

Unity. Liberty. Love. Serve.



a voice in the wilderness (Lorie McCown)

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 10TH, 2023



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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 Rt. Rev. Dr. Wayne Burkette, Preaching The Rev. Chaz Snider, Pastor Amanda Schumpert, Director of Music Mary Louise Kapp Peeples, Organist The Jackson Family, Advent Candle Dr. Barbara Howard, Lay Reader Brian Lott, Band Director The Calvary Band The Calvary Chancel Choir The Calvary Ringers Samantha Cheek & Josephine Rose, Nursery Attendants J. Frank Trivette, Mike Sigmon, Elaine Palmore, & Bill Seippel, Calvary Ushers

The flowers placed in the Sanctuary are given in memory of Dot Powell and Rich Watts by Tom Watts and Joyce.

The printing of today's bulletin is given to the glory of God and in honor of Pasco Cade by Jacob Patrick.

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

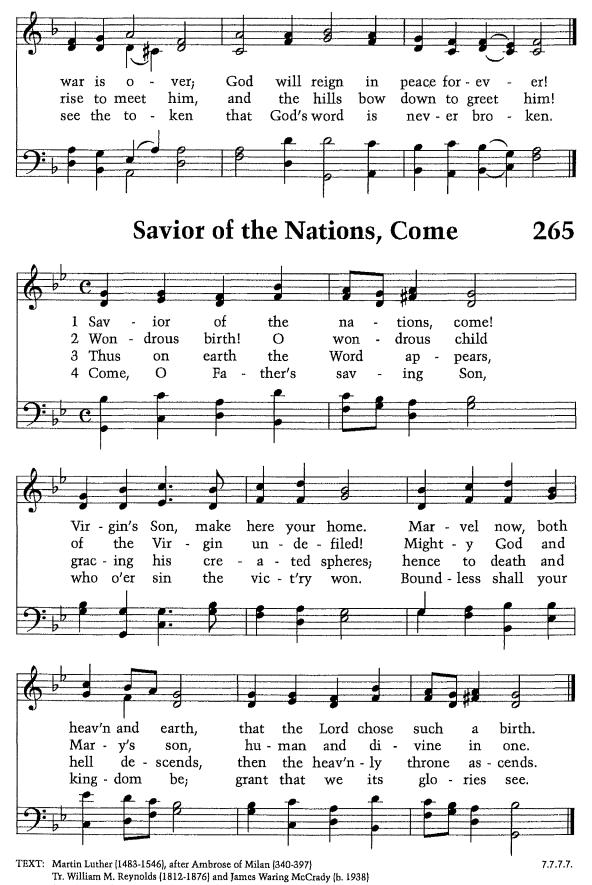
Children Kindergarten through 2nd grade may leave for Godly Play after the Children's Moment. For those children remaining in the sanctuary, New to the Pew bags can be found up front filled with fun activities to help them in worship. All children are welcome!

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TEXT: Johannes G. Olearius (1611-1684). Tr. Catherine Winkworth (1863), alt. TUNE: From Trente quatre pseaumes de David, Geneva (1551)

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TUNE: Veni redemptor gentium. Arr. Johann Walther (1524)

ADVENT 2

(Standing)

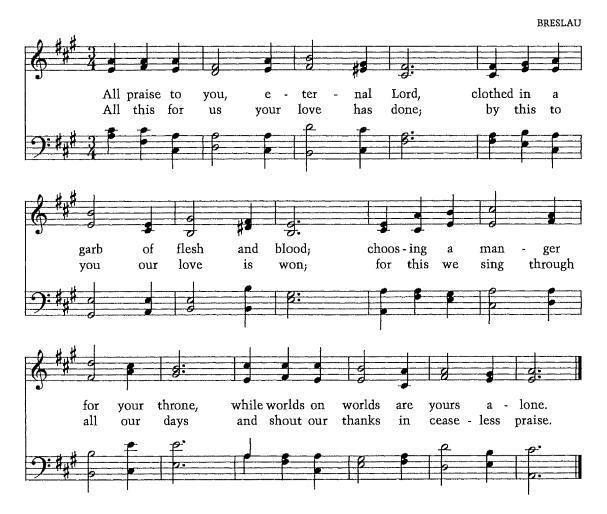
Sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things.

We will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and tell of God's deeds in songs of joy.

Awake, awake, you people of God, put on your festive garments.

For God has already clothed us with the garments of salvation and has covered us with the robe of righteousness.

The Holy One has delivered us and has become our salvation.



We give thanks to you, eternal God, for the Word in human form given to us in the child of Bethlehem.

The Word speaks to us in a way we cannot avoid:

Therefore, let us put aside the masks of pretended righteousness and confess our sins to God.

(Kneeling or sitting)

Gracious God, this Advent season stirs a longing to have Christ come alive within us, yet we allow ourselves to become enslaved to cynicism, selfishness, and greed. In a season for freely giving and receiving, we tend to live by debt and obligation. We rush from task to task, scarcely opening our eyes to the peace and beauty around us. We glory in the visions of the old man Zechariah in the temple, which were fulfilled in his wife, Elizabeth; but our ministry to the elderly in our midst falls short. We sing of One who was laid in a borrowed manger, but we ignore the poor and homeless among us. We decry the violence of a wicked king, yet we are too often silent in the face of abuse and injustice around us. For these and all our sins, forgive us, we pray, gracious God.

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to them and proclaim that they have suffered long enough, that their penalty is paid, and their sins are forgiven.

The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all. Christ Jesus gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify a people of his own. Thanks be to God!

(Standing)



We believe in Jesus Christ, God Incarnate, who lived among us as foretold by the prophets, who was descended from the royal line of David, and who was baptized in the Spirit of the Lord, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might.

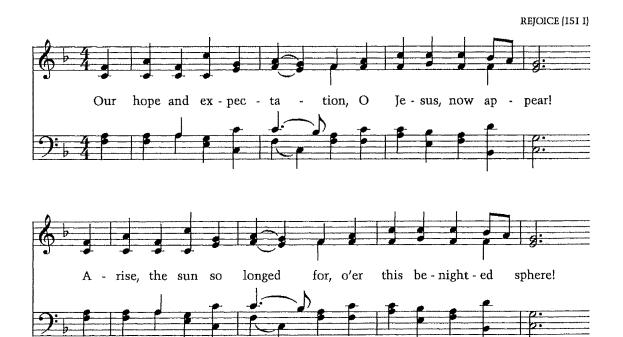
He does not judge by what his eyes see, nor decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he judges the poor and decides with equity for the meek of the earth.

We believe in the coming reign of God when justice will be established in the earth.

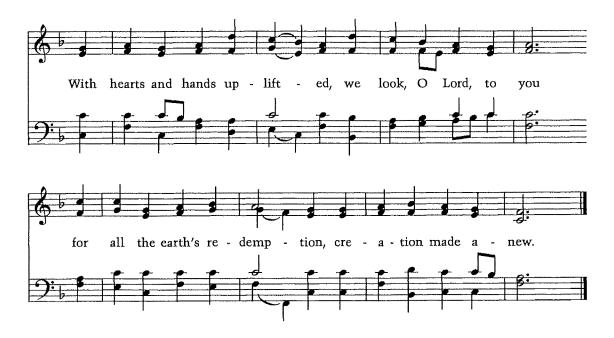
How wonderful it is to see a messenger coming across the mountains who brings good news, the news of peace, who announces salvation, who says, "Your God reigns."

The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them.

The earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.



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(All may join in the following prayers of intercession, or the service may proceed as the liturgist directs.)

(Sitting)

Christ, the Light of the world, empower us to shine as lights in this dark world of sin.

Christ, the Creative Word, by whom all things were made, lead us into good stewardship of creation that we and our children may preserve and enjoy the world entrusted to us.

Christ, the Living Truth, give us the spirit of wisdom and understanding that sees beyond temporal values to discern your truth and to declare it.

Christ, our Righteous Judge, give us courage to stand by the poor, the meek, and the oppressed; and strengthen our support for all who are their advocates.

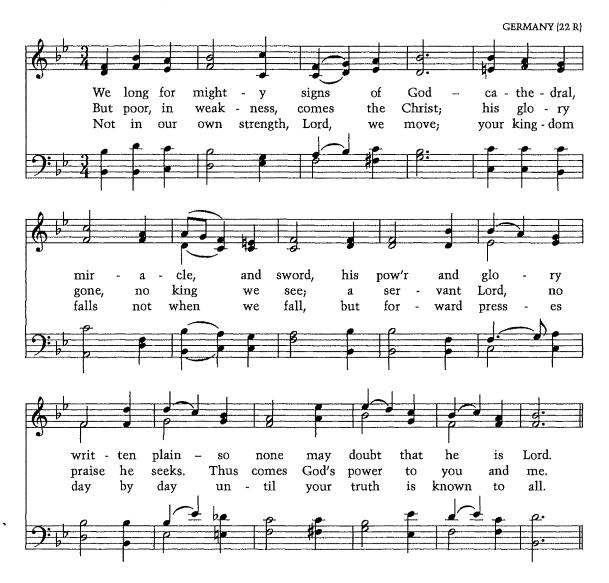
Christ, the Lamb of God, send us forth as your ambassadors of reconciliation in a broken and troubled world; bring peace to the conflicts of nations, races, and tribes.

We are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that we might proclaim the mighty acts of him who called us out of darkness and into his marvelous light. May our lives show forth that which we truly are. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

(Standing)

May the Lord make us increase in love for one another and for all.

May the Holy Spirit strengthen us to become more like Christ as we eagerly await his coming.



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CONFIRMATION AND AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

(If the Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated in the same worship service, those affirming baptism join in the opening paragraphs of that service, and continue with the appropriate Affirmation forms beginning on page 171.)

(Standing)

In grace God called and chose the people of Israel and established with them a covenant: I will be your God and you will be my people. In that relationship they were to be freed from sin and become a blessing to all. Then God came to us in Jesus Christ and fulfilled that covenant for all people. Through Christ's life, death, and resurrection, God made for us a new covenant of grace.

We come before you with joy, O God, to claim the promises of your covenant.

Our Lord Jesus Christ instituted baptism as the visible means of entry into the new covenant. Baptism is a gift of God. In this sacrament, through grace and the power of the Holy Spirit, we are united with Christ, are cleansed by his saving work, enter into the fellowship of the church, and are called to a life of faith and willing obedience.

Claimed by God in baptism, we pray that through the power of the Holy Spirit our lives may faithfully affirm the blessings of Christ's new covenant.

(The minister addresses the candidates.)

As you present *yourselves* before God and this congregation, we call upon you to profess your faith.

Do you believe in God as your Creator and loving heavenly Father, in Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord, and in the Holy Spirit as your Comforter and Sustainer, according to the Holy Scriptures?

I do.

(Candidates may profess their faith by means of the Apostles' Creed, the baptismal profession of the early church. The congregation may be invited to join in the Creed as an affirmation of their own baptism.)

Lord, make us one with all your children as we profess our faith, saying:

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Ancient text reads "catholic," which means "universal."

(The minister addresses the candidates.)

Do you in this faith turn away from sin, evil, and selfishness in your thoughts, words, and actions, and do you intend to participate actively in Christ's church, serving God all the days of your life?

I do.

(The minister addresses the congregation.)

Do you affirm *these children* of God as *members* of this congregation, and accept your obligation to love and nurture *them* in Christ?

We do.

The Rite of Confirmation

(The minister addresses the candidates for confirmation.)

In the presence of God and this congregation, do you confirm the covenant into which you were baptized, relying on the Holy Spirit to strengthen and guide you into ever increasing maturity in your relationship with Christ and the church?

I do.

(Sitting)

Let us pray:

Almighty God, you have received *these* person(s) into your covenant through baptism. You have provided for *their* growth, enlightened *their* mind(s) with your truth, and enabled *them* to offer *themselves* to you. We ask that you accept the vows *they have* made today. Defend and strengthen *them* with your Holy Spirit, empower *them* for your service, and sustain *them* all the days of *their lives*.

Amen.

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

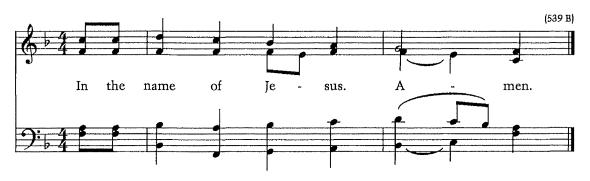


(The candidates for confirmation present themselves. The minister, laying hands upon the head of each, names the candidate, and pronounces a text of Scripture.)

The Lord bless you and keep you;

The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace;

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM



(Confirmands standing)

By affirming your baptismal covenant in public worship today, you have taken another step in your journey with God. You have entered into a new relationship with God and this congregation. We charge you in God's name always to remain faithful to Christ and the church, and to be open to the leading of the Holy Spirit.

Reaffirmation of Faith

(The congregation sitting, the candidates present themselves, and the minister gives them the following greeting and charge.)

_____, you have affirmed your faith and baptismal covenant before God and this congregation, and, by the grace and strength of Christ, have declared your desire and promise to renew your Christian discipleship. We welcome you with joy and thanksgiving.

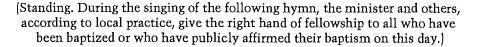
May the Lord be with you. Build *yourselves* up on your most holy faith, led by the Holy Spirit. Keep *yourselves* by grace in the love of God, as you wait for our Lord Jesus Christ in his mercy to give you eternal life.

Transfer of Membership

(The congregation sitting, the candidates present themselves, and the minister gives them the following greeting and charge.)

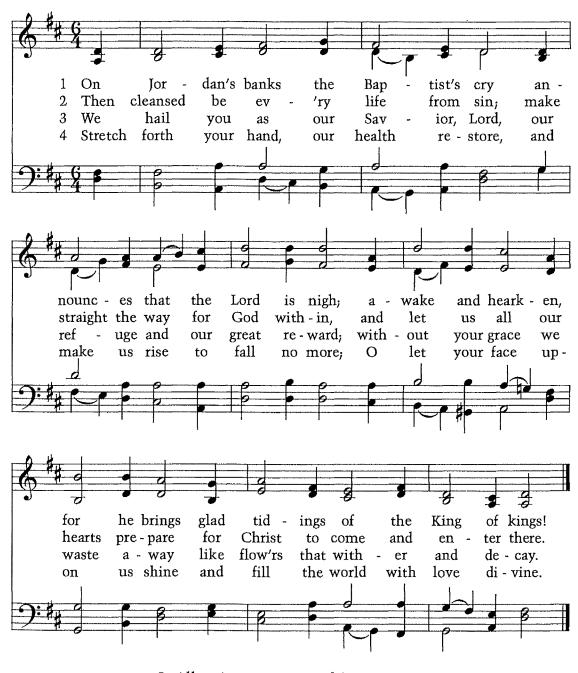
______, through baptism, profession of faith, and Christian service, you have already entered into the life of the Church Universal, and today we rejoice to welcome and receive you into the fellowship of this congregation. Continue faithfully in the good way you have chosen in Christ, and may the Holy Spirit bless you in your life among us. May we all, through grace, be enabled to support and encourage one another in Jesus Christ our Lord.

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM





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On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry

5 All praise to you, eternal Son, whose advent has our freedom won, whom with the Father we adore, and Holy Spirit, evermore.

L. M. PUER NOBIS

GATHERING IN UNITY

WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK (ISAIAH 40:11) He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom.

BAND PRELUDE				
TRINITY CHIME				
HANDBELL PRELUDE Once in Royal		David's City — Gauntlett/Burroughs		
LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE		PEACE		
WELCOME				
PROCLAIMING GOD'S LOVE				
Нүмм #264	Comfort, Comfort Now My People — FREU DICH SEHR			
LITURGY FOR ADVENT 2		Pg. 54, Moravian Book of Worship		
LITURGY FOR THE RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS Pg. 170, Moravian Book of Worsh				
OFFERTORY	O Jesus Grant Me H	ope and Comfort — Johann Franck		
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	Morni	ng Star, O Cheering Sight — HAGEN		
-	Thy glad beams, thou N cheer the nations ne Thee we own, Lor Lord alone, thee v our dear Savior, God'	ear and far. d alone, ve own,		

THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

Old Testament: Isaiah 40:1-11 (Pg. 619) Gospel: Mark 1:1-8 (Pg. 867)

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

QUIET MEDITATION & PRAY	/ER	
SERMON	Prepare the Way	
	SENDING TO SERVE	
Нүмм #267	On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry — Puer Nobis	
BENEDICTION		
Organ Postlude	Once He Came in Blessing — Rebecca Kleintop Lepore	
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; Sherry Griggs; the family of Bill Burke; Steven Nixa; Bill & Mary Hampton; Noelle Nichols

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

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 additional copies for sale if you need extra copies. Hardcover - \$15.00, Small paperback - \$10.50, Large print - \$13.00, Journal edition - \$17.00

LOVEFEAST ODE DEDICATIONS

For this Christmas Eve, Calvary members will be able to dedicate the printing of a Lovefeast ode in honor or in memory of a loved one, similar to the flower dedications in the weekly bulletin. Each of the three service odes (11 AM, 4 PM, and 8 PM) can be dedicated for a donation of \$250 per service. This gift underwrites the cost of printing over 2500 Lovefeast odes in color as we invite our community into our Sanctuary to celebrate the birth of Christ. To sign up for a dedication or for more information, please email Jacob Patrick (jacob@calvarymoravian.org) or call the church office.

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 this Tuesday, December 12, at 10:30am here at Calvary in the Burke Room, 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 or call the church office at 336.722.3703 and we will get you connected.

THE NEXT BREAKFAST BUNCH

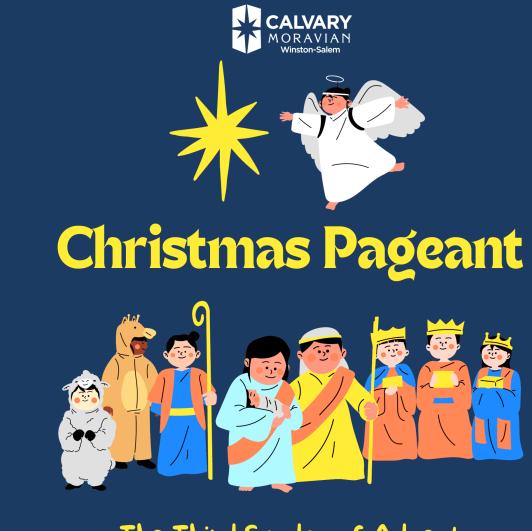
December 19th at 9:00 AM at Carriage House. Please contact Pat George (336) 971-3429 or Linda Seippel (336) 406-1747 to RSVP.

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.

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 Third Sunday of Advent December 17th, II AM Worship

Breakfast for participants at 9 AM Rehearsal from 9:30-10:30 AM



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 A Moravian Christmas Carol Service & 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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