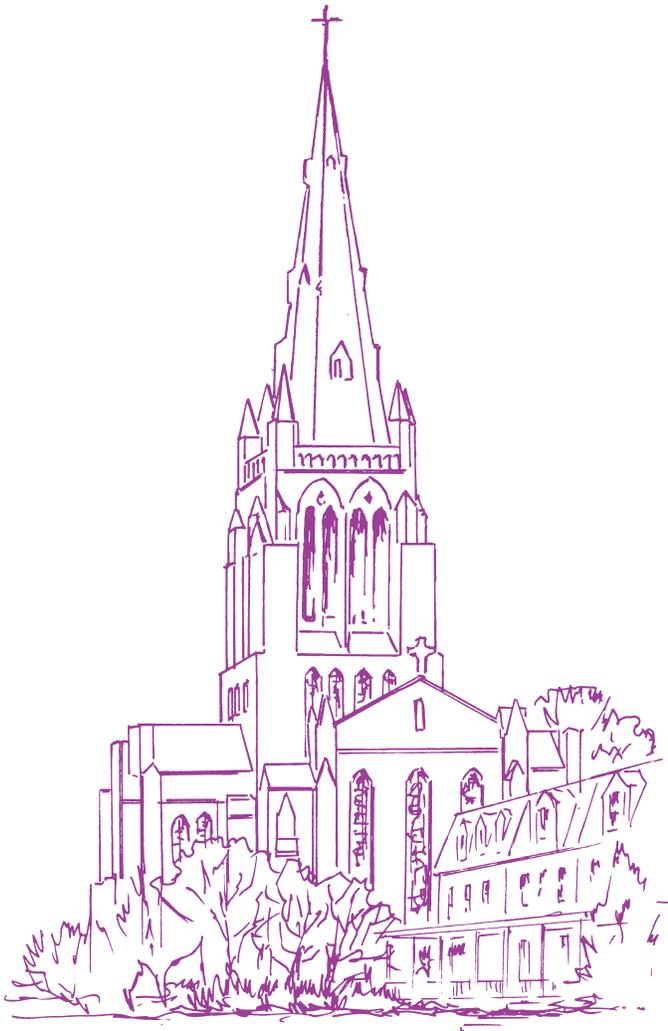


# CALVARY

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*The Second Sunday of Advent*  
*December 6, 2015*  
*9 a.m.*  
*The Holy Eucharist, Rite II*



**A faithful Episcopal Church welcoming all in the name of Christ**

# 9:00 A.M. The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Prelude *Sonata in G minor, III – Andante*

Sergei Rachmaninoff

*Charlotta Ross, cello*

*The Congregation is asked to sit as far forward as possible,  
using the front pews of the Nave and of the Transepts.*

## THE WORD OF GOD

*All stand as the ministers enter.*

Opening Acclamation

*BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, page 355*

*Priest:* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People:* And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect for Purity

Trisagion *(all sing together three times)*

*HYMNAL, S 102*

*Hymnal "S"—numbers refer to Service Music, printed at the front of the Hymnal.*

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,  
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Setting: Ver. Hymnal 1982, after Alexander Archangelsky (1846-1924)

Collect of the Day

The Readings *All sit for the Lessons and Psalm.*

The Lesson

Malachi 3:1-4

Canticle 16 *All say together.*

The Epistle

Philippians 1:3-11

Gospel Alleluia-Verse *A cantor sings Alleluia, and all repeat it*

*Cantor* *All*  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The dawn from on high shall break upon us,  
and guide our feet into the way of peace.

—Luke 1:78-79

The Holy Gospel *All standing*

Luke 3:1-6

*Response before the Gospel* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

*Response after the Gospel* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily

The Reverend Leslie G. Reimer

The Nicene Creed *Congregation standing* *BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, page 358*

The Prayers of the People

*Intercessor:* Come, O come, Emmanuel,

*People:* come and save us.

Confession and Absolution

*BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, page 360*

The Peace

*Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* And also with you.

*All may greet one another.*

Welcome and Announcements

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

Offertory Hymn *On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry*

*HYMNAL, 76*

*All stand and sing together*

Eucharistic Prayer B

*BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, page 367*

Sanctus *Holy, holy, holy Lord*

*All sing together*

*HYMNAL, S 130*

The Lord's Prayer *All say together*

The Breaking of the Bread *(A brief silence is kept.)*

*Celebrant:* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People:* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

THE ADMINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

*All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion.*

*Those not wishing to receive Communion may come forward for a blessing.*

*Parents are encouraged to bring children to receive Communion or a blessing.*

*Gluten free wafers are available upon request.*

Communion Hymn *What is this crying at Jordan*

*HYMNAL, 69*

*All sing together, seated or kneeling*

Postcommunion Prayer *All say together*

*BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, page 366*

The Four-fold Advent Blessing

May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin. *Amen.*

May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. *Amen.*

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life. *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.*

Closing Hymn *Hark, a thrilling voice is sounding*

*HYMNAL, 59*

Dismissal *All respond* Thanks be to God.

Postlude *Concerto in D major, I – Allegro*

Antonio Vivaldi

*Charlotta Ross, cello*

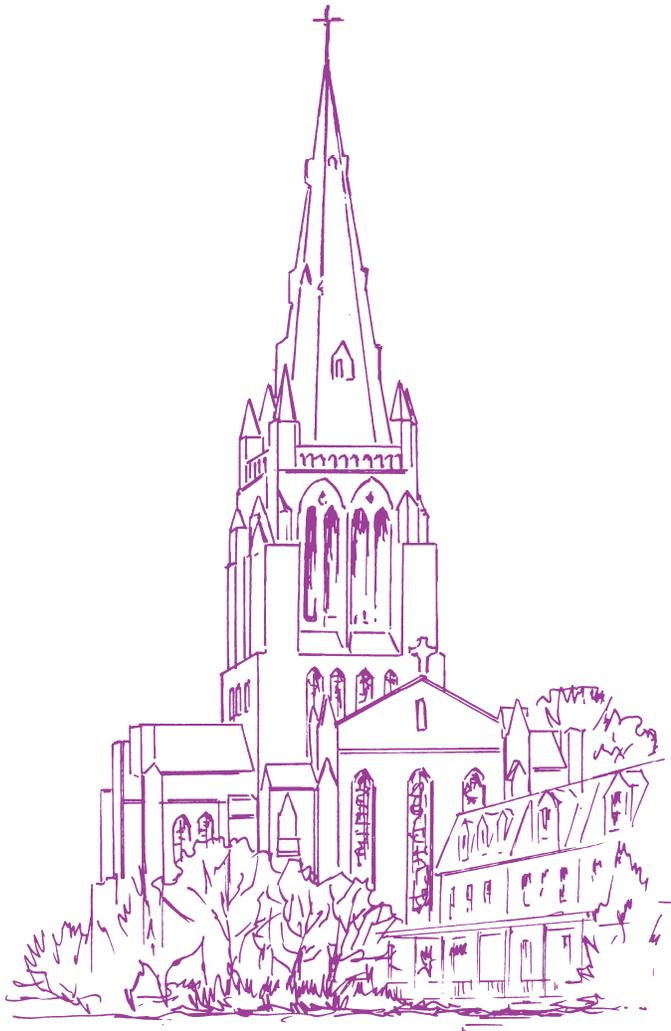
*All who wish to listen to the postlude from the Choir Stalls are invited to do so.*

*Christian Formation classes for all ages begin at 10 A.M.*

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# 11:00 A.M. The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

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Prelude *Sonata in G minor, III – Andante* Sergei Rachmaninoff  
*Charlotta Ross, cello*

Introit *Prepare ye the way of the Lord* Alan Lewis  
*Prepare ye the way of the Lord: make straight in the desert a highway for our God.  
The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together.  
Prepare ye the way of the Lord!* –Isaiah 40:3-5

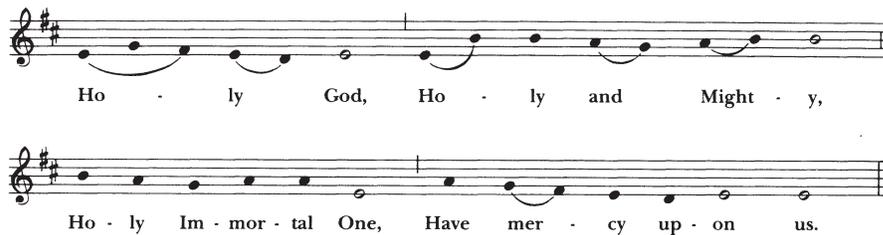
## THE WORD OF GOD

Entrance Hymn *Comfort, comfort ye my people* HYMNAL, 67  
*All sing together.*

Opening Acclamation *BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, page 355*  
*Priest* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect for Purity

Trisagion *(all sing together three times)*



Setting: Plainsong, Mode 1; adapt. Bruce E. Ford (b. 1947)

The Collect of the Day *All remain standing.*  
*Priest* The Lord be with you.  
*People* And also with you.  
*Priest* Let us pray. *The Priest prays the Collect; all say Amen.*

The Readings *All sit for the Lesson and Epistle. The texts of the Readings are printed on the Insert.*

The Lesson Malachi 3:1-4

Canticle 16 Mode 1

*The Choir sings the antiphon, and all repeat it*



The Epistle Philippians 1:3-11

Sequence Hymn *Hark, a thrilling voice is sounding* HYMNAL, 59

The Holy Gospel Luke 3:1-6

*Response before the Gospel* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

*Response after the Gospel* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon The Reverend Leslie G. Reimer

The Nicene Creed *All standing* *BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, page 358*

The Prayers of the People *Congregation standing*

*Intercessor:* Come, O come, Emmanuel,

*People:* come and save us.



*All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion. An usher will guide you to the altar rail or pulpit station. At the altar rail, kneel or stand, with hands cupped one on top of the other, to receive the consecrated bread. Please guide the chalice containing the wine to your lips. If you do not wish to receive directly from the chalice, you may dip a portion of the wafer carefully into the wine, or you may simply cross your arms over your chest as the Chalice Bearer passes.*

*Parents are encouraged to bring children to receive Communion or a blessing.*

*Those not wishing to receive Communion may come forward for a blessing.*

*Gluten free wafers are available upon request at the pulpit station*

*After receiving Communion, those who would like to receive laying on of hands and prayers for healing may go to the altar rail in the Lady Chapel.*

Music at Communion *Lord, we beseech thee* Adrian Batten

*Lord, we beseech thee, give ear unto our prayers, and by thy gracious visitation*

*lighten the darkness of our hearts, by our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.*

*—Advent Collect from The Book of Common Prayer (1549)*

*Stanley Nevola, counter-tenor*

Hymn *I'm just a poor, wayfaring stranger* LIFT EVERY VOICE & SING II, 19

Post-Communion Prayer *BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, page 366*

*Said by all together, kneeling.*

The Four-fold Advent Blessing

May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin. *Amen.*

May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. *Amen.*

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

Hymn *There's a voice in the wilderness crying* HYMNAL, 75

Dismissal *All respond: Thanks be to God.*

Postlude *Concerto in D major, I – Allegro* Antonio Vivaldi

*Charlotta Ross, cello*

*All who wish to listen to the postlude from the Choir Stalls are invited to do so.*

*Coffee and fellowship follows in the Parish Hall.*

## MUSICAL NOTES

On Friday evening, December 11, please join us for Handel's *Messiah*, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Chatham Baroque and friends join the Calvary Choirs and soloists in Pittsburgh's only unabridged performance of this timeless masterwork. A freewill offering is requested.

And tickets are available at [www.chathambaroque.org](http://www.chathambaroque.org) for the Christmas-themed concert they present, here at Calvary, on Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon, December 19 and 20, at 8 p.m. and 2:30 p.m., respectively. Soprano Sara Botkin and organist Alan Lewis join the ensemble for this concert.

The Cantic *Benedictus Dominus Deus*, appointed as a part of today's readings, comes from early in the Gospel of St. Luke. It is the inspired utterance of Zechariah, father of John the Baptist, when his voice was restored after a long period of muteness imposed by the Angel Gabriel because he doubted the angel's promise that the aged Elizabeth would bear a son. After the child's birth, when Zechariah agreed with Elizabeth in asserting that the child should be given the novel name, "John," rather than a family name, his tongue was loosed, and he proclaimed God's praise and hailed the promise of his own infant son through this canticle. This canticle was a regular part of the daily office of Lauds since early medieval times, and was incorporated into Anglican liturgy in the first Book of Common Prayer, as part of the office of Morning Prayer, or Mattins, where it typically followed the second Lesson. It is a perfect counterpoint to today's Gospel-account of the appearance of the adult John in the wilderness.



SECOND SUNDAY OF *Advent*

December 6, 2015

NEWCOMERS AND GUESTS are always welcome at Calvary Church. Our service uses the three books located in the pew: *The Book of Common Prayer*, *The Hymnal 1982*, and *Lift Every Voice and Sing II*. Directions in the service bulletin indicate where it is customary to stand or kneel. We invite you to participate as you are able. We hope you will take a moment to read and complete the Welcome Card in the pew, and place it in the offertory plate as it passes.

CHILDREN OF ALL AGES are welcome in worship services. Packets of materials for children are available from the ushers. *Nursery Care available during the 9 a.m. and the 11 a.m. services.* The Infants' and Toddlers' Nursery is downstairs on the Christian Education level.

WEEKLY OFFERING CARDS that say "My gift comes electronically or by mail" can serve as a visible sign of your gift. Look for the purple cards in a basket in the Narthex or by the North Transept door each week, take one, and place it in the offering plate.

PARISH COUNCIL invites you to stop by our "Welcome and Join-in" booth in the Parish Hall.

## Participants in Today's Services

### 8 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

*Celebrant & Preacher* . . . The Reverend Leslie G. Reimer  
*Lector* . . . . . Jonathan Callard  
*Chalice Bearer* . . . . . Anna Brophy

### 9 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

*Celebrant* . . . . . The Reverend T.J. Freeman  
*Preacher* . . . . . The Reverend Leslie G. Reimer  
*Acolyte* . . . . . Dominic Victoria  
*Lectors* . . . . . Richard Howland, Isabella Victoria  
*Chalice Bearers* . . . . . Vanessa Sterling, Katie Wooldridge

### 11 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

*Celebrant* . . . . . The Reverend Jonathon W. Jensen  
*Preacher* . . . . . The Reverend Leslie G. Reimer  
*Assisting* . . . . . The Reverend T.J. Freeman  
*Verger* . . . . . Jamie McMahon  
*Acolytes* . . . . . Alika Smith, Reese Basehore, Charlie Merriman,  
Ben Maye  
*Lectors* . . . . . Lawrence Knapp, James Cassaro, John Becker  
*Chalice Bearers* . . . . . Ruth Fowler, Robert Eley, Adele Eley,  
Kathleen Farrington  
*Flower Delivery* . . . . . Jean Robinson, Lucy Douglas  
*Hospitality Hour hosts* . . . The Eastern Suburbanites

### 5 p.m. – CandleMass

*Celebrant & Preacher* . . . The Reverend Jonathon W. Jensen  
*Lector* . . . . . Jean Ferguson Carr  
*Chalice Bearer* . . . . . Grace Abbs

*Altar Guild* . . . . . Melissa Crimmins' Team

# Our Parish Life

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## Today is Dedication Sunday

We will bless the financial pledges given to the mission and ministry of Calvary Church in 2016 during the worship service. The gifts will be presented at the Altar by a member of the Stewardship Committee in thanksgiving for all of God's blessings in our life as we continue on a Journey to Generosity. Thank you to all who have pledged and to the Stewardship Committee, especially the co-chairs Michelle and Mark Rust. If you would like to make a pledge to Calvary, there are cards for this located at the entrances to the church or ask one of the clergy who can direct you.

## The Rev. Leslie Reimer Anniversary

Please join us on **Sunday, December 13** to celebrate the 35th anniversary of Leslie's ordination as a priest. We will have a festive reception after the 11 o'clock service and present her with a gift. Preaching that day will be the Rev. Dr. David Bird who worked with Leslie before and early in her ordination. David was the Rector of St. Andrew's in New Kensington with Leslie's father serving as the Senior Warden. He earned his Ph.D. from Duquesne.

## Reminder: 2015 "Berry" gifts are due TODAY!

If you have not done so already, please:

**Choose and sign out a "berry" in the Parish Hall**

**Bring the wrapped gift to the Parish Hall with the berry firmly attached.**

Wrapped gifts, with the berry firmly attached (code showing), must be brought to the Parish Hall by 1 p.m. TODAY. Giant Eagle \$25 gift cards should be dropped off at the Calvary reception desk. EECM needs to deliver these gifts before they start their massive holiday food distribution, and we appreciate your cooperation in meeting this deadline. Please contact Ros Stone (412.781.9329 or roslyn@pitt.edu) or John Wilson (jwwbass1@gmail.com) if you have questions. Thank you for your support of this EECM program!

## Holy Baptism

**On January 10, 2016, The Baptism of our Lord**, we will be offering the sacrament of Holy Baptism at the 11 o'clock service. If you or someone you know desires to partake in this sacrament please contact the Reverend T.J. Freeman (tjfreeman@calvaryph.org or 412.661.0120 ext. 112) prior to December 7, 2015, so that the appropriate preparation and arrangements can be made.

## Safety at Church

Please remember to keep your valuables with you on Sundays. Their security is not assured if they are left in public places. We have had a bit of trouble recently with some things disappearing. Also, be sure to lock your car – and don't leave valuables in plain sight. Thank you.

## The Chili Fest is Coming

Please save the date of **Saturday, January 30, 2016!** The sign up sheet will be posted soon. You can add to the fun by also signing up to be a helper. We need people to help decorate the parish hall, to monitor the serving and beverage table, and to transport the food from the registration table to the serving tables. We also need ideas and people for a short entertainment. If you are willing to help, please contact Lyn Orr, at 412.782.2957 or email lynreedorr@gmail.com.

## Sheldon Calvary Camp in Pittsburgh

Calvary Church hosts a Sheldon Calvary Camp service on the fourth Sunday of each month. **All are invited on December 27 at 3 p.m.** for an informal celebration of the Holy Eucharist with music from the camp songbook. The Reverend Leslie Reimer will be the preacher and celebrant. We meet in the Refectory.

## Coffee Hours

**Hosts are needed** for the coffee hour and social gathering after the 11 o'clock service. Consider hosting a Sunday to mark a special occasion, honoring a particular event or person or asking your group or organization. I do realize that many people support these coffee hours on multiple occasions since they are active in many different groups and your help is greatly appreciated. The coffee hour is enjoyed but its success depends on volunteers. Please contact Judy Wootten at 724.327.7907 (wootten@windstream.net) to schedule a Sunday.

## Off-The-Floor Pittsburgh: Volunteers Needed

Off-the-Floor Pittsburgh is a local Christian volunteer ministry which, since 2004, has provided basic used furniture to disadvantaged families who lack these items. A team of 4-5 men or young adults are needed on a Saturday morning to load furniture and make deliveries to 3-4 needy Pittsburgh area families.

The next date for the Calvary team is Saturday, December 19. Volunteers are needed. If you want to add your name to the list of available volunteers please contact either Matt Muldoon at 412.362.1780 or mattmuldoon@msn.com. or Gary Abbs at 412.963.8124 or gary\_abbs@comcast.net. If you are a regular volunteer already, please let Matt or Gary know of your availability.

Also, volunteering for Off-the-Floor Pittsburgh can be used by high school students to fulfill their community service requirements. However, depending on the student's age, we ask that a parent or other adult accompany the student.

You can learn more about Off-the-Floor Pittsburgh by visiting their website at [www.offthefloorpgh.org](http://www.offthefloorpgh.org). Remember that Off-the-Floor Pittsburgh accepts donations of used furniture. You can arrange pick-up by calling 412.926.5053.

Thank you for your consideration of this very worthwhile ministry.

## Book Exchange on Vacation

We know you enjoy sharing your books, and the Book Exchange will return after New Year's. If you have books to return to the Exchange, please leave them in the workroom with a note. Thanks! In the meantime, the cart outside the bookstore features \$1.00 sale books. New additions to the selection this week.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11 at 7:30 P.M.

GEORGE FRIDERIC HANDEL  
**Messiah**

The world's most beloved piece of music, *Messiah* has thrilled and moved listeners for nearly 275 years. Chatham Baroque and other period-instrumentalists join the Calvary Choir and soloists in bringing the piece vividly to life in its entirety.  
*Freewill offering.*

CALVARY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

# The Calendar

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## Weekday Eucharists

Monday: 6 P.M.; Wednesday: 7 A.M., 10:30 A.M. (Healing Service)

Office Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

### Sunday December 6, 2015

*The Second Sunday of Advent*

- 7:30 A.M. Coffee
- 8:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
- 9:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
- 9:00 A.M. Choristers' Warm-Up
- 10:00 A.M. Adult Forum
- 10:00 A.M. Christian Formation Classes
- 10:00 A.M. Adult Choir Warm-Up
- 11:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
- 12:00 P.M. Hospitality Hour
- 12:45 P.M. Calvary Young Adult Ministry  
(at Mad Mex)
- 5:00 P.M. CandleMass
- 6:00 P.M. Supper

### Monday December 7, 2015

*Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, 397*

- 6:00 P.M. Holy Eucharist
- 7:00 P.M. Centering Prayer
- 7:00 P.M. Recital Choir Rehearsal

### Tuesday December 8, 2015

*Richard Baxter, Pastor and Writer, 1691*

- 8:30 A.M. Beginnings
- 11:00 A.M. Staff Meeting
- 1:00 P.M. Beginnings  
Extended Day Program

### Wednesday December 9, 2015

- 7:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
- 8:30 A.M. Beginnings
- 9:30 A.M. ESL
- 10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist
- 3:00 P.M. CLASP
- 6:00 P.M. EfM
- 6:00 P.M. Women's Home Eucharist
- 7:00 P.M. Adult Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday December 10, 2015

*Karl Barth, Pastor and Theologian, 1968;  
Thomas Merton, Contemplative and Writer, 1968*

- 8:30 A.M. Beginnings
- 9:00 A.M. *Messiah* Rehearsals
- 9:30 A.M. EfM
- 9:45 A.M. ESL
- 7:30 P.M. Adult Choir Rehearsal

### Friday December 11, 2015

- 6:30 P.M. Choir Call
- 7:30 P.M. Handel's *Messiah*

### Saturday December 12, 2015

- 2:00 P.M. Simon Cummings' Recital
- 2:00 P.M. Organ Recital
- 5:30 P.M. Shelter Dinner Preparation  
(at Community House)

### Sunday December 13, 2015

*The Third Sunday of Advent*

- 7:30 A.M. Coffee
- 8:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
- 9:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
- 9:00 A.M. Bible Study
- 9:00 A.M. Choristers' Warm-Up
- 10:00 A.M. Adult Forum
- 10:00 A.M. Christian Formation Classes
- 10:00 A.M. Adult Choir Warm-Up
- 11:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
- 12:00 P.M. Hospitality Hour in honor of  
The Rev. Leslie G. Reimer
- 5:00 P.M. CandleMass
- 6:00 P.M. Supper

\*To make reservations for starred events, for which a meal is being prepared,  
please telephone the church office, 412.661.0120, extension 140.

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## CALVARY YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Sunday, December 6 – Brunch (Mad Mex, 220 S Highland) 12:45 p.m.

Friday, December 18 – Yule Ball (Calvary, Refectory) 7–10 p.m.

# Christian Formation \_\_\_\_\_

Calvary's children and youth will present our annual Christmas Pageant on Sunday, December 20 at the 11 a.m. service. The pageant will once again bring costumes, carols, a camel, and assorted other live animals to Calvary. All children and youth are welcome and encouraged to sign up! There are parts for everyone. Sign-up sheets are posted in the hallway outside the Parish Hall. You may also call or email me to sign up. We are also looking for a few grown-up volunteers! If you would like to help out in some way (from organizing costumes, to animal handling, to providing a snack, to general behind-the-scenes assistance on the day) please add your name and contact information to the sign-up sheet in the hallway outside the Parish Hall, or contact me directly. Please invite friends, family members, and others to join us for this incredible story and wonderful Calvary tradition!

—Susan Roth, Coordinator for Christian Formation  
412.661.0120 ext. 116, sroth@calvarypg.org



10 a.m., in the Refectory

## TODAY: Saints and the Season of Light.

How do the Christian seasons of Advent and Christmas reflect earlier beliefs and practices? How does our universal longing for light in darkness touch our observance of these holy seasons? Leslie Reimer will explore the origins and meaning of our customs and symbols.

## Sunday, December 13 – Looking at Prayer with a Thomistic Lens: Goodness.

Thomas Aquinas has made significant contributions to Christian theological understanding in the areas of “natural reason” and “speculative theology.” This session will consider Goodness (one of three “transcendental properties of being”) as a means to ground one’s personal prayer with meditation on the “big picture” as it might inspire acts of charity and justice toward one’s goal of making progress in the Christian universal call to holiness. This session is part 2 of a 3-part series.

## Sunday, December 20

*No Christian Formation classes.* Join us for Calvary’s annual Christmas Pageant during the 11 o’clock service.

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## 2015 Christmas Memorials

If you would like to have your loved ones remembered in the Christmas Eve Order of Service, please fill out this form and return it, with your donation, to the church office by Friday, December 18, 2015.

Name (as you would like it to appear): *please print*

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Donor's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Donor's telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle your preference: *Flowers*   *Music*   *Where needed*

Please clip and mail to: Lynda Kennedy, Financial Secretary  
Calvary Episcopal Church  
315 Shady Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15206.

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# The Prayers of the People

*For the Anglican Communion, and for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury:*

Western Louisiana (Province VII, The Episcopal Church) –  
The Right Reverend Jacob W Owensby.

*For the Episcopal Church, and for Michael, Presiding Bishop.*

*For the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh and for The Right Reverend Dorsey  
W. M. McConnell, Bishop.*

*For the parishes of the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh, especially  
Church of the Advent, Jeannette, and the Reverend Vicente Santiago.*

*For those serving in the armed forces: Miles Farren.*

*For those who are ill or convalescing: Cynthia McCormick, Sara Colligan,  
Anne, Michael, Luci Miller, Sondra Krimmel, Lee Houston.*

*Let us remember those who continue in our prayers: Charles Mullen,  
Ann Wardrop, Dora Graff, Julie Grimstad, Louise Manning, Lee Hicks.*

*For those who have been commended to our prayers: William Marchl+,  
Don Harrison, Joe Norton, Dan Christopher, Mary and Charlie,  
Daniel McCormick, Ceil Sugar, Barbara Arbogast, Ann Lee Grimstad,  
Andre, Henry Edward Albee, John Hellegers, Jane Miller, David, Peg,  
Benjamin Jackson, Evelyn and John Nickel, Jane and Lorraine Balun,  
Judy Reese, Andrea Redway, Melanie, Jenna, Gene, Julie Birch, Joan,  
Hilary, Paul Durham, Molly Woodroofe, Leslie, Heather, Lori, Dave,  
Shelley, The Balfe Family.*

*For people throughout the world living with HIV and AIDS.*

*For all those with long-term or life-threatening illnesses.*

*For caregivers.*

*For those who have died.*

*For those in whose memory altar flowers are given:*

HIGH ALTAR     Jesse L. Watson, May B. Watson, Robert S. Watson and  
Charles B. Watson

Laura Pearce Wright and J. Merrill Wright.

LADY CHAPEL     Janet G. Ackerman, *by the Robinson family.*

{To add or remove names from the Prayer List, please call the church office }

**Please add some straw to the manger  
as you offer a prayer for peace.  
Help us prepare to welcome the child  
who comes as Prince of Peace.**



For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given:  
and the government shall be upon his shoulder:  
and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor,  
The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

# Second Sunday of Advent

December 6, 2015

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

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## A Reading from the Book of Malachi [3:1-4]

“See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the LORD whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight – indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?” For he is like a refiner’s fire and like fullers’ soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

*Reader:* The Word of the LORD.

*Congregation:* Thanks be to God.

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## Canticle 16

Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel; \*  
he has come to his people and set them free.  
He has raised up for us a mighty savior, \*  
born of the house of his servant David.  
Through his holy prophets he promised of old,  
that he would save us from our enemies, \*  
from the hands of all who hate us.  
He promised to show mercy to our fathers \*  
and to remember his holy covenant.  
This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, \*  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,  
Free to worship him without fear, \*  
holy and righteous in his sight  
all the days of our life.  
You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, \*  
for you will go before the LORD to prepare his way,  
To give his people knowledge of salvation \*  
by the forgiveness of their sins.  
In the tender compassion of our God \*  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

*—continued on reverse side*

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, \*  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

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**A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians [1:3-11]**

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

*Reader:* The Word of the LORD.

*Congregation:* Thanks be to God.

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**The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke**

[3:1-6]

*Response before the Gospel:* Glory to you, LORD Christ.

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the LORD, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

*Response after the Gospel:* Praise to you, LORD Christ.

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