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The Rev. Katherine Bush

HELLO from the ASSOCIATE RECTOR for FORMATION

REMEMBERING TO WONDER

"Days pass when I forget the mystery."* I wonder if this happens to you, too? That we get caught up in the jumble of days: errands, tasks, solvable and insolvable problems, and so we forget to wonder. One of the best things about church is its reminder of the scope of our lives,

simultaneously small in the grander sweep of the cosmos and yet also of profound and beloved consequence. We are more than our grocery lists and our next meeting, more than our bank statement, whether large or small. There is so much more to look around and wonder about.

Touching down at Calvary provides a myriad of ways to remember to wonder, no matter how or what might move you. Over the course of one Sunday: the swell of voices in descant, the press of a piece of bread into the palm, an ancient story. On a Wednesday: a good book and a thoughtful discussion to go with it, a multigenerational dinner table, a happenstance and serendipitous conversation. At any time: a friendly face, a hungry face, a new face. We come to Calvary to do a lot of things like singing and praying and talking and eating. We also come to Calvary to wonder and to wonder together about the things—like mystery—that we don't want to forget about. We come to Calvary to sing about joy, and to pray about pain and to talk about memory and to eat ... well that's sometimes mysteriously about memory too, and sometimes just about someone else doing the cooking and the dishes mid-week.

Take a look through this guide at all the wonder-full opportunities we have to marvel together at our small and yet miraculous lives. Being together in community at a time like this is yet another wonderous gift. Don't let too many days pass before we see you!

^{*}from "Primary Wonder," Denise Levertov

Fall 2023 Formation at Calvary

We're open all week for classes and small groups, online and in-person. Formation at Calvary is about learning, for sure, learning more about God and our relationships with each other and God's creation. And formation is also about connecting, building faithful friendships, looking up from our little lives to see who else is walking alongside us. Carving out time to spend in community can be a challenge in our over-full schedules, yet the reward of knowing more and being known more fully is immeasurable. When we open our minds to new ideas and open our hearts to the journeys of those around us, we are changed for good.

Sunday Mornings at 9:15

SEP

Labor Day

For those who'd like to do a little labor on their Labor Day, come enjoy some fellowship and conversation while you support our Outreach ministries by sorting coats and other donations as we prepare for the change in seasons—many hands make light work!

SEP 10

Walking in Love at Calvary

CALVARY CLERGY

An opportunity to learn about what's happening at Calvary this fall: Sunday classes, small groups, and Wednesday night offerings. Plus a sneak peek at some new fellowship gatherings and other special events to keep us connected while our buildings are turned inside out.

SEP

Pilgrim People

There are lots of ways to go on pilgrimage, some require plane flights and some can happen in your own home. Over several weeks, Calvary clergy and guests will tell stories and open conversations about faithful journeys.

SEPT. 17: SABBATICAL AND PILGRIMAGE

The Rev. Paul & Ruthie McLain

Come hear tales of Paul and Ruthie's season of renewal.

SEPT. 24: PILGRIMAGE IN OVERTON PARK

The Rev. Katherine Bush

How to go on pilgrimage while staying home.

OCT 1: PILGRIM INTERRUPTED

Susan Cushman

Local author, Cushman, shares the story of her religious wanderings and conversion.

OCT. 8: PILGRIM PATH

The Rev. Scott Walters

Rector Scott Walters will offer reflections from his time walking the Camino in Spain.



OCT 15-

Days of Wonder

DR. MITZI MINOR

A perennial favorite, Dr. Minor returns to teach a two-week class examining the practices of the early believers which enabled them to live meaningfully and hopefully even though Roman oppression still surrounded them.

OCT 29-NOV

For All the Saints

OCT. 29

You can meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea... Come hear the stories of lesser-known and unexpected saints.

NOV. 5: GEOFF CALKINS

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Calkins is a must-read columnist for *The Daily Memphian* and a friend of Calvary's. He packed the house when he preached at LPS in 2022. Come hear his new focus on telling the stories of Memphis on All Saints Sunday.

NOV 12-19

Good in the Neighborhood

NOV. 12: BRIAN LYLES

Hear the story of the re-opened Cossitt Library and meet someone doing a lot of good in our neighborhood. Lyles is an enthusiastic downtowner and shares a wonderful story of renewal just a few blocks away from Calvary.

NOV. 19

From Tom Lee Park to the Sterick building to our own parking lot, there are so many good news stories. Plus we'll talk about how to be agents of good in the neighborhood as we make our way around downtown.

NOV 26

Advent Festival

Join us for an intergenerational gathering as we approach the season of Advent. We'll make Advent wreaths and share resources for households to move through Advent together. Wreath bases, candles, and some greenery will be provided, and all are encouraged to bring more greenery and ribbons to share.

Book of the Month Offerings

Looking for a new book club to join? Always wanted to try a book club without having to commit for more than one month? Calvary has an outstanding lineup of books for you to read and discuss with others this fall.

SEPTEMBER BOOK: THE SECOND MOUNTAIN BY DAVID BROOKS

discussion led by Fred Piper and friends

The Second Mountain is a wonderful second-half-of-life-themed book tracing Brooks's faith and political odyssey told with color and candor and offering insights for our own journeys. Fred & Jill Piper and Margaret McLean will lead a four-week discussion on Wednesday evenings, Sept. 6, 13, 20, and 27 at 6:15 p.m.

OCTOBER BOOK: A CRAZY, HOLY GRACE: THE HEALING POWER OF PAIN AND MEMORY BY FREDERICK BUECHNER

discussion led by Scott Walters

Christianity Today called Frederick Bueckner "the father of today's spiritual memoir movement." But he also published highly acclaimed novels, sermon collections, and a few books that defy genre, spanning more than six decades. Join Scott Walters on Wednesday evenings for conversation about A Crazy, Holy Grace, a collection of some of Buechner's most loved essays on the ways our most painful memories can be openings into hope and new life. Scott Walters will lead a discussion on Wednesdays in Oct. 4, 11, 18, and 25, at 6:15 p.m.

NOVEMBER BOOK: TEACHING A STONE TO TALK: EXPEDITIONS AND ENCOUNTERS BY ANNIE DILLARD

discussion led by Katherine Bush

We'll read a few short essays and reflections by Annie Dillard and consider how Dillard's understanding of the natural world, humans, and God provokes her readers to see familiar things in new ways. Katherine will lead a three-week discussion on Wednesday evenings, Nov. 1, 8, and 15 at 6:15 p.m.

NOVEMBER BOOK: THE BOOK OF DANIEL

discussion led by Paige Whittle
on Sunday mornings

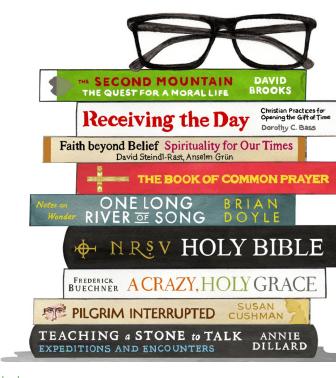
Join Paige Whittle for an exploration of the book of Daniel, full of wild stories and visions. This is a great opportunity to encounter a book that is often referenced but rarely read. Paige will guide a study of this Hebrew text on Sunday mornings in November at 9:15 a.m.

DECEMBER BOOK: RECEIVING THE DAY: CHRISTIAN PRACTICES FOR OPENING THE GIFT OF TIME BY DOROTHY BASS

discussion led by Paul McLain

This book is a helpful primer for prayer and retreat time and teaches us how "receiving the day" can be a guiding principle in our everyday lives. Paul will lead a three-week discussion on Wednesday evenings in Advent, Nov. 29, and Dec. 6, and 13 at 6:15 p.m.

Participants should purchase their books from their own favorite booksellers. Calvary loves supporting local businesses like Novel and Burke's, or online at bookshop.org.



More Small Group Discussions!

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON: WOMEN'S STUDY GROUP

Wednesdays, 1-2 p.m. at Calvary

Join in a conversation about the Bible, starting this fall with some short stories from Hebrew Scripture: Ruth, Jonah, and others. Come early for the noon Eucharist or 12:30 brown-bag lunch, or arrive for this weekly discussion group with Katherine Bush at 1:00 p.m. Starts on Sept. 6, join the conversation at any time.

THURSDAY MORNING: BAGUETTE BROTHERS

Thursdays, 7:30-8:30 a.m. at Barth House, 409 Patterson St.

Every Thursday morning, a few good men gather for coffee, prayer, Bible study, and terrible jokes. It's a "Pre-Game Show," as they study the Gospel lesson for the upcoming Sunday service. It is now in its 20th year, so the jokes must not be that bad. Contact Bill Craddock, wscraddock@icloud.com or 901-276-0639, for more information.

THURSDAY NOON: GLEANINGS DISCUSSION GROUP

Thursdays at noon on Zoom

If you love to pursue hard questions in good company, a favorite phrase of Bill Craddock's, join Gleanings, a group convened by Bill along with Scott Walters to do just that. On Sept. 7, we will begin a new book, *Faith Beyond Belief: Spirituality for Our Times* by David Steindl-Rast and Anselm Grün. If you have questions, or to join the Gleanings email list for weekly Zoom links and additional resources, email Scott at swalters@calvarymemphis.org. All are welcome!

Want to know more about the Episcopal Church?

WEDNESDAY EVENING: THIS I BELIVE: AFFIRMATIONS & CONFIRMATIONS

Oct. 25 - Dec. 6, 6:15-7:15 p.m. at Calvary

Wanting to dive a little deeper into what it means to be an Episcopalian? Interested in the particular expression of a faithful life here at Calvary? Join Calvary's clergy, staff, and our Bishop for a six-session conversation about worship, the Bible, some church history, and everything in between. This class will culminate in the opportunity to be Confirmed when the Bishop makes her annual visitation on Sunday, Dec. 10. All are welcome regardless of how long you've been connected with Calvary. No class on Nov. 21.

CONFIRMATION CLASS: CRASH COURSE

Saturday, Oct. 21

The Rev. Paul McLain will lead a one-day sprint through a variety of Episcopal topics for those whose schedules keep them from joining the Wednesday night Confirmation community. Stay tuned for more details, and reach out to Katherine Bush, kbush@calvarymemphis.org, if you're interested in this offering.

Children and Youth at Calvary

Sundays

Nursery Care

Ages o-5 | 7:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Calvary maintains an excellent nursery facility staffed by trained, professional caregivers. Nursery Manager Robbie Phillips and Cassandra Booker welcome children ages o-5. A loving atmosphere, personal attention, and ageappropriate toys and activities are all designed to make the nursery a safe, nurturing place for your child.

Children's Formation Classes

Ages 3 through grade 5 | 9:15-10:15 a.m.

Children ages 3 through 5th grade are invited to join us in the Children's wing on the second floor. Our young people explore their faith and scripture through *Godly Play* and *Weaving God's Promises*—two curriculums based in storytelling designed to connect our young people deeper to their faith.

Youth Formation Classes

Grades 6-12 | 9:15-10:15 a.m.

Junior and Senior High youth meet on Sunday mornings with Jeremy Demarest and others for conversation and connection. Following the *Faith Lens* curriculum, discussions revolve around topical lessons, intersecting current events, and exploring how we are to respond to them as Christians.

Children's Chapel

Ages 3-2nd Grade | 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

At the beginning of the 10:30 a.m. worship service, children follow the cross out of the service to Children's Chapel, which is held in Room 203. There, children experience the liturgy of the word in an interactive and ageappropriate manner. Children are escorted back at the time of the Peace to join their families for Communion.



"I really enjoy getting to know some of the youngest members of our congregation during this special small-group time and getting to watch them grow in their knowledge of Christian life." ~ Jessica Flynn, Children's Chapel volunteer

Youth Sunday Fellowship Episcopal Youth Community (EYC)

Grades 6-12

There will be lunch gatherings immediately after church, afternoon and evening meet-ups for service and for fellowship at Calvary and around town. Make sure you're on the lookout for details and sign-up for the weekly youth emails for updates.

Wednesdays

Nursery Care

Ages 0-5 | 5:30-7:30 p.m. | Orgill Room

Calvary maintains an excellent nursery facility staffed by trained, professional caregivers. Nursery Manager Robbie Phillips and Cassandra Booker welcome children ages 0-5.

Gathering

Grades K-5 | 6:15-7:15 p.m. | Mural Room

Gathering is a new opportunity for children and adults to "sit and stay a while" after dinner for an hour of fellowship. Games, books, puzzles, and coloring materials will be provided. Mrs. Jocelyn and friends will supervise children ages 5 and up for parents who wish to attend a class.

Wednesday Night Episcopal Youth Community (EYC)

Grades 6-12 | 5:15-7:15 p.m. | Room 205

Each week, EYC and friends will get together for a meal, check-ins, and games.

** See also Music Formation Opportunities on p. 9 and new offerings for children on back page**



"When I was in my teens, there were several older men and women in my life who gave me time, attention, and something of themselves I still carry with me. They helped shape the adult I became. Volunteering with EYC, I hope I am doing some of the same. Plus I get something out of it. I look forward to their energy, the promise they hold for the future, and just the fun of being with them." ~Bill Bangham, EYC volunteer

Make a joyful noise!

St. Cecilia Choir

Grades K-2 | Room 203 | 6:15-7 p.m.

The St. Cecilia Choir sings periodically at the 10:30 a.m. worship service and at special services. Using a variety of activities, the choristers learn to use their voices by means of hymns and other sacred songs. At the conclusion of rehearsal, they have the opportunity to join their friends in the Mural Room until 7:15. The St. Cecilia Choir is directed by Melissa Warwell.

The Boys and Girls Choir

Students with unchanged voices in grades 3 & up | Crook Auditorium | 6:15-7 p.m.

The Boys and Girls Choir sings at the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Using the *Voice for Life* curriculum established by the Royal School of Church Music (RSCM), Organist-Choirmaster Kristin Lensch promotes a complete and quality approach to children's music ministry that is as much a Christian education experience as it is musical training experience.

Calvary Ringers

Room 208 | 6:15-7:15 p.m.

Calvary's liturgical five-octave handbell choir, the Calvary Ringers, performs in select services throughout the year. New members are always welcome; the ability to read music is not required. Calvary Ringers are directed by Joseph Powell.

Calvary Choir

Crook Auditorium | 7-9 p.m.

Made up of both professional singers and auditioned volunteers, the Calvary Choir sings each week at the 10:30 a.m. worship service, monthly Evensong, and offers special liturgical services and concerts during the year. Strongly based in the music of the Anglican church, their repertoire spans the centuries and global traditions, from plainsong to spirituals. They are known for both their dedication to and love of music and close camaraderie. Directed by Organist-Choirmaster Kristin Lensch.

"Singing Advent Lessons & Carols at Calvary is how I know Christmas is coming. We mix the traditional with the new and challenging—and poetry!—to make it a highlight of my holiday season." ~ Leanne Kleinmann, Calvary Choir soprano



Upcoming Music Events



Evensong

5 p.m. at Calvary

A service with ancient roots, Evensong is a 40-minute choral-led service of prayers and scripture. If you need to sit and reflect, if music feeds your soul, if you can't quite make it in the morning, if you believe that beauty is a portal to heaven, this is a service for you.



Requiem Eucharist, featuring Maurice Duruflé's Requiem

5 p.m. at Grace-St. Luke's, 1720 Peabody Ave.

A requiem is a mass for the dead. On All Saints' Sunday, the choirs of Calvary and Grace-St. Luke's will sing together, weaving the different movements into the Eucharist. The service will be held at at Grace-St. Luke's while Calvary's nave is being renovated. Gather in community and remember your loved ones while being surrounded by sublime music.



Advent Lessons & Carols

5 p.m. at Calvary

Begin December at the beginning—at the advent—with God's promises of comfort and salvation recalled in this service through scripture, poetry, and carols. Calvary's four choirs lead this beautiful candlelit service, inviting you to step away from worldly stress and into a space that prepares you to meet Emmanuel.

Glory to God in the highest...

We're open! Our doors are open, even if the path takes you to the Great Hall for worship instead of to the Nave for awhile this fall. We're open on Sundays and singing and praying together at 8:00, 10:30, and now 6:00. Have you tried the evening service yet? You'll find open seats and open space for your thoughts to wander; we've brought new language to some old prayers and a conversation in place of a sermon. This fall we'll be inviting guest musicians (think cello and other stringed instruments!) to this brief "rest stop" before the week begins, as some regulars have called it.

Sunday

8:00 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I

Holy Eucharist, Rite I, is offered at Calvary each Sunday at 8 in the Great Hall. Many in the congregation enjoy food and fellowship at the Parish Breakfast that follows in the Mural Room at 8:45 a.m. The breakfast includes eggs, grits, bacon, sausage, biscuits, coffee, and orange juice. All are welcome. \$5

10:30 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II WITH CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

The 10:30 a.m. Rite II service is held in the Great Hall. We also live-stream Holy Eucharist at 10:30 a.m. each Sunday. Watch the live stream on Calvary's Facebook page or on our website.

6:00 P.M. CONTEMPLATIVE EUCHARIST

Each Sunday evening at 6 p.m., all are invited to participate in a quieter, centering time of worship in the Orgill Room. This gathering offers a guided conversation in place of a sermon, new words for old prayers, and opportunities for silence and reflection. Childcare for children five and under is available.

Wednesday

12:00 P.M. NOONDAY PRAYERS

Holy Eucharist with prayers for healing is offered at noon on Wednesdays and features a reflection by one of our priests. Afterward, join clergy and staff for a brown-bag lunch in the Mural Room, where you will find conversations and connections.

Monday-Friday

6:30 A.M. EARLY MORNING PRAYER (ONLINE)

This prayer service is modeled on Daily Devotions (p. 137 in the Book of Common Prayer) and lasts about 10-15 minutes. All early risers (by preference or necessity!) are invited to pray together.

8 A.M. MORNING PRAYER (ONLINE)

The Calvary clergy lead weekday Morning Prayer.



OUTREACH

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

Fall at Calvary brings many opportunities to love and serve our neighbors. Take a look at some of the opportunities below and contact Director of Outreach Ministries Christine Todd for more information on how you can get involved.

Grizzlies Prep Lunch Buddies

Be a Lunch Buddy by eating a 30-minute lunch weekly with one or two students. This mentoring relationship has proven to be a valuable asset not only for the student but also for the volunteer. Grizzlies Prep is a Title I charter school providing education to young men in grades 5-8. In addition, they prepare all students to excel academically while also demonstrating integrity through everyday life.

Room in the Inn

Room in the Inn (RITI) is dedicated to serving people experiencing homelessness by providing emergency shelter and meals during the hottest and coldest months of the year—June, July, and August and November through March—sharing the love of God through holy hospitality. Calvary hosts RITI on Friday nights in our Welcome Inn next door. There are many ways to help with dinner and hosting on Friday nights as well as straightening and doing laundry throughout the week.

Emmanuel Meal: December 18

Emmanuel Meal is a Christmas dinner for our neighbors who are experiencing poverty or homelessness. Calvary offers this meal before Christmas every year. You can volunteer to cook, serve, clean up, and more. You also can purchase paper turkeys for \$40 each to subsidize the cost of this meal.

Basement Church

Serve 180 homeless and poor neighbors who eat and pray with us here at Calvary each Sunday morning from 6 a.m. to 8 a.m. We serve our neighbors a hot breakfast, make coffee, provide clothing, find needed toiletry items, help with books, and more. We need volunteers to ensure our neighbors feel welcome.

Community Breakfast Prep

Prepare for Sunday's Community Breakfast by cracking eggs, sautéing vegetables, etc. during the week. In this ministry individuals as well as entire families participate to ensure breakfast will be ready every Sunday morning.



"Showing God's love to our neighbors with a substantial meal makes me feel like I can contribute." -Jill Piper, Emmanuel Meal volunteer





Sept. 1-3: Happening #71

Keep all the young people participating in Happening, a weekend retreat for high school students, in your prayers this weekend.



Sept. 6: Wednesday Evenings at Calvary Begin

Enjoy a delicious dinner Wednesday evenings 5:15-6:15 p.m. before classes and choir rehearsals. Cost is \$8/ adults, \$4/child, \$25/family max. The kickoff dinner on Sept. 6 is a taco bar with all the fixin's!



Sept. 10: Coffee with Clergy

Newcomers and visitors: bring your stories, questions, and cups of coffee to the library for a conversation with Scott Walters about life at Calvary ... or life in general. Also on Nov. 12.



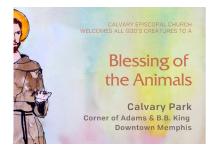
Sept. 17: Children's Breakfast Club

Children are invited to join Mrs. Jocelyn and friends in the Mural Room. They will be escorted to formation class afterward. Also on Oct. 15 and Nov. 19.



Sept. 24: Art & the Heart

Calvary parishioners and friends are invited to meet at Brooks Museum of Art for a tour of the Black American Portraits exhibit at 2 p.m. Countering a visual culture saturated with the spectacle of Black pain, these works instead celebrate joy, abundance, and agency. Ticket prices range from \$8 to \$15. Contact Katherine Bush for more information.



Sept. 30: Blessing of the Animals

Come to our annual blessing of the animals at 4 p.m. at Calvary's Park to give thanks for all God's creatures, great and small. All leashed or restrained pets are welcome. Stuffed animals are invited to church on Sunday, Oct. 1, and Wednesday evening, Oct. 4.





Oct. 1: YOUnited Corn Maze

YOUnited, a diocesan youth group, will visit a corn maze. Contact Jeremy Demarest, jdemarest@calvarymemphis.org, for more information.



Oct. 1: Evensong at 5 p.m.

Evensong is a 40-minute choral-led service of prayers and scripture. If you need to sit and reflect, if music feeds your soul, if you can't quite make it in the morning, if you believe that beauty is a portal to heaven, this is a service for you.



Oct. 4: Family Worship Service

Come celebrate the story of St. Francis with a liturgy designed with little people in mind! All ages and stages are invited for a song, a story, and a simple communion service from 5:15 - 5:45. Stay for dinner and more, or head on home for bedtime.



Oct. 11: EpiscoPals Art Class

Children ages 5 and up may join artist Eric Milner and friends to make a special creation from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. Also on Nov. 1.



Oct. 14: Newcomer Party

If you are new to Calvary, you are invited to Clay Woemmel & Brooks Terry's home to enjoy some light snacks and a variety of beverages. This is a great opportunity to get to know other newcomers and meet staff and vestry members who can tell you more about worship, study, fellowship, and outreach opportunities at Calvary.



Oct. 18: This I Believe: Affirmations & Confirmations

Engage in a journey alongside clergy, staff, lay leaders, and the bishop to discover more about the way of love in the Episcopal Church and a deeper life at Calvary.





Nov. 1: Family Worship Service

Come celebrate the story of All Saints, with a liturgy designed with little people in mind! All ages and stages are invited for a song, a story, and a simple communion service from 5:15 - 5:45. Stay for dinner and more, or head on home for bedtime.



Nov. 19: Vestry Elections

The nominations committee will compile a slate of five nominees they believe would fill out our 15-person vestry in a way that will serve the parish most faithfully and effectively. We will publish those names in advance to allow for parishioners to make additional nominations if they choose.



Nov. 5: All Saints Requiem Eucharist

The choirs of Calvary and Grace-St. Luke's will sing together, weaving the different movements into the Eucharist. The service will be held at at Grace-St. Luke's, 1720 Peabody Ave, while Calvary's nave is being renovated.



Nov. 23: Happy Thanksgiving!

There will be no Wednesday evening classes or choir rehearsals on Nov. 22. Calvary offices will be closed Nov. 23 and 24 for the Thanksgiving holiday.



Nov. 17-18: 42nd Diocesan Convention at St. John's

Clergy and lay delegates from across the diocese will gather to consider resolutions and elect diocesan positions. Please keep our bishop and diocesan staff and all delgates in your prayers.



Nov. 26: Advent Wreath Festival

An intergenerational gathering as we approach the season of Advent. We'll make Advent wreaths and share resources for households to move through Advent together. Wreath bases, candles, and some greenery will be provided, and all are encouraged to bring more greenery and ribbons to share.





Dec. 3: Advent Lessons & Carols

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Dec. 18: Emmanuel Meal

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Dec. 6: Family Worship Service

Observe the Feast of St. Nicholas with liturgy designed with little people in mind! All ages and stages are invited for a song, a story, and a simple communion service from 5:15 - 5:45. Stay for dinner and more, or head on home for bedtime



Dec. 24: Advent 4 and Christmas Eve

Calvary will celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Advent in the morning and Christmas Eve services at 3:30, 5:30, and 10:30 p.m. The children's Christmas pageant will take place at the 3:30 service and the 5:30 service will be livestreamed on our Facebook page and YouTube channel.



Dec. 10: Bishop's Visit and Confirmation

Our bishop, the Rt. Rev. Phoebe Roaf, will make her annual visit to Calvary. She will also speak during the formation hour, sharing her reflections and observations. A festive reception will follow the 10:30 a.m. service.



Dec. 25: Christmas Day

Celebrate Christmas Day with Eucharist and carols at 4 p.m.



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NEW! Family Feast Celebrations



Come celebrate the stories of St. Francis, All Saints, and St. Nicholas with liturgies designed with little people in mind! All ages and stages are invited for a song, a story, and a simple communion service from 5:15 - 5:45 on the first Wednesday of October, November, and December in the Orgill Room. Stay for dinner and more, or head on home for bedtime afterward. Oct. 4, Nov. 1, and Dec. 6.

Upcoming Fellowship Opportunities

We're opening other doors too. We'll be gathering around town in parishioners homes and at local eateries for some fun fellowship this fall. And plans are in the works as this goes to print for a "party without pews" later this fall—be on the lookout for details and dates for all these gatherings.

Take a break from your daily grit 'n' grind and join other Calvary young adults (single and married) to get together to cheer on the Grizzlies. Child care will be provided.

S'mores and more! Come celebrate the cooler weather with S'mores, apple cider, and friends around a fire pit at Betty Jo & Terri Dulaney's.

Party without the Pews! Have some fun in the church while the space is turned inside out at this unique fellowship gathering.