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FESTIVAL OF CHRIST THE CHIEF ELDER
PROPER TWENTY-SEVEN
NOVEMBER 9TH, 2025



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. Dr. Chaz Snider, *Preaching*

The Rev. Dr. Nola Reed Knouse, *Pastor*

Amanda Schumpert, *Director of Music*

Mary Louise Kapp Peeples, *Organist*

Alexander Stultz, *Violinist*

Nate Smith, *Lay Reader*

Brian Lott, *Band Director*

The Calvary Chancel Choir

The Calvary Band

Robert Middleton, Elaine Palmore, & Bobby Stewart, *Ushers*

Josephine Rose & Kayla Stewart, *Nursery Attendant*

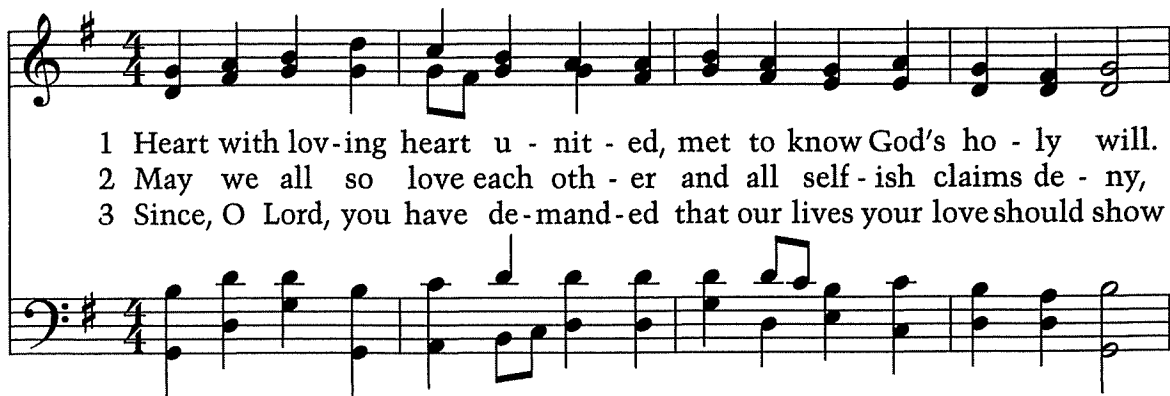
The flowers placed in the sanctuary are given to the Glory of God
and in loving memory of Jerry Wood by the family.

The flowers in the narthex are given for Veterans Day to the glory of God and in loving
memory of all those who have lost their lives in service to the people of this nation
including members of the military, and in honor of all living veterans and active
personnel of these services, by the Board of Elders.

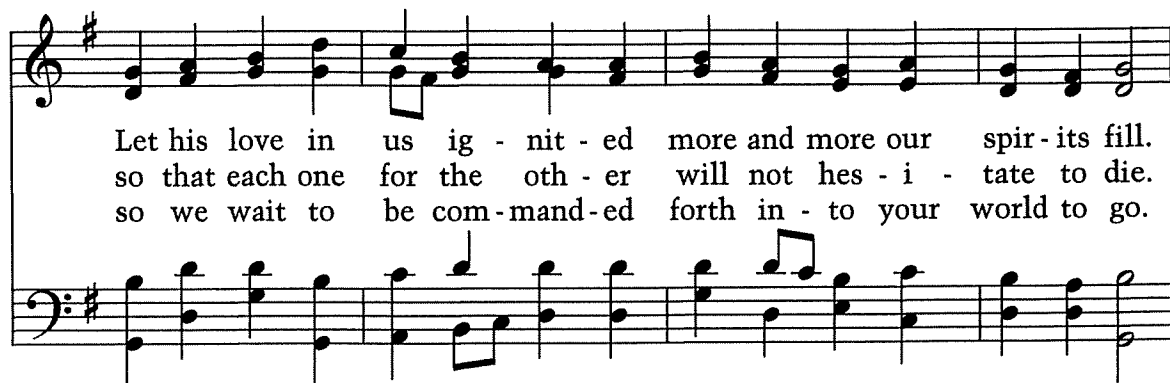
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Children Kindergarten through 2nd grade may leave for Godly Play during the final hymn
of the liturgy. For those children remaining in the sanctuary, New to the Pew bags can be
found up front filled with fun activities to help them in worship. All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

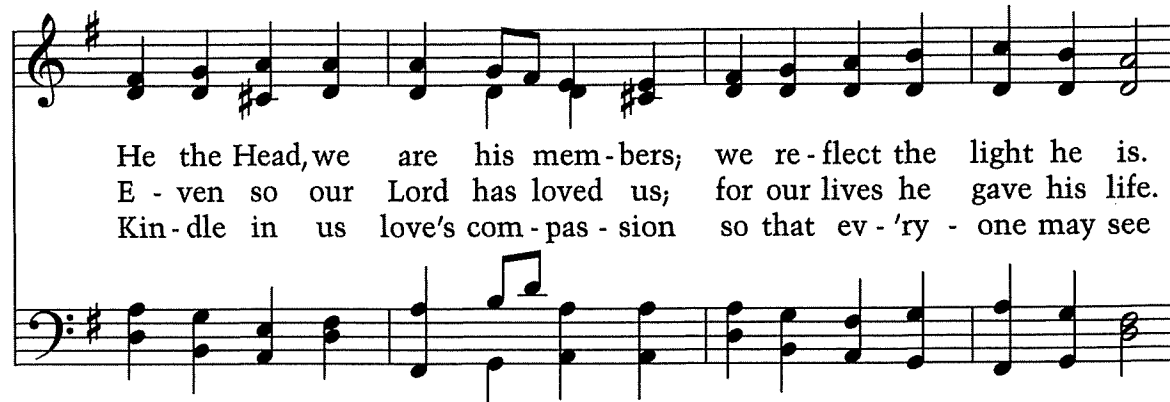
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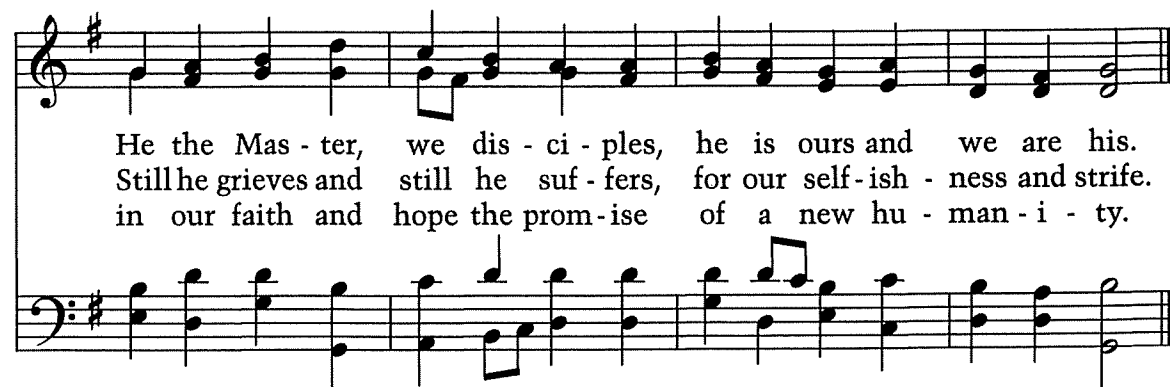
1 Heart with lov-ing heart u - nit - ed, met to know God's ho - ly will.
 2 May we all so love each oth - er and all self - ish claims de - ny,
 3 Since, O Lord, you have de-mand-ed that our lives your love should show



Let his love in us ig - nit - ed more and more our spir - its fill.
 so that each one for the oth - er will not hes - i - tate to die.
 so we wait to be com-mand-ed forth in - to your world to go.



He the Head, we are his mem-bers, we re-flect the light he is.
 E - ven so our Lord has loved us, for our lives he gave his life.
 Kin-dle in us love's com - pas - sion so that ev - 'ry - one may see



He the Mas - ter, we dis - ci - ples, he is ours and we are his.
 Still he grieves and still he suf - fers, for our self - ish - ness and strife.
 in our faith and hope the prom - ise of a new hu - man - i - ty.

Alternate translation, hymn 673

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GATHERING IN UNITY

WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK (JOB 19:25)

For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth.

**** Please stand as you are able.***

BAND PRELUDE

TRINITY CHIME

ORGAN PRELUDE

Adagio from Sonata No. 1 — Felix Mendelssohn

WELCOME

PROCLAIMING GOD'S LOVE

***HYMN #401**

Heart With Loving Heart United — RHAW

***THE CHIEF ELDERSHIP OF JESUS CHRIST**

Singing from the Heart

Lord, save your people, and bless your heritage;

Be our Shepherd, and bear us up forever.

PILGRIMAGE

Welcome among your flock of grace
with joyful acclamation,
our Shepherd whom we now confess!
Come, feed your congregation.
We own the doctrine of your cross
to be our sole foundation;
accept from every one of us
the deepest adoration.

Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers. All things have been created through him and for him.

He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

He is the head of his body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything,

For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Lord Jesus Christ, you care for and guide the church universal, yet in mercy you were pleased to accept the office of Chief Elder of our Unity.

Help us always to remember that the life in our congregations is not the fruit of our own piety but of your love, which constrains us to love one another.

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep. I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak. I will feed them with justice.

Good Shepherd, we thank you that you have redeemed us as first fruits for God. Help us to follow wherever you lead.

Through the testimony of Jesus Christ and the work of the Holy Spirit, God calls each individual personally into the fellowship of his flock.

God leads each member of the Body of Christ to the recognition of sin and to the acceptance of the redemption achieved by Christ.

We recognize the Word of the Cross as the center of Holy Scripture and of all preaching of the Gospel, and we know our primary mission is to bear witness to this joyful message. We ask our Lord for power never to stray from this.

Lord Jesus, you entered into this world's misery to bear it and to overcome it. Forgive us when we have failed to follow you in serving your people. Help us to know that like your love, this service knows no bounds. Ever anew point out to us the way to reach our neighbors, opening our heart and hand to them in their need.

Thus says the Lord, our Chief Elder: Do not fear, for I am with you. I will strengthen you; I will help you; I will uphold you with my victorious right hand.

Dear Head and Savior, now we pray:
grant us your Spirit's power,
as in the past, so in our day
and every future hour:
with hope may our lives testify
that you all needful gifts supply
to serve the world and unify
your church for life on high.

Dear Head and Savior, now we pray, © 2002 by C. Daniel Crews.

OFFERTORY

We Gather Together — Arr. Parker/Shaw

***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!

THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

EPISTLE: 2 THESSALONIANS 2:1-5, 13-17

*GOSPEL: LUKE 20:27-38

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

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

In the Moravian Church, we exercise an open communion, meaning all who confess Christ as Lord are welcome at His table. Gluten-free elements are available by request. Please indicate to the pastors as they come around.

COMMUNION IN CELEBRATION OF THE CHIEF ELDERSHIP OF CHRIST

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Services for Holy Communion

SENDING TO SERVE

TRINITY CHIME

CONVENING OF FALL CHURCH COUNCIL

AGENDA
Church Council
November 9th, 2025

Call to Order and Prayer

Approval of Minutes

Report of the Nominating Committee

Elections

- Board of Elders: Kayla Stewart, Bette Peterson, & Robert Middleton
- Youth Elder Representative: Alexander Stultz
- Board of Trustees: Darrell Lineberry, Will Guthrie, & Terry Trivette
- 2026 Synod Delegates: Zach Routh, Bill Seippel, & Justin Stultz
- 2026 Synod Alternates: Amanda Schumpert, Bob Snyder, & Linda Smith

Report from Board of Elders

Report from Building & Grounds

Report from Trustees & Review of the 2025 Budget

Adjournment

Minutes of Church Council

4 May 2025

Brother Chaz Snider called the Church Council to order and opened with prayer.

Review of 2024 Winter Council Minutes

Minutes of the 2024 Winter Church Council were read by the congregation. Spencer Bullins made a correction of the date from November 11 to November 24, 2024.

Motion: By Bill Seippel and seconded by Justin Stultz, to approve the minutes of Winter Church Council with date correction. Motion carried.

Presentation of 2024 Report from the Board of Elders

Chaz Snider gave an overview of ministries and reflections of the past year at Calvary:

- There continues to be a focus on gratitude and spiritual renewal in worship.
- Attendance was strong with peak attendance during high holy days.
- Calvary participated in the downtown overflow shelters this fall with The Dwellings Ministry. Many of our members participated as volunteers for meals and other duties. The Elders will examine continued participation based on community needs.
- Calvary's staff experienced adjustments to personnel:
 - Loss of Helen Pelkey as Director of Children, Youth and Families Ministry with her relocation back to Texas. We are grateful for her work and development of this ministry during her tenure.
 - Retirement of Gordon Cranfill as Facilities Manager after eight years of service. Spencer Bullins has assumed the role of Chair of the Buildings and Grounds Committee to attend to facility services at this time.
 - Rev. Dr. Nola Knouse continues in her role of part-time Pastor of Pastoral Care and Visitation. She provides care for our members and participates in all aspects of worship services.
 - Amanda Schubert starts her sabbatical on May 19 for a three month period. This will be a time of rest and renewal for Amanda.
 - Ministry to Children, Youth and Families has included:
 - Laurel Ridge Camp
 - CE Committee activities for youth
 - Sunday school and nursery volunteers
 - Completed catechism class and service to confirm the new congregants

Chaz thanked each congregation member for their service to Calvary and continued support. We look forward to a year that addresses needed repairs to the building and grounds and maintains a sustainable growth to our facility.

Report from Trustees and Review of 2025 Budget

Brother Bill Seippel reported on the 2025 budget and distributed copies of the Financial Report and description of Investment Funds. There is a net loss of \$65,500 after investment draws of \$125,000 for 2024. The draws are based on 4% of investment balance on 12/31/23. The true deficit is \$191,000 which represents spending not covered by congregational support. The adjusted Net total after investment activity is \$121,325. This is unrealized gain in the market. Most of this has been negatively impacted by current market performance. Calvary has \$1,887,472 available for use in non-restricted accounts. Brother Seippel reviewed the full financial report including the list of investment funds, where held with descriptions and restrictions. We are fortunate to have these resources, but continue to have a giving problem. We need to engage all members to contribute as they have been blessed for Calvary to continue to flourish. There is a detailed financial review to the congregation scheduled for June 8th following worship. This review will include :

1. The role of the Trustee
2. Budgeting process
3. More details on the Invested funds such as restricted, designated and unrestricted
4. Bequests and how to decide their use
5. Q&A on current finances and any questions from previous year
6. Capital Fund Campaign

The goal of this report will be to provide transparency to Calvary's finances. The Feasibility Study recently conducted by the PEC will help direct fundraising and spending priorities for ongoing projects, including roof and steeple repairs.

Building and Grounds Report:

Brother Spencer Bullins reported on Building and Grounds Committee (B&G) activity. Gordon Cranfill recent retired after 8 years of service. The B&G committee reviewed over 20 service agreements/contracts Gordon interfaced with during this time. Some services include inspections such as fire safety and security alarms. The committee members divided up the contacts into smaller groups and assigned responsibility.

Terry Trivette will interact with the HVAC and JAC system.

Danny Harrison is a certified electrician and will interface with these issues.

Nick Stone will work with Pest and Lawn services and come on site for issues that pop up.

Ron Bell will deal with alarms and alarm system.

Spencer Bullins will interact with the Fire Marshall and other inspectors.

Jacob Patrick is working on an accounting for security key fobs distributed at present and will work with B&G to add and delete these as needed.

Stephen Baker works with Allied Reality in the management of our two rental properties.

Brother Bullins reported that volunteers should not be expected to maintain our facility in the long term, but will assume these responsibilities for now in the absence of the facility manager position vacated by Gordon Cranfill.

Brother Chaz Snider called for any questions from the congregation. Sister Elaine Palmore asked when the congregation will receive feedback on the Feasibility Study. The Joint Boards have recently received a report from Laura Watson with the PEC and are reviewing for next steps. This may become part of the detailed financial meeting scheduled for June.

Adjournment:

As there was no further business to come before the Church Council, the meeting was adjourned.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Eddie Johnson; Camilla Williams; Bernard Williams; Earline Pryor; Misty Hayes and family; Noelle Nichols; Rameth McKnight; Ursula Pierce; Steven Nixa; Gary Willis; Lily Shaw; Patrick Biggam; Lynn Biggam; Tommy & Nancy McKoon; Scott & Elaine Peddycord; Judi Chandler; George Tasedan; Sandra Shugart; Bill & Mary Hampton; Haley and Zelda Covert, Richard Hughes, and their family; George Hege; Linda Neighbors; Paul Marshall; Denise Williams; Lisa Hampton; Karen Stewart; Holly and Barry Broadstreet; Ellen Steadman (sister of Jane Sofley); William Hughes; Ramona Prestwood; J. Frank & Jan Trivette; Johnnie Pearson; Romaine Poindexter; Mary Louise Kapp Peeples; Joeann Settle; Joel C. Lineback; Patsy Lineback; Virginia Segar; the family of Dee Brown; Dallas Prestwood; the family of Jerry Wood; Jean Fordham

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

“SUBSCRIBE TO CALVARY” SERMON SERIES

November 16th — “Blest be the Tithe that Binds” Malachi 3:10

November 23rd — “The Sound of Substance” Mark 12:41-43

BREW YOUR FAITH - WAKE FOREST DIVINITY SCHOOL

On November 11th from 5:30-7:30 PM at Lot 63, we will be meeting for a special live recording of the Homebrewed Christianity podcast as host Tripp Fuller (MDiv '07) welcomes: Corey D. B. Walker – Dean of Wake Forest University School of Divinity, Wake Forest Professor of the Humanities, and Director of the Program in African American Studies & Bill J. Leonard – Founding Dean and Professor of Divinity Emeritus (1999–2018) This promises to be a rich and engaging evening of community and conversation, exploring theology, culture, and the public square. All are welcome, and we encourage you to bring guests and share this invitation with others!

SUBSCRIBE TO CALVARY

Please bring your completed Subscribe to Calvary cards back to worship on November 23rd to dedicate during the service. You may also mail them back if you are unable to attend worship that day.

LOVEFEAST IN A BOX

It's that time of year again! Time to order Lovefeast in a Box™, that is! Calvary will be hosting lovefeasts on 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. From NOW until December 5th (or until we sell out), you can 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 today to place your order!

THANKSGIVING LOVEFEASTS

This Wednesday November 12th, 10 AM at Salemtowne, we will have a traditional Thanksgiving Lovefeast for any residents there. We will have our Thanksgiving Lovefeast on Sunday, November 23rd during the 11 AM worship. We hope you will join us as we celebrate our gratefulness for God's bountiful gifts!

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE FOR SUNNYSIDE MINISTRIES

As we enter this season of gratitude, Calvary will once again collect non-perishable food items to support Sunnyside Ministries, a local agency of the Moravian Church, Southern Province. For over 50 years, Sunnyside has offered hope and short-term assistance to families in times of crisis. While Calvary gathers donations for Sunnyside throughout the year, Thanksgiving offers us a special opportunity to share our blessings with our neighbors in need. We invite you to bring your food donations to the front of the sanctuary on **Sunday, November 23rd**, as we celebrate our Thanksgiving Lovefeast. The most needed items at Sunnyside currently are **canned fruit, vegetables, & meat**. Let us fill our sanctuary with the bounty of Thanksgiving and the spirit of love and generosity that unites us in Christ!

BREAKFAST BUNCH

November 18th, 9 AM at Carriage House. Please contact Pat George (336) 971-3429 or Linda Smith (336) 978-6082 to RSVP.

OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMUNITY & PRAYER

Virtual prayer meetings will be offered on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month, at 9:00 AM via Zoom. The next meeting will be Tuesday, November 11th. This Zoom prayer time will last about 15 minutes, and gives us an additional opportunity to check in and share the people and things that we hold in our hearts. The link to join the meeting is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81364100880>

LOVEFEAST PREPARATION

Hard to believe, but it is time to begin preparing for our upcoming Lovefeasts. It takes MANY volunteers (ideally, all of us) to welcome and serve our over 1500 Lovefeast guests. New this year, we will also be co-hosting two Lovefeasts at Salemtowne. There is an opportunity for everyone and every age! Please mark your calendars and let us know how YOU would like to serve. Contact any of the following people for more info and they can connect you with the appropriate leader: Elaine Peddycord (336.692.3236 • peddycj@bellsouth.net), Tres Fordham (336.403.8819 • tresfordham@gmail.com), or Amanda Schumpert (336.722.3703 • amanda@calvarymoravian.org)

CANDLE MAKING!

In preparation for our annual Candle Trim, we need to make candles! Learn how to string the molds, melt and pour the beeswax and then pop them out of the molds! Jan Bullins, our resident candle maker, will lead you through all the steps. Call Jan at 336-655-9444 for available times.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Mid-Week Adult Bible Study is at 6 PM in the Burke Conference Room. We will meet in person and via Zoom so all are welcome! The Zoom meeting link is us02web.zoom.us/j/84879938980. The last session until the new year will be on November 19th.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, November 12th, 10 AM at Salemtowne — Thanksgiving Lovefeast

Sunday, November 23rd, 11 AM at Calvary — Thanksgiving Lovefeast

Sunday, November 30th, 11 AM — the First Sunday of Advent

Wednesday, December 10th, 10AM at Salemtowne — Christmas Lovefeast

Wednesday, December 24, 11 AM, 4 PM, and 8 PM at Calvary — Christmas Eve Lovefeast

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

We're looking for volunteers to help with the nursery during Sunday service! If you'd like to sign up to help watch our youngest church members, please contact Kayla Stewart (stewcrew1215@gmail.com)

UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

November 17th at 5:30 PM - Joint Board, Elders, & Trustees Meetings

November 20th at 4 PM - Music & Worship Committee Meeting

Advent at Calvary



First Sunday of Advent
November 30th, 11 AM Worship

WS Christmas Parade & Coffee
December 6th, 4:30-6:30 PM

Second Sunday of Advent
A Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols
December 7th, 11 AM Worship

Pageant Rehearsal
December 13th, 10-11:30 AM

Third Sunday of Advent & Christmas Pageant
December 14th
9 AM Breakfast & Rehearsal • 11 AM Worship

Blue Christmas Service
December 18th, 3 PM

Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 21st, 11 AM Worship

Christmas Eve Lovefeasts & Candle Services
December 24th at 11 AM, 4 PM, & 8 PM

A Moravian Christmas Carol Service
December 28th, 11 AM Worship

Sunday Mornings at Calvary Moravian

9 AM	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
9:45 AM	Nursery (Infant-PreK) — 2nd floor Children's Wing Early Elementary (K-2nd) — 2nd floor Children's Wing Elementary (3rd-5th) — 2nd floor Children's Wing Youth (6th-12th grades) — 3rd floor youth room Friendship Adult Class — 1st Floor Diener Room
10:30 AM	Adult Chancel Choir Rehearsal
11 AM	Worship

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday 8 AM-4 PM

Lunch Hour: 12:30-1:30 PM

Closed on Fridays

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