



# *Advent*

## *&* LESSONS & CAROLS

*December 3, 2023*

*5 p.m.*



Calvary Episcopal Church

102 N. 2nd Street

Memphis, TN 38103



## Welcome to Calvary

Whoever you are, wherever you come from, whatever joys or burdens you carry, you are welcome at Calvary Episcopal Church. And we are honored that you've chosen to say your prayers with us.

Calvary is an eclectic bunch of Christian people. We don't all think the same thoughts, or dress the same way, or vote for the same candidates, or even believe all the same things about the mystery of God and what it means to be human. But, with St. Paul, we believe we need each other because of our differences, not in spite of them. God calls us out of estrangement into unity, not uniformity. A body made up of identical members can't do much work in the world. Thumbs are so much more useful with fingers to push against, are they not?

So, I invite you to join in the life of this congregation with all that you are, in all your splendid uniqueness, maybe just for today, but maybe for the rest of your days. We are a fuller expression of Christ's body because of your presence. And has our world ever been more needful of Christ's reconciling, loving, and merciful body than now?

The Rev. Scott Walters  
Rector

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**PRELUDE:** *Pifa (Messiah)*

G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

*At the tower bell, the people stand as able.*

**PROCESSION HYMN:** *Lo! he comes, with clouds descending*

Hymnal 57

## THE BIDDING PRAYER

*The Officiant offers the following prayer*

Dear People of God: In the season of Advent, it is our responsibility and joy to prepare ourselves to hear once more the message of the Angels, to go to Bethlehem and see the Son of God lying in a manger.

Let us hear and heed in Holy Scripture the story of God's loving purpose from the time of our rebellion until the glorious redemption brought to us by his holy Child Jesus, and let us look forward to the yearly remembrance of his birth with hymns and songs of praise.

But first, let us pray for the needs of the whole world, for peace and justice on earth, for the unity and mission of the Church for which he died, and especially for the Church in our country and in this city.

And because he particularly loves them, let us remember the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry and the oppressed, the sick and those who mourn, the lonely and unloved, the aged and little children.

Finally, let us remember before God his Holy Mother, and that whole multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in Jesus, we are one for evermore.

And now, to sum up all these petitions, let us pray in the words which Christ himself has taught us, saying:

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Book of Common Prayer p. 364

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

*Officiant* The Almighty God bless us with God's grace; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and to the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all. **Amen.**

*The people sit.*

## THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 3:1-15

Martin Jellinek

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate."

The Lord God said to the serpent,  
"Because you have done this,  
cursed are you among all animals  
and among all wild creatures;  
upon your belly you shall go,  
and dust you shall eat  
all the days of your life.  
I will put enmity between you and the woman,  
and between your offspring and hers;  
he will strike your head,  
and you will strike his heel."

**CAROL:** *The Provençal Carol*

arr. Donald Busarow (1934-2011)

Within the vale of Eden a long, long time ago, God placed our father Adam because he loved him so. And God created woman to be by Adam's side. They lived in perfect pleasure, and never tasted woe. But then the serpent entered

and tempted Adam's wife. He showed her fruit forbidden, not from the tree of life. He promised her the knowledge to make her wise as God. She ate the fruit of evil and peace was turned to strife. Then Eve returned to Adam, her story to relate. He followed her example, forbidden fruit he ate. Then came the bitter knowledge that man would suffer death. God turned them from the garden, and exile was their fate. Through Adam did we suffer and feel the weight of sin 'til Jesus came to save us, our happiness to win. He came as our Redeemer to bring eternal life: now Paradise is open and we may enter in. *(Cecil Frances Alexander)*

## THE SECOND LESSON

Isaiah 40:1-11  
Robyn Banks

Comfort, O comfort my people,  
says your God.  
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,  
and cry to her  
that she has served her term,  
that her penalty is paid,  
that she has received from the Lord's hand  
double for all her sins.

A voice cries out:  
"In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord;  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.  
Every valley shall be lifted up,  
and every mountain and hill be made low;  
the uneven ground shall become level,  
and the rough places a plain.  
Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,  
and all flesh shall see it together,  
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

A voice says, "Cry out!"  
And I said, "What shall I cry?"  
All flesh is grass;  
their constancy is like the flower of the field.  
The grass withers; the flower fades,  
when the breath of the Lord blows upon it;  
surely the people are grass.  
The grass withers; the flower fades,  
but the word of our God will stand forever.  
Get you up to a high mountain,  
O Zion, herald of good news;  
lift up your voice with strength,  
O Jerusalem, herald of good news;  
lift it up, do not fear;

say to the cities of Judah,  
"Here is your God!"  
See, the Lord God comes with might,  
and his arm rules for him;  
his reward is with him  
and his recompense before him.  
He will feed his flock like a shepherd;  
he will gather the lambs in his arms  
and carry them in his bosom  
and gently lead the mother sheep.

**CAROL:** *And the glory of the Lord (Messiah)*

G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed. And all flesh shall see it together;  
for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it. (*Isaiah 40:5*)

### THE THIRD LESSON

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Jessica Flynn

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

**CAROL:** *Therefore watch that ye be ready*

Andreas Hammerschmidt (1611-1675)

Therefore watch that ye be ready; for ye do not know the day or moment wherein the Son of Man cometh. Oh joy to know that thou, my friend, art Lord, beginning without end, the first and last, eternal! And thou at length—O glorious grace!—wilt take me to that holy place, the home of joys supernal. Come and meet me, quickly greet me, wait no longer! Lord, I look for thy returning.

**POEM:** *Everything is plundered*

Anna Akhmatova (1889 - 1966)

David Lusk

Everything is plundered, betrayed, sold,  
Death's great black wing scrapes the air,  
Misery gnaws to the bone.  
Why then do we not despair?

By day, from the surrounding woods,  
cherries blow summer into town;  
at night the deep transparent skies  
glitter with new galaxies.

And the miraculous comes so close  
to the ruined, dirty houses —  
something not known to anyone at all,  
but wild in our breast for centuries.

## THE FOURTH LESSON

Isaiah 35:1-10  
Debbie Moncrieff

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad;  
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;  
like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly  
and rejoice with joy and shouting.  
The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,  
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.  
They shall see the glory of the Lord,  
the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands  
and make firm the feeble knees.  
Say to those who are of a fearful heart,  
"Be strong, do not fear!  
Here is your God.  
He will come with vengeance,  
with terrible recompense.  
He will come and save you."

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
and the ears of the deaf shall be opened;  
then the lame shall leap like a deer,  
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.  
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness  
and streams in the desert;  
the burning sand shall become a pool  
and the thirsty ground springs of water;  
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp;  
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.  
A highway shall be there,  
and it shall be called the Holy Way;  
the unclean shall not travel on it,  
but it shall be for God's people;  
no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray.

No lion shall be there,  
 nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;  
 they shall not be found there,  
 but the redeemed shall walk there.  
 And the ransomed of the Lord shall return  
 and come to Zion with singing;  
 everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;  
 they shall obtain joy and gladness,  
 and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

*The people stand to sing.*

**HYMN: People, look East**

**Wonder, Love, and Praise 724**



1. Peo - ple, look East. The time is near of the  
 2. Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more  
 3. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more  
 4. An - gels, an - nounce with shouts of mirth Christ who



crown - ing of the year. Make your house fair as you are  
 seed is plant - ed there: give up your strength the seed to  
 light the bowl shall brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y  
 brings new life to earth. Set ev - ery peak and val - ley



a - ble, trim the hearth and set the ta - ble.  
 nou - rish, that in course the flow'r may flour - ish.  
 weath - er, bright as sun and moon to - geth - er.  
 hum - ming with the word the Lord is com - ing.



Peo-ple look East and sing to - day: Love the guest is on the way.  
 Peo-ple look East and sing to - day: Love the rose is on the way.  
 Peo-ple look East and sing to - day: Love the star is on the way.  
 Peo-ple look East and sing to - day: Love the Lord is on the way.



*The people sit.*

## THE FIFTH LESSON

Micah 5:2-4  
Zach Ferguson

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,  
who are one of the little clans of Judah,  
from you shall come forth for me  
one who is to rule in Israel,  
whose origin is from of old,  
from ancient days.

Therefore he shall give them up until the time  
when she who is in labor has brought forth;  
then the rest of his kindred shall return  
to the people of Israel.

And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord,  
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.  
And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great  
to the ends of the earth.

**CAROL:** *Rejoice in the Lord always*      Anonymous, attr. John Redford (1486-1547)

Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice. Let your softness be known unto all men: the Lord is e'en at hand. Be careful for nothing; but in all prayer and supplication, let your petitions be manifest unto God with giving of thanks. And the peace of God which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesu. Amen. (*Philippians 4:4-7*)

**CAROL:** *Light in the darkness (Yiddish folk tune)*      arr. Margaret R. Tucker (b. 1936)

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined. (*Isaiah 9:2*)

## THE SIXTH LESSON

Isaiah 11:1-9  
Tom Crosby

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,  
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.  
The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,  
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and might,  
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.  
His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.  
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,  
or decide by what his ears hear;  
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,

and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;  
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,  
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.  
Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,  
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.  
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 cow and the bear shall graze,  
their young shall lie down together;  
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.  
The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,  
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.  
They will not hurt or destroy  
on all my holy mountain;  
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord  
as the waters cover the sea.

**CAROL:** *Zion hears the watchmen calling (Cantata 140)*

**J. S. Bach (1685-1750)**

*(sung in German)* Zion hears the watchmen calling; the faithful hark with joy enrapturing, they rise and haste to greet their Lord. See, he comes, the Lord victorious, almighty, noble, true, and glorious, in heaven supreme, on earth adored. Come now, thou Holy One, the Lord God's Son! Alleluia. We follow all the joyful call to join him in the banquet hall. *Chorus:* "Gloria" sing all our voices; with angels all mankind rejoices, with harp and strings in sweetest tone. Twelve bright pearls adorn thy portals, where thou hast gathered thine immortals as angels round thy glorious throne. No eye has ever seen, no ear has ever heard the joy we know. Our praises flow, io io, to God *in dulci jubilo*.

## THE SEVENTH LESSON

**Luke 1:26-56**

The Rev. Paul McLain

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you,

and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

And Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord,  
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,  
for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.  
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;  
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,  
and holy is his name.  
His mercy is for those who fear him  
from generation to generation.  
He has shown strength with his arm;  
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.  
He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,  
and lifted up the lowly;  
he has filled the hungry with good things,  
and sent the rich away empty.  
He has helped his servant Israel,  
in remembrance of his mercy,  
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,  
to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

And Mary remained with her about three months and then returned to her home.

### **CAROL:** *Advent Song*

**Gustav Holst (1874-1934)**

Long ago, prophets knew Christ would come, born a Jew. Come to make all things new: bear his people's burden, freely love and pardon. Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring! Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing! When he comes, when he comes, who will make him welcome? God in time, God in man, this is God's timeless plan: he will come, as a man, born himself of woman, God divinely human. Mary, hail! Though afraid, she believed, she obeyed. In her womb, God is laid, till the time

expected, nurtured and protected. Journey ends! Where afar Bethlem shines,  
like a star. Stable door stands ajar. Unborn Son of Mary, Savior, do not tarry!  
Jesus comes! We will make him welcome! (*Fred Pratt Green*)

**POEM:** *Every Riven Thing*

Christian Wiman (b. 1966)  
The Rev. Katherine Bush

God goes, belonging to every riven thing he's made  
sing his being simply by being  
the thing it is:  
stone and tree and sky,  
man who sees and sings and wonders why  
God goes. Belonging, to every riven thing he's made,  
means a storm of peace.  
Think of the atoms inside the stone.  
Think of the man who sits alone  
trying to will himself into a stillness where  
God goes belonging. To every riven thing he's made  
there is given one shade  
shaped exactly to the thing itself:  
under the tree a darker tree;  
under the man the only man to see  
God goes belonging to every riven thing. He's made  
the things that bring him near,  
made the mind that makes him go.  
A part of what man knows,  
apart from what man knows,  
God goes belonging to every riven thing he's made.

**CAROL:** *Jesus, springing*

Bob Chilcott (b. 1955)

I am the heart that houses the cone, the cone enclosing the cedar. I am the  
cedar sawn for the cradle, forest of the body, body of the tree. I am the cradle  
rocking the baby. I am the man nailed on the cross, tree of the body, body of the  
forest. I am the cross sawn from the cedar, I am the cedar enclosed in the cone.  
I am the cone housed in the heart; here in my heart Jesus, springing. (*Kevin  
Crossley-Holland*)

*The people stand.*

**THE PRAYERS**

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Officiant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Come, O Wisdom from on high: Enlighten our darkened minds with your marvelous light; that people and nations may learn your ways of justice and truth. Come and save us, O Lord of Hosts.

*People*      **Come, O Lord of Hosts, and save us.**

Come, O Key of David: Open our hearts to the power of your love and unlock the spirit imprisoned by our selfishness; that we may turn to live in the embrace of your love. Come and save us, O Lord of Hosts.

*People*      **Come, O Lord of Hosts, and save us.**

Come, O Dayspring from on high: Bring us new life, new health and new hope; that, restored by your power, we may serve your world with steadfast faith, joyful hope, and constant love. Come and save us, O Lord of Hosts.

*People*      **Come, O Lord of Hosts, and save us.**

## THE BLESSING

May Christ, the Sun of Righteousness, shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path, and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory; and the blessing of God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**RETIRING HYMN:** *O come, O come, Emmanuel*

Hymnal 56

stanza 1 - all                      stanza 4 - upper voices  
stanza 2 - all                      stanza 5 - all  
stanza 3 - lower voices      stanza 6 - all

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY:** *Sleepers, wake!*

Emma Lous Diemer (b. 1927)

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## WORSHIP LEADERS

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**Officiant**

The Rev. Scott Walters

**Associate Organist**

Jackson Hearn

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Richard Hendricks

**Assisting Clergy**

The Rev. Katherine Bush  
The Rev. Paul McLain

**Altar Flowers**

Ainslie Todd

**Acolytes**

Tom Crosby  
Lucy Lyon

**Organist-Choirmaster**

Dr. Kristin M. Lensch

**Musicians**

Kate Ryan, *violin*  
Marisa Polesky, *violin*  
Tammy Holt, *viola*  
Roberta dos Santos, *cello*

**Verger**

Kathy Williams

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## ALTAR FLOWERS

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**The Altar Flowers** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of *Sidney Genette Jr., Carolyn & Lawrence McSpadden, Lucy & Sidney Genette Sr., and John Twist*, by Jane Twist.

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## EMMANUEL MEAL: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21

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**Emmanuel Meal: Buy a Turkey!**

The Emmanuel Meal is a Christmas dinner for our neighbors who are experiencing poverty or homelessness. You can volunteer to cook, serve, clean up, and more. Sign up at [calvarymemphis.org/emmanuel-meal/](http://calvarymemphis.org/emmanuel-meal/).

You also can purchase paper turkeys for \$40 each to subsidize the cost of this meal. Look for volunteers outside the Great Hall.

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## THE CALVARY CHOIR

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### **Soprano**

Zoe Bondi  
Lynda Gayle  
Deacon  
Barbara Etheridge  
Mary Fortin  
Annabelle Gary  
Mary Honey  
Liz Jones  
Leanne Kleinmann  
Sophia Marmion  
Zeynep Miles \*  
Sarah Sandy  
Sarah Squire \*

### **Alto**

Wendy Bailey  
Kell Christie Gary  
Tanda Grisham  
Michelle Pellay-  
Walker  
Becca Phillians \*  
Sam Powell \*  
Miriam van  
Mersbergen

### **Tenor**

Jim Bailey  
David Balling  
Thomas Cesario \*  
Clayton Peeples  
Joseph Powell \*  
Shannon Tucker

### **Bass**

Barney Elam  
Nick Nesmith \*  
Jack Peeples  
John Phillians \*  
Raymond Spence  
Bruce Watson  
Sorrel Watson  
Milton Winter

*\* staff singer*

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## BOYS AND GIRLS CHOIR

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Louis Baker  
Della Barzizza

Kyle Bondi  
Ruby Glenn

Beau Grosvenor  
Semmes Schneider

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## ST. CECILIA CHOIR

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Melissa Elsholz, *director*

Emma Banks  
Frances Baker

Mira Glenn  
Millie King

Katherine Cobb Schneider  
Elaine Thacker

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## THE CALVARY RINGERS

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Nina Grice  
Elmore Holmes

Monica Marshall  
Cathi Miller  
Susan Neely-Barnes  
Ebet Peeples

Crady Schneider  
Leslie Atwood Smith

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## ADULT FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

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***Receiving the Day: Christian Practices for Opening the Gift of Time* by Dorothy Bass | Wednesdays, Dec. 6 and 13 | 6:15 p.m. | Orgill Room**

Paul McLain will lead a discussion on Bass's helpful primer for prayer and retreat time that teaches how "receiving the day" can be a guiding principle in our everyday lives.

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](http://bookshop.org).

**Bishop Phoebe Roaf | Sunday, Dec. 10 | 9:15 a.m. | Great Hall**

We welcome Bishop Phoebe as she makes her annual visit to Calvary to share her reflections and observations.

**Sabbath Practices | Sunday, Dec. 17 | 9:15 a.m. | Great Hall**

The Rev. Dr. Rosalyn R. Nichols is the organizing pastor of Freedom's Chapel Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Inter-faith Officer for MIFA, and President of MICAH.

**Wednesday Study Group | 1-2 p.m. | Emison Room**

On Wednesdays 12/6 and 12/13, we'll turn to Roger Ferlo's book *Opening the Bible* from the Episcopal Church's Teaching Series. This is a helpful text for navigating the Bible and learning about an Episcopal approach to encountering this strange and familiar book of ours. Copies will be provided or you can get

your own copy. We'll try to cover two chapters a week.

Come early for the noon Eucharist or 12:30 brown-bag lunch, or arrive at 1 p.m. for this weekly discussion group with Katherine Bush. Join the conversation at any time.

**Baguette Brothers Bible Study | Thursdays | 7:30 a.m. | Barth House**

A men's Bible study meets weekly. Contact Bill Craddock, [wscraddock@icloud.com](mailto:wscraddock@icloud.com), for more information.

**Gleanings | Thursdays at Noon | on Zoom**

Pursue hard questions in good company. Gleanings, a group convened by Bill Craddock and Scott Walters, are reading *Faith Beyond Belief: Spirituality for Our Times* by David Steindl-Rast and Anselm Grün. If you have questions, or to join the email list for weekly Zoom links and additional resources, email Scott at [swalters@calvarymemphis.org](mailto:swalters@calvarymemphis.org).



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## CHILDREN & YOUTH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

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### **Sunday Nursery | 7:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.**

Calvary maintains an excellent nursery facility staffed by trained, professional caregivers for children ages 0-5. A loving atmosphere, personal attention, and age-appropriate toys and activities are all designed to make the nursery a safe, nurturing place for your child.

### **Children's Chapel | Ages 3-2nd Grade | 10:30 a.m. Worship Service**

Children follow the cross out of the 10:30 service to Children's Chapel, which is held in Room 203. There, they experience the liturgy of the word in an interactive and age-appropriate manner. Children are escorted back at the time of the Peace to join their families for Communion.

### **Gathering | Wednesdays | 6:15 p.m. | Mural Room**

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

### **Children's Sunday Formation Classes | 9:15-10:15 a.m. | JK - grade 5**

Children are invited to the Children's wing on the second floor to 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 Sunday Formation Classes | 9:15-10:15 a.m. | Grades 6-12**

Junior and senior high youth meet on in Room 205 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.

### **Applications for Vestry due by Dec. 13**

High school students who are confirmed (If you are going to be confirmed on December 10th, you can apply) are invited to apply to represent the youth of Calvary on the vestry! Calvary's vestry is the governing body of the parish, and shares the leadership of the parish with the rector. Vestry members also share leadership responsibility for the ministry groups of the church. Contact Jeremy for more information: [jdemarest@calvarymemphis.org](mailto:jdemarest@calvarymemphis.org).

### **Applications for Diocesan Youth Council (DYC) due by Dec. 15**

Youth in grades 10-12 are invited to apply to serve as the leadership group for planning fellowship and service events for fellow youth in the diocese. Term begins in spring 2024 for quarterly Zoom meetings. Contact Jeremy for more information: [jdemarest@calvarymemphis.org](mailto:jdemarest@calvarymemphis.org).

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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### **Room in the Inn | Friday, Dec. 8**

Calvary provides emergency shelter through Room in the Inn - Memphis on Friday nights at the Welcome Inn. We need volunteers to make beds, provide and/or serve dinner, wash linens, and clean up in the morning. We also need overnight shepherds. Please join us in making God's love visible in downtown Memphis by helping us host our unsheltered and vulnerable guests.

Sign up at [calvarymemphis.org/riti](http://calvarymemphis.org/riti).

### **Pub Theology | Monday, Dec. 4 | 6:00 p.m. | El Mezcal, 1492 Union Ave.**

Come explore your faith with friends old and new. Participants discuss various topics while enjoying food and drinks. All ages (21+) and denominations are welcome. Contact John-Travis Bussell for more information, [JohnTBussell@gmail.com](mailto:JohnTBussell@gmail.com).

### **Family Feast Days: St. Nicholas's Day | Wednesday, Dec. 6 | 5:15 - 5:45 p.m. | Orgill Room**

Celebrate the story of St. Nicholas with a liturgy designed with little people in mind! All ages are invited for a song, a story, and a simple communion service.

### **Advent Arts Market | Saturday, Dec. 9 | 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. | Barth House**

Join us for community, art, and crafts sure to get you in the Christmas spirit!

### **Annual Visit of Bishop Phoebe Roaf | Sunday, Dec. 10 | 10:30 a.m.**

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be offered on Sunday, Dec. 10, when the Rt. Rev. Phoebe Roaf, Bishop of the Diocese of West Tennessee, is our preacher and celebrant. She will offer a special blessing on our newly renovated nave.

### **Children's Breakfast Club | Sunday, Dec. 17 | 8:45 a.m. | Mural Room**

Children's Breakfast Club will meet during the Parish Breakfast on the third Sunday of each month this coming semester. Parents may drop their children off to enjoy breakfast with formation leaders and friends, then they will be escorted to formation class. Parents are welcome to join us, too!

### **Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing and Brown-bag Lunch | Wednesdays | 12 p.m. | Nave and Mural Room**

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.

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## CHRISTMAS AT CALVARY

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### **The Fourth Sunday of Advent: Sunday, Dec. 24 | 9 a.m. Eucharist | Great Hall**

We will have one combined morning service at 9 a.m. with Children's Chapel and nursery care for children under 5. However, we will not have parish breakfast or faith formation classes.

### **Christmas Eve: Sunday, Dec. 24 | 3:30 p.m. Eucharist with an All-Ages Christmas Pageant | Nave**

At 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 24, the children and youth of Calvary will present a scripture-based pageant to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Our new chancel will become filled with animals, angels, shepherds, and stars! The St. Cecilia and Boys & Girls Choirs will sing the hymns of the season as the sacred story unfolds. Nursery care will be offered for children under 5.

No rehearsals or memorization are required. Participants of all ages are welcome. You may create a costume at home, reserve one from our supply, or simply come at 3:00 p.m. on pageant day to select one.

Contact [jbusby@calvarymemphis.org](mailto:jbusby@calvarymemphis.org) or [jdemarest@calvarymemphis.org](mailto:jdemarest@calvarymemphis.org) with any questions.

### **Christmas Eve: Sunday, Dec. 24 | 5:30 p.m. Choral Eucharist | Nave**

This Festival Eucharist is family-friendly and features music led by the Calvary Choir and trumpets. Nursery care will be offered for children under 5 and the service will be livestreamed.

### **Christmas Eve: Sunday, Dec. 24 | 10:30 p.m. Choral Eucharist | Nave**

This service begins with congregational caroling and choral anthems at 10:30 p.m. A Festival Eucharist follows at 11 p.m. and reflects the glory and beauty of the story of Christ's birth with hallmarks of Anglican worship—candlelight and incense.

### **Christmas Day: Monday, Dec. 25 | 4:00 p.m. Eucharist | Nave**

Celebrate the birth of Christ with carols and reflection on our greatest gift of all. The Rev. Katherine Bush will be our preacher.

### **New Year's Eve: Sunday, Dec. 31 | 8 & 10:30 a.m. Eucharists | Nave**

We will have the 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services with Children's Chapel and nursery care for children under 5 on New Year's Eve. However, we will not have parish breakfast or faith formation classes.

### **New Year's Eve: Sunday, Dec. 31 | Contemplative Eucharist with Festive Reception | 6 p.m. | Nave and Great Hall**

All are invited to this special contemplative Eucharist, a beautiful, alternative way to mark the end of one year and the beginning of the next. Join us for this reflective offering with instrumental music and fresh prayers. Afterward, we'll have a chance to toast the New Year together with bubbly beverages and a little nibble.

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