

*The world in solemn
stillness lay*



HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II
6 & 10 P.M. | DECEMBER 24, 2025



CALVARY
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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.

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.

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



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:

Nursery

→ Childcare, for infants and children 5 and under, is staffed by trained, professional caregivers during this service in the nursery located at the top of the Commons stairway and adjacent to the family restroom which is equipped with a diaper station.

Service Materials

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

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



Giving

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

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

AT 5:30 P.M. _____

Ding, dong, merrily on high

arr. Kenneth Abeling

Still, still, still

arr. Abeling

In the bleak midwinter

Harold Darke

Christmas Day

Gustav Holst

Sussex & Wexford Carols

arr. Abeling

Two Christmas Pieces: Greensleeves & Divinum mysterium

Richard Purvis

Following the prelude, the liturgy continues on page 5.

AT 10:00 P.M. _____

In dulci jubilo

Dietrich Buxtehude

Zoe Bondi, organ

Away in a manger, for all to sing.

Hymnal 101

**Away in a manger, no crib for his bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his
sweet head. The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay, the little
Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.**

**The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes, but little Lord Jesus no crying he
makes. I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky, and stay by my side
until morning is nigh.**

**Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay close by me for ever, and love me
I pray. Bless all the dear children in thy tender care, and fit us for heaven to
live with thee there.**

It came upon the midnight clear, for all to sing.

Hymnal 89, st. 1 & 4

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to men, from heaven's all-gracious King."
The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing,

For lo! the days are hastening on, by prophets seen of old,
when with the evercircling years shall come the time foretold,
when peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,
and all the world give back the song which now the angels sing.

Greensleeves

arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams

THE WORD OF GOD

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

PROCESSION HYMN

O come, all ye faithful

Hymnal 83, st. 1, 2, 3, 6

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.**

SONG OF PRAISE

Angels we have heard on high

Hymnal 96, st. 1, 2, 3

THE COLLECT FOR THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

The people sit.

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish

and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

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

PSALM 96

Tone II

For all to sing, in alternation with the cantor.



- 1 Sing to the Lord a / new song; *
sing to the Lord, all / the whole earth.
- 2 **Sing to the Lord and bless his / Name; ***
proclaim the good news of his salvation from / day to day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the / nations *
and his wonders a/mong all peoples.
- 4 **For great is the Lord and greatly to be / praised; ***
he is more to be feared / than all gods.
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but / idols; *
but it is the Lord who / made the heavens.
- 6 **Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his / presence! ***
Oh, the power and the splendor of his / sanctuary!
- 7 Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the / peoples; *
ascribe to the Lord hon/or and power.
- 8 **Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his / Name; ***
bring offerings and come in/to his courts.
- 9 Worship the Lord in the beauty of / holiness; *
let the whole earth trem/ble before him.
- 10 **Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord is / King! ***
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;
he will judge the peo/ples with equity."



11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is / in it; *
let the field be joyful and all that / is therein.

**12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy
before the Lord when he / comes, *
when he comes to / judge the earth.**

13 He will judge the world with / righteousness *
and the peoples / with his truth.

THE SECOND LESSON

Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand to sing.

SEQUENCE HYMN

What child is this

Hymnal 115

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

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

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured

all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

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 NICENE CREED

BCP p. 358

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Form III, BCP p. 387

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 Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

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

Intercessor 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

BCP p. 360

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.**

The people sit.

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

A babe is born

William Mathias

A babe is born all of a may, to bring salvation unto us. To him we sing both night and day, *Veni Creator Spiritus (Come, creating Spirit)*. At Bethlehem that blessed place, the child of bliss now born he was. And him to serve God give us grace, *O lux beata trinitas (O light of the blessed Trinity)*. There came three kings out of the east, to worship the king that is so free. With gold and myrrh and frankincense, *a solis ortus cardine (from the sun in the East to the far reaches of the world)*. The angels came down with one cry, a fair song that night sung they, In worship of that child, *Gloria tibi Domine (Glory to you, Lord)*. A babe is born all of a may, to bring salvation unto us. To him we sing both night and day, *Veni Creator Spiritus*. Noel! (*Anonymous, 15th c.*)

The people stand to sing.

PRESENTATION HYMN

Hymnal 82, st. 4

**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 D

BCP p. 372

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 truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing:

SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy Lord

Hymnal S-125

For all to sing.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed

the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

People **We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

The Celebrant continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that all who share this bread and

cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and for ever.

AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

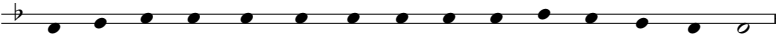
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Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,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

Cantor  Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

People  There-fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

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 by request. If you or someone with you would like communion brought to you in the pew, please let one of the ushers know.

For all to sing, remaining seated.

COMMUNION HYMN

O little town of Bethlehem

Hymnal 78

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Sleep, holy child

Thomas Pavlechko

Sleep, holy child, now hid away from human heartbreak, hate and strife.
What will you know of peaceful days when even now they stalk your life?
Rest, Lamb of God, for comes the day earth will judge you, strike you, scorn.
Sleep soundly now as Mary smiles and holds you in her arms newborn.
Shine fragile life this night in sleep, unknowing, sigh, and nod for none can
overcome the light in you that comes from God. (*Ruth Duck*)

POST COMMUNION HYMN

Silent night

Hymnal 111

The people kneel or stand.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP p. 366

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 CHRISTMAS BLESSING

May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness. **Amen.**

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel. **Amen.**

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

RETIRING HYMN

Hark! the herald angels sing

Hymnal 87

THE DISMISSAL

The Deacon dismisses the people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

AT 6 P.M.

Toccata on Antioch

Craig Phillips

AT 10 P.M.

Vom Himmel hoch, da komm' ich her

Johann Pachelbel

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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.

WORSHIP LEADERS: 6 P.M.

Celebrant

The Rev. Scott Walters

Assisting Clergy

The Rev. Katherine Bush
The Rev. Wesley Rowell

Organist-Choirmaster

Dr. Kristin Lensch

Associate Organist

Jackson Hearn

Acolytes

Henry Chipley
Tom Crosby
Campbell McLean
Phoebe Owen
Charlotte Hunt
Madeline Hunt

Acolyte Mentor

Kathy Williams

Altar Flowers

The Calvary Flower Guild

Altar Guild

Debbie Ballin
Candace Keirns-Bitensky
Rhoda Smith

Audio/Visual

Sam Bryant

Eucharistic Ministers

Mary Jane Viar
James Aldinger
Rhea Lawton
Kate Schurch

Lectors

Paige Whittle
Hilary Chipley
Kate Schurch

Musicians

Erin Kaste, *violin*
Lenore McIntyre, *violin*
Michael Brennan, *viola*
Alisha Rufty, *cello*
Sean O'hara, *bass*

Ushers

Rick Shields
Joe Brandenburg
Meg Crosby
Scott Crosby

Vergers

Elizabeth Colbeck

WORSHIP LEADERS: 10 P.M.

Celebrant

The Rev. Katherine Bush

Assisting Clergy

The Rev. Scott Walters
The Rev. Wesley Rowell

Organist-Choirmaster

Dr. Kristin Lensch

Associate Organist

Jackson Hearn

Acolytes

Oliver Edwards
MC Hitt
Addis Shiberou
Sam Shiberou
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Ushers

Carissa Hussong
David Lusk
Clay Woemmel

Vergers

Phoebe Lusk-Hussong

PRAYER LIST

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

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|------------------------|---------------------------|------------------|
| Mary Baird | Mary Layton | John Sturm |
| Betsy Black | Bryan Leonard | Cam Tracy |
| Janie Baxter Carloss | Katy Leopard | Jenny Udouj |
| Rosemary Clark | Linda & Joe Loria | Elizabeth Vernon |
| Mak Clayton | Elizabeth & Jimmie Madden | Maceo and Taylor |
| Maureen Collins | Gates Mims | |
| Alan Davis and family | Mary Margaret & Stan | |
| Carol Densford | Neighbors | |
| Paul Dillon | Linda Nelson | |
| William Etnyre | Margaret Nelson | |
| Murray Foster | Sissy Nickels | |
| Gavin Garcia | Judy Nocifora | |
| Craig Geno | Bunny Oates | |
| John Haley | Pat Olhausen | |
| Steve Harris | Dana Sue Percer | |
| Marion Humphrey | Robbie Phillips | |
| Drew Jackson | Todd Richardson | |
| Jeff Jeffries | Laurence Ritter | |
| Joyce E. Jeffries | Ellen Rolfes | |
| Debbie & Bobby Johnson | Ken Savage | |
| Joan Jones | Alice Shands | |
| Brinley Kawell | Donnie Simmons | |
| Megan Knoebel | Jo Speak | |

SAINTS DEPARTED

Lillian & Nick Trotter, parents of Alice Crow

GREAT EXPECTATIONS

Elizabeth Parrish & Hazem Hassan
Kay & Richmond Poindexter
McKenzie & Wade Scofield

COMING UP AT CALVARY

Christmas Office Hours

Thursday, Dec. 25 - Friday, Jan. 2

Calvary offices will be closed for the Christmas holiday from Thursday, Dec. 25 through Friday, Jan. 2. If you have a pastoral emergency, please call the church at 901-525-6602 and follow the prompts.

No Parish Breakfast or Formation Classes will meet on Sunday, Dec. 28.

No Wednesday Eucharist or Wednesday night events on Dec. 31

Room in the Inn: Friday, Jan. 2

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

Formation for all ages resumes on Sunday, Jan. 4

Diocesan Feast of Lights Epiphany Lessons & Carols Celebration

Sunday, Jan. 4 | 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.

Holy 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.

FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Formation for all ages resumes on Sunday, Jan. 4

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.

FOR ADULTS

SUNDAYS

Sunday Scripture

Sunday, Jan. 4 | 9:15-10:15 a.m. | Chapel

Dig in to some good conversation and learn more about the stories we hear in church. No homework required in advance, but you'll walk into the 10:30 liturgy with extra insight and maybe your own ideas about what the preacher could say!

Three Wise Men: Calvary's own Magi

Sunday, Jan. 11 | 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.

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

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

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

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.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND

in memory of Hazel Mae Aldinger & Raymond Otto Aldinger, Sr. and Judith Johnstone by James P. Aldinger

in celebration of Mary Baird's 89th birthday on Christmas Day by her family

in memory of Betty & David Balling, Sr. by Debbie & David Balling

in memory of William Dean Banks by Emma and Robyn Banks

in memory of Dorothy Megan Hays-Barzizza by her family

in memory of David Armbruster, Sam Cole, Jeannie Crenshaw Cooper, Lisa Fuller, Jeffrey Gross, Mary Newberry, Stan Polk, Sherry Sachritz, Karen Tynes, and Paul Watson by the Calvary Choir

in memory of Wini & Richard Carter, Jean & John Turner, and Jan Carithers; and in thanksgiving for the Calvary Acolytes by Catie Carter and Elaine Thacker

in memory of Claude Robin, Guy Robin, Micheline Robin, Yveline Humbert, Patrice Robin, and Patrick Crump by Michele Crump

in memory of Ann Denton and Trey Denton by Fort Denton and John Denton

in memory of Catherine & Fontaine Meacham and Virginia & John F. Kimbrough, Jr. by Catherine Meacham Durgin

in memory of Patricia Hackett, Dr. Edward V. Hackett, Steven Hackett, Joan Hackett Sensat, Edwina Hackett, Wallace Etheridge, and Patsy & Edward Fulghim by Barbara Etheridge

in memory of Dodie & Fred Goldsmith, Barbara Goldsmith, Tim Goldsmith, Anna Goldsmith, Lisa Franklin Cargile, Hart Franklin, and Larry Franklin by Gigi Goldsmith Franklin and family

in memory of Jim Frazier, Frank Jones, and Saidee & Harry Gardner; and in honor of Mimsy Jones by Margaret, Hall, Miriam, and Frazier Gardner

in memory of Phillip Hwang, Ruth Chamberlain, and Robert Chamberlain by Joanna Hwang

in memory of Bill Branch, Dr. Stephan Jellinek, Steve Edwards, and Lil Myers by Martin Jellinek

in memory of Milton & Bill Embry, Kathy Embry, Sally Embry Robertson, Mary Louise & Bill Kelly, Virginia Kelly Viar, Paula & Bill Kelly, Jr., and Harriette Beeson by Betsy & Ed Kelly

in memory of Mary Jo & Jack Kinard and Samuel Tate Viar by Debbie Kinard & Mary Jane Viar

in thanksgiving for Jackson Hearn, Mary Jackson, Joseph Powell, and all who sing and ring in the Calvary Choirs by Kristin Lensch & Tim Huebner

in honor of Betsy & Ed Kelly by Eleanore, Barry, Edward, and Walker Maynard

in memory of Theresa Steuterman Hardison, Lynn Theresa Parsons, Kathryn & Emil Sadowski, Martha McClellan Hudson, Cindy Cotton, and Mary Carolyn Cotton; and in honor of the ladies of The Guild of The Holy Spirit by Laurie & Brooks Monypeny, Thomas, Ginny, and Theresa & Hillary Monypeny

in memory of Flo & Bobby Snowden by Dot Neale & Doug Ferris

in memory of our parents, Herta & Walter Nelson and Mary & Bill Ezell; and in honor of Chau & Michael Nelson, Sam Nelson, and McClain Nelson by Linda & Mike Nelson

In memory of Jane & Walter Brown by Molly & Wes Nelson

in memory of Tom Parrish, Norma & Penn Owen, Jr., Dr. Gary M. Jones, and Charlotte Robbins by Gwen & Penn Owen

in memory of Eliza Wellford Fletcher, Pete Parker, Katherine & Harry Wellford, and Buddy Eddins by Allison & Tommy Parker and family

in honor of Gayle & Raymond Spence, Donna Davis, and all who helped Ann while Dana Sue was in the hospital by Dana Sue and Ann Percer

in memory of June & Jack Peeples, and John Carrière; and in honor of Anne Carrière by Clayton, Ebet, Ella, and Jack Peeples

in memory of Marian B. & Herbert W. Ritter, Louise Shields L. Ritter, and David Leatherbury Ritter by Laurence B. Ritter

in memory of Bethel Blanche & W. H Rose by June Carol Rose and Morgan Thompson

in memory of Dillon Burnette, Janetta & the Rev. Sydney Carsten, Everett D. Hicks, Elton Eugene Martin, and Suzanne H. Scofield by McKenzie & Wade Scofield

in memory of Buck & Elaine Sessum by the Rev. & Mrs. Bob L. Sessum

in memory of Cash Shields, Betty Jo Hopson Dulaney, John Marshall, Fred Arnold, Gregg Miller, and Joan Ray; and in honor of the Calvary clergy and staff by Rick Shields

in memory of Mr. & Mrs. James Seddon Allen, Jr., Mr. & Mrs. Ira Ervin Shipp, James Seddon Allen III, John Stewart Allen, and Helen Joy Shipp by Nino & Charles Shipp

in memory of Lisa Lichterman and Lee Fields by Sarah Hunter Simanson & Andrew Fields

in honor of the Calvary Altar Guild: Debbie Balling, Sarah Duffula, Caroline Ellis, Jessica Flynn, Margaret Gardner, Christy Hasselle, Joanna Hwang, Candace Keirns-Bitensky, Kendra Martin, Eric Milner, Ann Percer, Dana Sue Percer, Cristina Pinkham, Molly Polatty, Gayle Spence, Ginny Strubing, and Ainslie Todd by Rhoda Smith

in memory of William Hunt Thesmar from the Thesmar family

in memory of Thomas Hardy Todd IV, May & Tom Todd, and Janet & Downing Pryor by Ainslie & Hardy Todd

in memory of Norma & Dr. E.L. Milner, Gary Tucker, Ronnie Tucker, Robbie Tucker, and Sherry Strecker by Eric Milner & Shannon Tucker

in thanksgiving for their children and those they love by Ardelle & Scott Walters

in memory of Marie Watson Terry and Evelyn Kiehne Sewing; and in honor of Brenda & Jerry Woemmel and Roger Terry by Clay Woemmel & Brooks Terry

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