

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



*A Child is Born (Don Clark)*

**THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**CHRISTMAS PAGEANT**

**DECEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup> 2025**



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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 Rev. Dr. Chaz Snider, *Pastor***  
**Amanda Schumpert, *Director of Music***  
**Mary Louise Kapp Peeples, *Organist***  
**Calvary Children & Youth**  
**Wade Peeples, *Pianist***  
**Emerson Baker, *Soloist***  
**Chi-Chi Messick, *Pianist***  
**Alexander Stultz, *Violinist***  
**Jayne & Hampton Grubbs, *Advent Candle & Banner***  
**Brian Lott, *Band Director***  
**The Calvary Band**  
**Robert Middleton, Elaine Palmore, & Bobby Stewart *Ushers***  
**Elaine Peddycord & Jan Bullins *Nursery Attendants***

The flowers placed in the sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and  
in memory of Dot, Powell and Rich Watts by Tom Watts and Joyce.

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

There is no Godly Play today. 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!

## CHILDREN & YOUTH 2025 CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

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| Liturgist       | Harrison Grubbs                               |
| Narrators       | Braelyn & Eralyn Marion                       |
| Mary            | Addison Nance                                 |
| Angel:          | Emerson Baker                                 |
| Elizabeth:      | Lilli Baker                                   |
| Joseph          | Alexander Stultz                              |
| Herald          | Sara Snider                                   |
| Townsperson 1:  | Turner Collins                                |
| Townsperson 2:  | Logan New                                     |
| Townsperson 3:  | Parker Collins                                |
| Townsperson 4:  | Wyatt Baker                                   |
| Townsperson 5:  | Xander Garcia                                 |
| Townsperson 6:  | Mack Raymer                                   |
| Innkeeper:      | Nora Smith                                    |
| Wife:           | Lottie Wiggins                                |
| Shepherd 1:     | Jack Baker                                    |
| Shepherd 2:     | Turner Collins                                |
| Shepherd 3:     | Wyatt Baker                                   |
| Shepherd 4:     | Elliott Ingram                                |
| Shepherd 5:     | Violet Carter                                 |
| Shepherd 6:     | Peyton Payne                                  |
| King 1:         | Jacek Pristas                                 |
| King 2:         | Gage Pristas                                  |
| King 3:         | Dexter Wiggins                                |
| King 4:         | Nate Smith                                    |
| Scribe:         | Hampton Grubbs                                |
| Herod:          | Carter Nance                                  |
| Chief Priest 1: | Felix Stultz                                  |
| Chief Priest 2: | Sophie Garcia                                 |
| Little Angels:  | Virginia Baker, Eleanor Carter, Paisley Payne |
| Lambs:          | RJ Stewart & Levi Stultz                      |

## GATHERING IN UNITY

WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK (ISAIAH 35:4)

*Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God.*

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

### BAND PRELUDE

### TRINITY CHIME

### PIANO PRELUDE

*Green Pastures* — Ettore Pozzoli

### CALL TO WORSHIP

*Light the Candle* — Carl Schalk

*During the singing of our call to worship, the Advent candle of Joy will be lit.*

Light the candle of Joy today, the Giver of Joy is here!!  
Welcome the joy we crave and pray for, but only Christ can give.  
Flicker and flame and glow with joy, light up the world around you.

### WELCOME

## PROCLAIMING GOD'S LOVE

### \*HYMN #256

*Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers* — REJOICE

Rejoice, rejoice, believers, and let your lights appear;  
the evening is advancing, and darker night is near.  
The bridegroom is arising and soon is drawing nigh.  
Up, pray and watch and wrestle; at midnight comes the cry.

The watchers on the mountain proclaim the bridegroom near;  
go forth, as he approaches, with alleluias clear.  
The marriage feast is waiting; the gates wide open stand,  
Arise, O heirs of glory; the bridegroom is at hand.

Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear;  
arise, O sun so longed for, o'er this benighted sphere.  
With hearts and hands uplifted we look, O Lord, to you  
for all the earth's redemption, creation made anew.

*(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.

BRESLAU

All praise to you, eternal Lord,  
clothed in a garb of flesh and blood;  
choosing a manger for your throne,  
while worlds on worlds are yours alone.

All this for us your love has done;  
by this to you our love is won;  
for this we sing through all our days  
and shout our thanks in ceaseless praise.

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.

*(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)*

#### JUDGEMENT

Jesus came, adored by angels,  
came with peace from realms on high;  
Jesus came for our redemption,  
lowly came on earth to die:  
    alleluia, alleluia!  
came in deep humility.

Jesus comes again in mercy,  
when our hearts are bowed with care;  
Jesus comes again in answer  
to our earnest heartfelt prayer:  
    alleluia, alleluia!  
comes to save us from despair.

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.**

REJOICE

Our Hope and Expectation,  
O Jesus, now appear!  
Arise, the Sun so longed for,  
o'er this benighted sphere!  
With hearts and hands uplifted,  
we look, O Lord, to you  
for all the earth's redemption,  
creation made anew.

*(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.**

GERMANY

We long for mighty signs of God,  
cathedral, miracle, and sword,  
his power and glory written plain  
so none may doubt that he is Lord.

But poor in weakness comes the Christ;  
his glory gone, no king we see;  
a servant Lord, no praise he seeks.  
thus comes God's power to you and me.

Not in our own strength, Lord, we move;  
your kingdom falls not when we fall,  
but forward presses day by day  
until your truth is known by all.

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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!  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel is come to thee, O Israel!

## **THE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT**

### **HYMN #276**

*Veiled in Darkness Judah Lay* — NICHT SO TRAURIG

Veiled in darkness Judah lay, waiting for the promised day,  
while across the shadowy night streamed a flood of glorious light,  
heav'nly voices hailed Christ's birth, "Peace, good will to all on earth."

Still the earth in darkness lies. Up from death's dark vale arise  
voices of a world in grief, prayers of those who seek relief;  
to our darkness bring new birth, "Peace, good will to all on earth."

Light of light, we humbly pray, shine upon your world today;  
break the gloom of our dark night, fill our souls with love and light,  
give your blessed word rebirth, "Peace, good will to all on earth."

### **SCENE I**

*An Angel Visits Mary*

### **SCENE II**

*Mary Goes to See Elizabeth*

### **SCENE III**

*The Telling of the Good News*

### **SCENE IV**

*Mary and Joseph Leave for Bethlehem*

### **HYMN #282**

*O Little Town of Bethlehem* — ST. LOUIS

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie;  
above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;  
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

**SCENE V**

*Mary and Joseph Arrive at the Inn*

**SCENE VI**

*The Shepherds in the Field*

**HYMN #288**

*Angels We Have Heard on High* — GLORIA

Angels we have heard on high, singing sweetly through the night,  
and the mountains in reply echoing their brave delight.

**SCENE VII**

*The Three Kings*

**HYMN #294**

*Joy to the World* — ANTIOCH

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;  
let ev'ry heart prepare him room,  
and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing,  
and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

He rules the world with truth and grace,  
and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness  
and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love,  
and wonders, wonders of his love.

**BENEDICTION****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  
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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 family of Charlie Miller; J. Frank and the family of Jan Trivette

# THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Jacob will be out of the office on December 16th.

Pastor Nola will be out of the office on December 17th.

## CHRISTMAS EVE LOVEFEASTS & CANDLE SERVICES

We will have our traditional Lovefeasts & Candle Services on Christmas Eve at 11 AM, 4 PM, & 8 PM with band preludes beginning 30 minutes before.

## BREAKFAST BUNCH

December 16th, 9 AM at Carriage House. Please contact Pat George (336) 971-3429 or Linda Smith (336) 978-6082 to RSVP.

## BLUE CHRISTMAS

We would like to invite you to a special Advent service in our sanctuary on **December 18th at 3 PM**. 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.

## SALEM BAND HOLIDAY CONCERT

On December 16th, at 7:30 PM, Salem Band will have their holiday concert in our Sanctuary. The music will explore how Christmas is celebrated around the world. The concert is free and open to the public but donations will be accepted accepted for Sunnyside Ministry and Salem Band.

## MUSIC CAROLINA: A CELTIC CHRISTMAS

On Friday, December 19th at 7:30 PM, Music Carolina will have their Celtic Christmas program in the Sanctuary. To purchase tickets and for more information, visit [musiccarolina.org](https://musiccarolina.org)

## 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, December 23rd. 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>

## Sunday Mornings at Calvary Moravian

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| 9 AM     | Handbell Choir Rehearsal  |
| 9:45 AM  | Nursery (Infant-PreK) — 2nd floor Children's Wing<br>Early Elementary (K-2nd) — 2nd floor Children's Wing<br>Elementary (3rd-5th) — 2nd floor Children's Wing<br>Youth (6th-12th grades) — 3rd floor youth room<br>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

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