

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY

Holy Eucharist: Rite II

10:30 A.M. | January 4, 2026



WELCOME TO CALVARY

WE ARE SO GLAD YOU ARE HERE

We believe that God speaks in innumerable ways, and as we welcome new participants in our worship, we are all encouraged to see and understand God in broader ways.

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

MEET OUR CLERGY



The Rt. Rev. Phoebe A. Roaf
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VISITOR INFORMATION

GETTING CONNECTED AT CALVARY

Newsletters

→ Calvary's electronic newsletter, the *E-pistle*, is emailed weekly on Wednesdays.

→ Calvary's newsletter, the *Chronicle*, is available on flat surfaces around the church or you can ask to receive one in your home.

For more information about any of these newsletters or visitor services, please contact Ebet Peeples at eepeeples@calvarymemphis.org

Newcomers Class

→ Calvary periodically holds a newcomers class for any and all.

Become a Member

→ We would love to have you as a member of Calvary. Please contact us if you are interested.



Visitor Card

Please fill out an online visitor card to help us get to know you better.

FOR OUR CHILDREN

Children are welcome at all Calvary worship services. We also offer the following opportunities for children each Sunday morning:

Nursery

→ Childcare, for infants and children 5 and under, is staffed by trained, professional caregivers from 7:45 a.m. to Noon on the second floor. Children aged 0-2 meet in the Infant and Toddler Nursery, while ages 3-5 meet in the PK/ JK Little Lambs Room. Both are located at the top of

the Commons stairway and are adjacent to the family restroom which is equipped with a diaper station.

Children's Chapel

→ At the 10:30 a.m. service, children JK to 2nd grade follow the children's banner to Children's Chapel and return at the time of the Peace to join their families for Communion.

Service Materials

→ Episcodoodles and Worship Journals are available in the pew pockets.

→ Quiet activities are available at a station at the rear of the Nave. Children are asked to return items to the station at the end of the service.

OUR SUNDAY SERVICE

WHAT TO EXPECT

Audio Accessibility

→ A wireless hearing-assistance system is available before the service begins. Please ask our audio technician, located in the rear of the nave, for a receiver.

→ Printed copies of the sermon are available.

Communion

→ The bread is received in the open palm. The wine may be taken from the common cup by drinking (placing your hand gently on the base of the cup to guide it) or by dipping the wafer.

→ If you choose not to receive the bread or the wine, you are invited to come forward, place your arms across your chest, and receive a blessing.

→ Gluten-free wafers are available by request.

→ If you would like communion brought to you, let one of the ushers know.



Free Parking

→ On Sunday mornings, free parking is available in the “Best Park” lot directly behind the church adjacent to the church’s east entrance.

→ If you are attending a service or meeting at Calvary, Monday-Friday, parking is also free.

See the Information Desk Officer after parking in the “Best Park” lot directly behind the church.

Weapon-Free

→ The Calvary clergy and vestry have declared Calvary to be a weapon-free place of worship, prayer, study and fellowship, as a sign of Eucharistic peace.



Giving

If you would like to make an offering or gift to Calvary, including a payment on your pledge, scan this QR code.

THE WORD OF GOD

Please help us create an atmosphere of quiet reverence before worship. Let go of distractions and let the silence and music be gifts as we create sacred space.

PRELUDE

Noel Suisse

Louis-Claude Daquin

At the sound of the bell, the people stand as able and sing.

PROCESSION HYMN

Good Christian friends, rejoice

Hymnal 107

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Book of Common Prayer p. 355

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Children JK through second grade are invited to follow the cross in procession during the Hymn of Praise to Children’s Chapel before returning at the Peace.

HYMN OF PRAISE

On this day earth shall ring

Hymnal 92

THE COLLECT FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY——

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

The people sit.

THE FIRST LESSON——

Jeremiah 31:7-14

Thus says the LORD: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel." See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. Hear the word of the LORD, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock." For the LORD has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness

for sorrow. I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the LORD.

The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 84:1-8

Tone II

For all to sing, in alternation with the cantor.



- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of / hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the / living God.
- 2 **The sparrow has found her a house**
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her / young; *
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts,
my King / and my God.
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your / house! *
they will always be / praising you.
- 4 **Happy are the people whose strength is in / you! ***
whose hearts are set on the / pilgrims' way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of / springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with / pools of water.
- 6 **They will climb from height to / height, ***
and the God of gods will reveal him/self in Zion.
- 7 LORD God of hosts, hear my / prayer; *
hearken, O / God of Jacob.
- 8 **Behold our defender, O / God; ***
and look upon the face of / your Anointed.

THE SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 1:3-6,15-19a

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand to sing.

SEQUENCE HYMN

Love came down at Christmas

Hymnal 84

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 2:1-12

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'"

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Scott Walters

Printed copies of the sermon are available.

The people stand to recite.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Intercessor Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People **That we all may be one.**

Intercessor Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly
serve you;

People **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Intercessor We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and
Sacraments.**

Intercessor We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of
the world;

People **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Intercessor Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Intercessor For those on our Calvary Prayer List, including...; have
compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Intercessor For those who have died, including...; give to the departed
eternal rest;

People **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Intercessor We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Intercessor Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

Celebrant Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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The people kneel or stand.

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

People **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Saw you never in the twilight

Harold Friedell

Saw you never, in the twilight, when the sun had left the skies, up in heaven the clear stars shining through the gloom, like silver eyes? So of old the wise men, watching, saw a little stranger star, and they knew the King was given, and they followed it from afar. Know ye not that lowly Baby was the bright and morning Star? He who came to light the Gentiles, and the darkened isles afar? And we, too, may seek His cradle, there our hearts' best treasures bring: love, and faith, and true devotion for our Savior, God and King.

(Cecil Frances Alexander)

PRESENTATION HYMN

Hymnal 82, st. 4

The people stand to sing.

**Christ, to thee with God the Father, and O Holy Ghost, to thee,
hymn and chant and high thanksgiving, and unwearied praises be;
honor, glory and dominion, and eternal victory, evermore and evermore!**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

The Celebrant adds a proper preface.
Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS

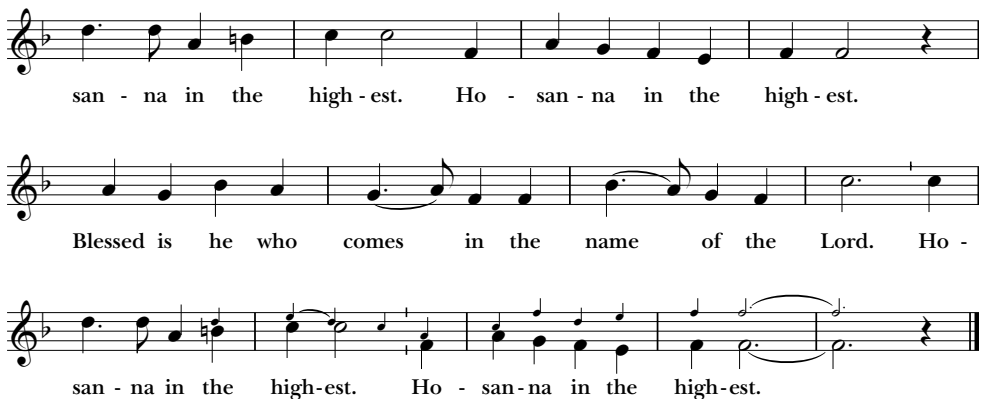
Holy, holy, holy Lord

Hymnal S-125

For all to sing.

The musical notation is written on two staves in G-clef and F-sharp key signature. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father:

People **We remember his death,**
 We proclaim his resurrection,
 We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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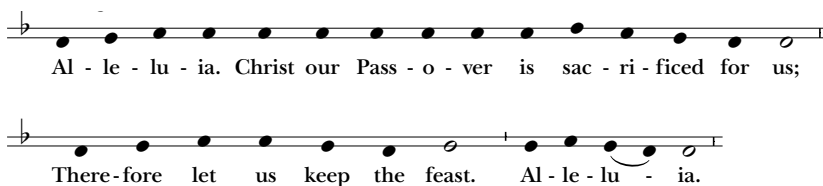
Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. 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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

FRACTION ANTHEM

Hymnal S-152

For all to sing.



Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

and may add Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

You may receive the consecrated bread and wine of the Eucharist at either the altar rail or from a server at a standing station. The bread is received in the open palm. The wine may be taken from the common cup by drinking (placing your hand gently on the base of the cup to guide it) or by dipping the wafer. If you choose not to receive the bread or the wine, you are invited to come forward, place your arms across your chest, and receive a blessing. Gluten-free wafers are available at the altar rail by request. If you or someone with you would like communion brought to you in the pew, please let one of the ushers know.

COMMUNION HYMN

In the bleak midwinter

Hymnal 112

SENDING OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

The people stand.

Celebrant In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the Communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

All **We who are many are one body because we all share one bread, one cup.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

RETIRING HYMN

Joy to the world

Hymnal 100

THE DISMISSAL

The Deacon dismisses the people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Lobt Gott, Ihr Christen

Dietrich Buxtehude

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TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Celebrant

The Rev. Katherine Bush

Assisting Clergy

The Rev. Wesley Rowell

The Rev. Scott Walters

Associate Organist

Jackson Hearn

Acolytes

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McLean, Marilla Rupke,

Edward Rupke, Louis Baker

Acolyte Mentor

Catie Carter

Altar Guild

Cristina Pinkham, Ginny

Strubing, Margaret Gardner,

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Sam Bryant

Children's Chapel

Jocelyn Busby

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Parker, Reg Udouj, Joel

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Mark Mitchell, Debbie

Moncrieff, Kendra Martin

Ushers

Madge Deacon, Whit

Deacon, Rick Shields,

Richard Hendricks

Verger

Mary Jane Viar

PRAYER LIST

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Betsy Black

Janie Baxter Carloss

Mak Clayton

Maureen Collins

Alan Davis and family

Paul Dillon

William Etnyre

Gavin Garcia

Craig Geno

John Haley

Steve Harris

Marion Humphrey

Joyce E. Jeffries

Joan Jones

Mary Layton

Linda & Joe Loria

Elizabeth & Jimmie Madden

Mary Margaret & Stan

Neighbors

Linda Nelson

Margaret Nelson

Sissy Nickels

Judy Nocifora

Pat Olhausen

Dana Sue Percer

Robbie Phillips

Ellen Rolfes

Kay Russell

Ken Savage

Alice Shands

Donnie Simmons

Jo Speak

John Sturm

Jenny Udouj

Elizabeth Vernon

Pat Viar

Maceo and Taylor

SAINTS DEPARTED

Drew Jackson, father of Mary Jackson

COMING UP AT CALVARY

SUNDAY

Neighborhood Breakfast | 6:30 a.m.
Holy Eucharist, Rite I | 8 a.m.
Parish Breakfast | 8:45 a.m. | \$5
Formation for all ages | 9:15 a.m.
Holy Eucharist, Rite II | 10:30 a.m.
Coffee Hour | 11:45 a.m.

MONDAY

Pub Theology | 6 p.m. | El Mezcal,
Union Ave.

TUESDAY

Women's Bible Study | 8 a.m. |
Barth House

WEDNESDAY

Holy Eucharist with Prayers for
Healing | 12 p.m. | Chapel
Family Feast Eucharist | 5:15 p.m.
Wednesday dinner | 5:15-6:15 p.m.
Classes & Choir Rehearsals | 6:15 p.m.

THURSDAY

Baguette Brothers Men's Bible
Study | 7:30 a.m. | Barth House
Gleanings | Noon on Zoom

FRIDAY

Room in the Inn | Welcome Inn

Diocesan Feast of Lights Epiphany Lessons & Carols Celebration

TODAY at 5 p.m. | St. Columba, 4577 Billy Maher
Road in Bartlett

All are invited to join us for this year's Feast of Lights Epiphany Service, a beloved tradition now in a new setting at St. Columba. This family-friendly outdoor worship service of lessons and carols celebrates the revealing of Christ's light to the world and will include the commissioning of new Diocesan Youth Council members. Following the service, gather around the bonfire for refreshments and fellowship as we welcome the Epiphany season together. Bundle up, bring your friends, and come share the light!

Pub Theology

Monday, Jan. 5 | 6 p.m. | El Mezcal, Union

Bring your questions, your curiosity, and be ready to engage with people of varying religious traditions, philosophical perspectives and life experiences. You'll be able to share your own wrestlings and thoughts while learning something new along the way.

Wednesday Noon Eucharist with Prayers for Healing Resumes January 7

Wednesdays | Noon | Chapel

Every Wednesday, Holy Eucharist with prayers for healing is offered at noon in the chapel and features a reflection by one of our clergy.

Wednesday Dinner and Programs Resume January 7

Wednesdays | 5:15 p.m. | at Calvary

Join us for Calvary's Wednesday evening program of dinner, classes, and choir rehearsals. Dinner is \$8 for adults, \$4 for children, and \$25 for a family max.

Family Feast Eucharist: The Epiphany

Wednesday, Jan. 7 | 5:15 p.m. | Chapel

Come explore the story of the Epiphany with a liturgy specially designed for children. All ages and stages are invited for a song, a story, and a simple communion service. Stay for dinner and more, or head home for bedtime afterward.

Room in the Inn: Friday, Jan. 9

Calvary hosts women and children at the Welcome Inn on Friday nights. Join us in making God's love visible by helping

us host our unsheltered and vulnerable guests. Prepare meals, make beds, wash laundry, spend the night, and more. Sign up: calvarymemphis.org/RITI

Coffee with the Clergy

Sunday, Jan. 11 | 11:45 a.m. | Memphis Room

Coffee with the Clergy is for anyone new to Calvary. If you are curious and have a question or two about the quirky miracle that is Calvary Church, bring your coffee and questions into the Memphis Room after the 10:30 a.m. service. Enjoy a conversation with Associate Rector Wesley Rowell about life at Calvary or life in general.

Annual Review

Sunday, Jan. 26 | 9:15 a.m. | Chapel

Join the Rev. Scott Walters before the 10:30 a.m. service, for a look back at all Calvary did in 2025 as well as a look forward to the opportunities 2026 brings.

Give Altar Flowers & Aumbry Candles

Please contact Connie Marshall, cmarshall@calvarymemphis.org or 901-343-5329 if you are interested in giving the Altar Flowers or Aumbry Candle in memory or honor of a loved one. The Aumbry is a cupboard built into the wall of the sanctuary, close to the altar, that holds consecrated bread and wine for Holy Communion. It is the custom to have a candle burning (symbolic of the Light of Christ) near the Aumbry whenever the sacrament is present.

FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Children's Formation (SK-5th Grade)

Sundays | 9:15-10:15 a.m. | Children's Wing

Godly Play is a Montessori-based Christian faith formation program for children. Adult leaders explore sacred stories of the Bible with children as they learn the language of our faith. Each session includes storytelling, hands-on participation, wondering, reflecting, prayer, and creativity. Grades SK-1 meet in Room A. Grades 2-3 meet in Room B. Grades 4-5 meet in Room C.

Youth Formation (Grades 6-12)

Sundays | 9:15-10:15 a.m. | 4th Floor

Youth meet in separate rooms on the 4th floor with Nathan Brasfield and adult volunteers. Middle schoolers collaborate on themed activities geared to engage their creativity, and high schoolers focus on connection and conversation about topics related to scripture, theology, belonging in the church, and being teenagers approaching young adulthood.

Children's Coffee Hour

Sundays at 11:30 a.m. | Mural Room

Children of all ages are invited to join us for refreshments, Bible activities, and fellowship on the staff patio while parents enjoy coffee hour in the nearby Calvary Commons. Children under age 6 will benefit from an adult companion.

Gathering (Ages 5 and up)

Wednesdays | 6:15-7:15 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 will be provided. Mrs. Jocelyn and friends will supervise children ages 5 and up if parents wish to attend a class.

Wednesday Episcopal Youth Community (EYC) (Grades 6-12)

Wednesdays | 6:15-7:15 p.m. | 4th Floor

Following dinner, middle and high schoolers meet in separate rooms on the 4th floor from 6:15 - 6:55 p.m. for community-focused activities like games and service projects. At 7 p.m., we walk to the nave for Compline until 7:15 p.m.

Registration open for Happening #76

Friday, Feb. 13-15, 2026 | St. Columba

Happening, a Christian experience presented by youth for youth, seeks to bring young people to a fuller personal knowledge of and relationship with Christ and to a deeper level of apostleship. It is a weekend of fellowship, games, and fun! Students in 9th-12th grade are invited. The deadline to register for Happening #76 is Friday, February 6.

Contact Nathan for more information.

FOR ADULTS

SUNDAYS

Three Wise Men: Calvary's own Magi

Sundays, Jan. 11 & 18 | 9:15-10:15 a.m. | Chapel

We celebrate the wisdom from right here in our pews. Come learn more from our insightful companions and receive the gift of getting to know each other's stories.

The Bible Isn't a Weapon: a Bible Study for LGBTQ+ and friends

Sunday, Jan. 11-Feb. 8 | 9:15 a.m. | Memphis Room

Gather to read the Bible with understanding and compassion. We'll work through the infamous "clobber passages" and discover the grace and mercy offered to everyone, no exceptions.

WEDNESDAYS

Lenten Sampler

Wednesdays, Jan. 7-Feb. 11 | 6:15 p.m. | Chapel

What a feast we have to share in Lent—and not just waffles and fish pudding! Join in a conversation each Wednesday night to get a preview and learn about the array of perspectives and wisdom of the preachers who are coming to Calvary for LPS.

Jan. 7: Marie Howe with Scott Walters

Jan. 14: Barbara Brown Taylor with Mimsy Jones

WEEKDAYS

Women's Bible Study with the Rev. Katherine Bush

Tuesdays | 8-9 a.m. | Barth House

Calvary women and friends meet weekly for a conversation about the Bible and the way we live our lives.

Men's Bible Study

Thursdays | 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. | Barth House

The Baguette Brothers gather to read and discuss the Gospel passage for Sunday to prepare for worship and deepen our understanding of Scripture.

Gleanings: *The Gift* with Scott Walters

Thursdays at Noon on Zoom

Join in a weekly online conversation. All are welcome, and newcomers are invited to join this lively conversation at any time. Contact swalters@calvarymemphis.org, to receive the weekly email with Zoom link and reading assignments.

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