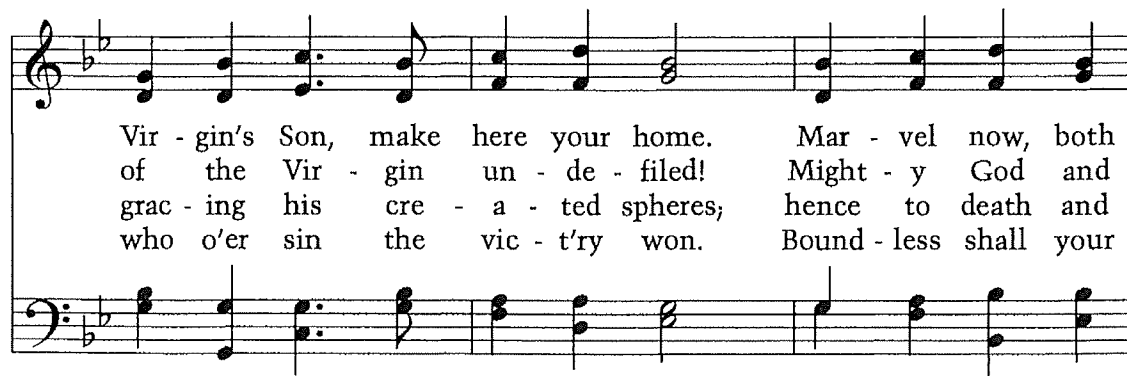


war is o - ver; God will reign in peace for - ev - er!  
 rise to meet him, and the hills bow down to greet him!  
 see the to - ken that God's word is nev - er bro - ken.

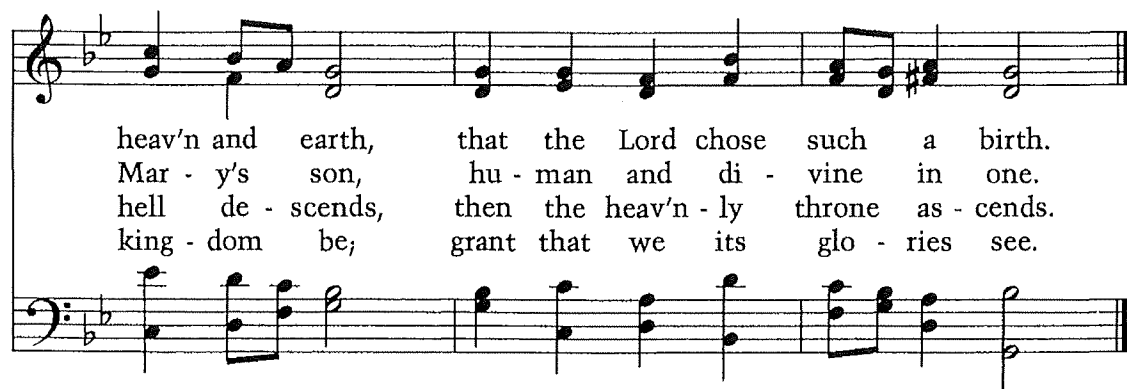
## Savior of the Nations, Come 265



1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come!  
 2 Won - drous birth! O won - drous child  
 3 Thus on earth the Word ap - pears,  
 4 Come, O Fa - ther's sav - ing Son,



Vir - gin's Son, make here your home. Mar - vel now, both  
 of the Vir - gin un - de - filed! Might - y God and  
 grac - ing his cre - a - ted spheres, hence to death and  
 who o'er sin the vic - t'ry won. Bound - less shall your



heav'n and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.  
 Mar - y's son, hu - man and di - vine in one.  
 hell de - scends, then the heav'n - ly throne as - cends.  
 king - dom be, grant that we its glo - ries see.

TEXT: Martin Luther (1483-1546), after Ambrose of Milan (340-397)  
 Tr. William M. Reynolds (1812-1876) and James Waring McCrady (b. 1938)  
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TUNE: *Veni redemptor gentium*. Arr. Johann Walther (1524)

NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND

# GATHERING IN UNITY

WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK (MARK 13:26)

*Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory.*

**BAND PRELUDE**

**TRINITY CHIME**

**ORGAN PRELUDE**

*Veni Emmanuel* — Margaret Vardell Sandresky

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE**

HOPE

**WELCOME**

## PROCLAIMING GOD'S LOVE

**HYMN #274**

*O Come, O Come, Immanuel* — VENI EMMANUEL

**LITURGY FOR ADVENT 1**

Pg.49, Moravian Book of Worship

**OFFERTORY**

*E'en So Lord Jesus, Quickly Come* — Paul Manz

**DOXOLOGY AND OFFERTORY PRAYER**

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

*Morning Star, O Cheering Sight* — HAGEN

Morning Star, thy glory bright  
far excels the sun's clear light.  
Jesus be, constantly,  
constantly, Jesus be  
more than thousand suns to me.

## THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

OLD TESTAMENT: ISAIAH 64:1-9 (PG. 643)

GOSPEL: MARK 13:24-37 (PG. 882)

The Word of God for the people of God  
**Thanks be to God.**

## QUIET MEDITATION & PRAYER

### SERMON

WAITING

## SENDING TO SERVE

### HYMN #265

*Savior of the Nations, Come* — NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND

### BENEDICTION & MORAVIAN BLESSING

*Come, Lord Jesus, our Guest to be,  
And bless these gifts bestowed by Thee.  
Bless our loved ones everywhere,  
and keep them in thy loving care.  
Amen.*

### ORGAN POSTLUDE

*O Thou of God the Father* — J.S. Bach

### TRINITY CHIME

#### REMEMBER CALVARY MEMBERS IN PRAYER

Eddie Johnson; Camilla Williams; Bernard Williams; Lily Shaw; Patricia Poindexter Garr; Earline Pryor; Jan Trivette; Misty Hayes and family; Linda Neighbors; Mike McCollum; Rev. Sandra Thigpen; Patrick Biggam; Jane Sofley; Patsy Payne; Patsy Lineback; Bobbie & Charles Mecimore; Linda Caudle; Dallas & Ramona Prestwood; Bill & Mary Hampton; Sherry Griggs; the family of Bill Burke; Steven Nixa

#### REMEMBER FRIENDS AND FAMILY IN PRAYER

Dr. Tad Lowdermilk; Will Streicker; Sabrina Maksi; Holly & Barry Broadstreet; Jack Kiker; Van Krause; Philip & Dottie Shaw; Judy Bellinger; Haley Covert

# THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

## THE NEXT BREAKFAST BUNCH

December 5th at 9:00 AM at Carriage House. Please contact Pat George (336) 971-3429 or Linda Seippel (336) 406-1747 to RSVP.

## 2024 DAILY TEXTS ARE HERE!

If you pre-ordered copies of next year's Daily Texts, they are on a table in the West Lobby with your name sticky noted on the stack. There is a box with the price list attached where you can drop your cash or check made out to Calvary Moravian Church for the payment. We have a limited amounts of additional copies for sale if you need extra copies. Hardcover - \$15.00, Small paperback - \$10.50, Large print - \$13.00, Journal edition - \$17.00

## CALVARY CHRISTMAS CARDS

We will have Calvary Christmas card sets available soon! There are 4 cards and envelopes in each set (2 copies of each design: the Nativity window and the Sanctuary doors of Calvary). Each set will be \$5 dollars each. If you'd like to preorder sets, please email Jacob (jacob@calvarymoravian.org) or call the church office and we will reserve the amount of sets you'd like when they arrive.

## ADVENT DEVOTIONALS

Advent 2023 Devotionals are here! We have free copies of "The Poetry of Advent: An Advent Companion to Mary Oliver's 'Devotions'" You will find free copies of this devotional available for pickup in the Narthex & West Lobby as well as emailed digitally to the congregation.

## BRUNSON ANGEL TREE 2023 (DEADLINE EXTENDED)

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! Do you know what that means? It's time for our 5<sup>th</sup>, yes FIFTH, annual Angel Tree supporting Brunson Elementary School! Since the launch of our Brunson Angel Tree program in 2019, we've been able to positively impact the lives of over 220 children by providing them with Christmas presents and cozy sweatshirts. The Missions Committee is thrilled to continue our partnership with Brunson, making the holiday season extra special for local children. Check out our website at [www.calvarymoravian.org/brunson-angel-tree/](http://www.calvarymoravian.org/brunson-angel-tree/) for all the information and gift lists. **We've extended the gift deadline to next Sunday, December 10th!**

## **LOVEFEAST IN A BOX (DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 4TH)**

It's that time of year again! Time to order Lovefeast in a Box™, that is! Calvary will be hosting traditional in-person, indoor lovefeasts for Christmas Eve, but for our long-distance friends and those who can't make it in person, we'll still be live-streaming and are again selling at-home lovefeast kits.

Tomorrow is the deadline to order a Lovefeast in a Box.™ Each box contains a dressed lovefeast candle, Moravian cookies, lovefeast coffee, and the worship bulletin (which we call an "ode"). You can order individual, double, or family boxes, shipped right to your door. Then, on Dec. 24, you can participate in a lovefeast with us via video stream! Visit [www.Lovefeastinabox.com](http://www.Lovefeastinabox.com) today to place your order! Please email [sistersfellowship@calvarymoravian.org](mailto:sistersfellowship@calvarymoravian.org) with any questions.

## **GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP**

One of our greatest gifts as a family of faith is being able to support one another in times of great joy and great sorrow. We know, particularly in times of sorrow, that needs change as we journey through any grief process. Beginning December 12, at 10:30am here at Calvary, we would like to offer a monthly small group for persons who have experienced or are experiencing the loss of a loved one and would like to share with others who have had a similar loss. The focus would be on discussion of the experience of loss, scripture and prayer, and the promise of Christian hope. If you are interested in participating in such a group please contact Pastor Wayne at: [Wayne@calvarymoravian.org](mailto:Wayne@calvarymoravian.org) or call the church office at 336.722.3703 and we will get you connected.

## **NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

We are in need of volunteers for our Sunday morning nursery. If any members are interested in being in the rotation to assist our hired workers, please email Ginni Baker at [ginni.seippel.baker@gmail.com](mailto:ginni.seippel.baker@gmail.com).

## **FEBRUARY BLOOD DRIVE**

Mark your calendars now! Calvary will be hosting our annual Blood Drive on Tuesday, February 13, 2024. For you regulars, coordinate your giving blood so you can support Calvary!



## **The Second Sunday of Advent**

**December 10th, 11 AM Worship**

Reception of new members

## **The Third Sunday of Advent**

**Breakfast & Christmas Pageant**

**December 17th, 9 AM-12 PM**

All children and youth will meet at 9am in Fellowship Hall to get organized and have breakfast. We'll rehearse from 9:30-10:30 AM in the sanctuary and lead worship at 11am! We hope everyone will join us for this beautiful telling of the Christmas Story shared by the future of our congregation.

## **Blue Christmas Service**

**Wednesday, December 20th, 6:30 PM**

We would like to invite you to a special Advent service in our sanctuary. This Blue Christmas Service will be a time of quiet, prayer, remembrance, and a moment to acknowledge that while this season might be a joyous one for many, there are those of us for whom this time is difficult. Whether you are struggling with loss, change, or uncertainty at this time of year, or you simply need a space to be quiet in the midst of all the hustle and bustle of the season, we invite you to come and worship with us.

## **The Fourth Sunday of Advent — Christmas Eve**

**Christmas Eve Lovefeast & Candle Services**

**December 24th at 11 AM, 4 PM, & 8 PM**

## **The First Sunday after Christmas**

**Service of Reading and Carols & Distribution of Watchwords**

**December 31st, 11 AM Worship**

## **Epiphany**

**Communion & Joint Board Installation Service**

**January 7th, 11 AM Worship**

## Sunday Mornings at Calvary Moravian

9 AM	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
9:45AM	Nursery for children infant through Pre-K New Life Adult Class - 1st floor, Room 120 Friendship Adult Class - 1st floor, Burke Conference Room
9:45-10:15AM	Children's Music 3rd floor handbell room
10:15AM	Youth (6th-12th grades) 3rd floor youth room Early Elementary (Kindergarten through 2nd grade) 2nd floor Children's Wing Elementary (3rd through 5th grade) 2nd floor Children's Wing
11AM	Worship

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