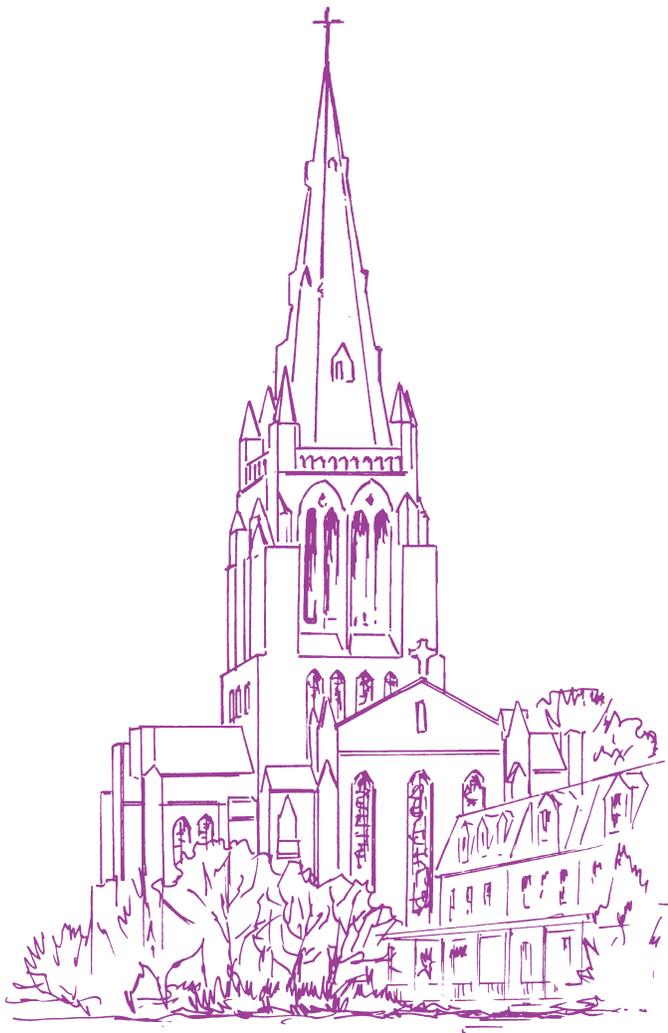


CALVARY

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Third Sunday of Advent
December 11, 2016
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 *Prelude & Benedictus on Conditor Alme Siderum* Alec Rowley

*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 *Isaiah 35:1-10*

Psalm 146:4-9 *All say together.*

The Epistle *James 5:7-10*

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

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The LORD shall reign for ever, throughout all generations *—Psalm 146:9*

The Holy Gospel *All standing* *Matthew 11:2-11*

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

Blest be the King whose coming is in the name of God

HYMNAL, 74

All stand and sing together

Eucharistic Prayer B

BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, page 367

Sanctus *Holy, holy, holy Lord*

All sing together

HYMNAL, S 129

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

The service continues on page 368 of THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER.

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.

Communion Hymn *O Food to pilgrims given*

HYMNAL, 309

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.*

Hymn *"Thy kingdom come!" on bended knee*

HYMNAL, 615

Dismissal *All respond* Thanks be to God.

Postlude on *Valet will ich dir geben*

Johann Sebastian Bach

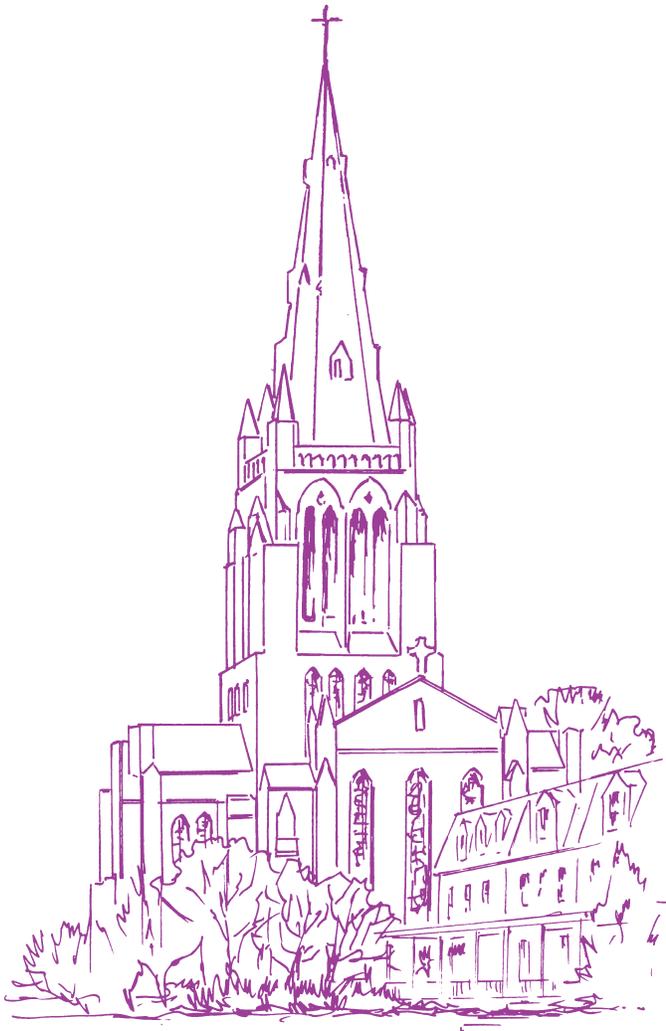
All who wish to listen to the postlude from the Choir Stalls are invited to do so.

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

CALVARY

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Prelude *Prelude & Benedictus on Conditor Alme Siderum* Alec Rowley

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 *On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry* HYMNAL, 76
All sing together.

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
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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)

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 Isaiah 35:1-10

Psalm 146:4-9 Tone 6

The Choir sings the antiphon, and all repeat it

I will praise the Lord as long as I live.

The Epistle James 5:7-10

Sequence Hymn *Hark! the glad sound! the Savior comes* HYMNAL, 72

The Holy Gospel Matthew 11:2-11

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.

Confession and Absolution

BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, page 360

The Peace *All may greet one another in the Lord's name.*

Welcome and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem *Benedictus Dominus Deus*

C.V. Stanford

*Blessed be the Lord God of Israel: for he hath visited, and redeemed his people;
And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us: in the house of his servant David;
As he spake by the mouth of his holy Prophets: which have been since the world began;
That we should be saved from our enemies: and from the hands of all that hate us;
To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers: and to remember his holy Covenant;
To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham: that he would give us;
That we being delivered out of the hands of our enemies: might serve him without fear;
In holiness and righteousness before him : all the days of our life.
And thou, Child, shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest:
for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;
To give knowledge of salvation unto his people: for the remission of their sins,
Through the tender mercy of our God: whereby the day-spring from on high hath visited us;
To give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death:
and to guide our feet into the way of peace. Glory be to the Father... —Luke 1:68-79*

Presentation Hymn *All stand and sing the hymn together*



1 Come, thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
2 Praise to God, from whom all bless-ings flow to earth un- cease - ing - ly.



from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.
Praise the Fa - ther, Son, and Spi - rit, Three-in- One and One- in- Three.

Words: stanza 1, Charles Wesley (1707-1788), stanza 2, A.L.

Music: *Stuttgart*, melody from *Psalmodia Sacra*, 1715, adapt. & harm. W. H. Havergal (1793-1870)

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

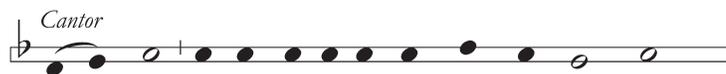
BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, page 367

Sanctus *(all sing together) The congregation may stand or kneel. HYMNAL, S 122*

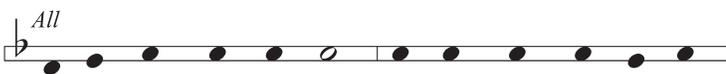
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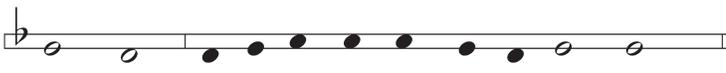
Memorial Acclamation



There - fore, ac-cord-ing to his com - mand, O Fa - ther,



We re - mem - ber his death, We pro - claim his re - sur -



rec - tion, We a - wait his com - ing in glo - ry.

Ambrosian Anaphora Chant, adapt. Mason Martens

The Lord's Prayer *all say together*

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

Fraction Anthem *Lamb of God*

HYMNAL, S 160

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 *Veni, Domine*

Juan Esquivel

*Veni, Domine, et noli tardare,
visitare nos in pace, ut laetemur
coram te corde perfecto.*

Come, Lord, and do not tarry,
visit us in peace, that we may rejoice
in your presence with a perfect heart.

—Advent Antiphon

Communion Hymn *What is this crying at Jordan*

HYMNAL, 69

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.*

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.*

Hymn *Blest be the King whose coming is in the name of God*

HYMNAL, 74

Dismissal *All respond: Thanks be to God.*

Postlude on *Valet will ich dir geben*

Johann Sebastian Bach

*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

The first Chapter of St. Luke's Gospel contains two poetic outpourings that are often used liturgically apart from their narrative context. The first is the Song of Mary, the Magnificat, the climax of Mary's encounter with her kinswoman, Elizabeth, between the Annunciation and Nativity. (This canticle is nearly always included in Evening Prayer, or Evensong.) The second follows it closely, when, after the aged Elizabeth gives birth to her son, John, her husband Zechariah (stricken dumb by the angel Gabriel for his failure to believe Gabriel's announcement of the coming birth) is released from his silence. His first words – many of them! – are an outpouring of praise for the wonder being wrought by God, not specifically in the birth of this child, but in the house of David, with the coming birth of Jesus; after an opening section about the redemption of Israel, Zechariah turns to address his own newborn child, foretelling his role as the forerunner of the Messiah, who prepares the way for his arrival. This beautiful canticle is a frequent component of Morning Prayer, though the wider array of options for use in that service makes it less commonly used than the Magnificat is in the evening office. It has been set to music many times; the setting by Stanford sung this morning comes from his C major service, published in 1913.

Juan Esquivel (c. 1560-1625) was a relatively minor member of the last generation of Spanish Renaissance masters. It fell to his generation to implement the strictures on musical expression instituted by the Council of Trent; scholars see in this generation's music a trend toward clearer textual audibility and more concise dimensions to accommodate those conciliar requirements. His Advent motet, *Veni, Domine*, was published in 1608; it is distinguished by the use of an ostinato, or repeating phrase, in the second soprano part, which sings the opening textual and musical phrase six times across the span of the piece, even as the other voices pass on to other material.

Next Saturday evening at 8 p.m., Chatham Baroque presents a concert here at Calvary, with Canadian soprano Pascale Beaudin and lutenist David Walker joining the ensemble in works by Handel, Scarlatti, and Monteverdi. Tickets are available through the ensemble's website, www.chathambaroque.org, or at the door.

Next Sunday afternoon at 5 p.m., join us for a Christmas-oriented service of Lessons and Carols, with both choral and congregational music inspired by the coming feast-day. A reception follows.



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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*. 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.

Participants in Today's Services

8 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Celebrant & PreacherThe Reverend Leslie G. Reimer
LectorAnna Brophy
Chalice BearerGeorge Carvell

9 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

CelebrantThe Reverend T.J. Freeman
PreacherThe Reverend Leslie G. Reimer
AcolyteSam King
LectorsThomas May, Elizabeth Slaymaker
Chalice BearersDouglas Chaffey, Anne Robb

11 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

CelebrantThe Reverend Jonathon W. Jensen
PreacherThe Reverend Leslie G. Reimer
AssistingThe Reverend T.J. Freeman
VergerJamie McMahan
AcolytesBen King, Lowrie Woodside, Ben Maye,
Emma Koontz
LectorsPhilip Maye, Karen Kapsanis, James Cassaro
Chalice BearersDavid Eichelberger, Lisa Knight, Jon Mazur
Flower DeliveryAnne Robb, Ellen Maye
Coffee Hour Hosts4th – 6th Grade Sunday School

5 p.m. – CandleMass

CelebrantThe Reverend Leslie G. Reimer
LectorBruce Adams
Chalice BearerFrederic Roth

Altar GuildMelissa Crimmins' Team

Our Parish Life

The Envelope Please...

Offering envelopes for those who have requested them are available in the Parish Hall. Please pick them up to help defray the unnecessary costs of mailing.

The Bookstore at Calvary

The Bookstore has Advent and Christmas gifts for everyone on your list! A feast of offerings for every taste including Advent calendars and nativities from around the world, Christmas books and ornaments, Episcopal hoodies, ties, t-shirts, and sweat-shirts, home decorations including unique glass crosses, natural body care products, and a variety of jewelry. Gift certificates are also available. The Bookstore is open Sunday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Tuesday through Friday 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. We will be open on Saturdays during December from 10 a.m. to Noon. Cash, check, Discover®, MasterCard®, and Visa® are accepted.

Flatboat Fair Traders and Beginnings

Beginnings is partnering with Flatboat Fair Traders, a gift shop in Highland Park, for a holiday fundraiser. Store owner Amy Kofmehl-Sobkowiak has generously offered to give Beginnings 30% of all purchases made by Calvary parishioners and Beginnings families from **thru December 17**. The store features many unique items like hand-carved balsa wood ornaments, hand-thrown ceramic luminaries, purses and wallets made from recycled materials (including inner tubes), clothing and accessories, handmade stationary, and jewelry. Pick up a flyer with more information in the Parish Hall. Flatboat Fair Traders is located just off North Highland Avenue at 5901 Bryant Street in Highland Park. 412.404.2817. Facebook.com/flatboatfairtraders/about/

Women of Calvary Holiday Home Eucharist

Home eucharists are meaningful and memorable occasions for both a social and spiritual experience. Please come on **Thursday, December 15 beginning at 6 p.m.** The Rev. Leslie Reimer will celebrate the eucharist and a light supper will be served. Hosted by Margie Muldoon, 362 Lehigh Avenue, Shadyside, 15232. Please R.S.V.P. to Margie at 412.216.1049 or by an email to margiemuldoon@msn.com.

Spiritual Reflection

Our meetings enhance our Christian faith and encourage spiritual growth through small group sharing, reflection, and discussion. Rotating topics will concern how our faith can manifest in and enrich our daily lives. Meetings will be group led; no preparation is needed. **Our final meeting for 2016 will be 7–8 p.m. on Tuesday, December 13.** For further information, contact Matt Muldoon (mattmuldoon@msn.com) or Sondra Krimmel (sskrimmel@gmail.com).

Holy Baptism

On January 8, 2017, 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) by January 1, 2017, so that the appropriate preparation and arrangements can be made.

Mmm Mmm Good

Is there anything better than a warm bowl of soup on a cold day? The Soup Group will meet on **Friday, January 6 at 10 a.m.** in Calvary's kitchen. Please join us to cook or participate by delivering soup to a fellow parishioner, friend, relative or neighbor. We are happy to share! Any questions? Contact me.

—Adele Eley, 412.371.6921, adele.eley@gmail.com

Fourth Sunday of Advent – December 18

The Holy Eucharist, at 8, 9 & 11 a.m.

- *No Christian Formation classes on this day.*

Christmas Pageant in the 11 o'clock service

The children of the Sunday School, assisted by a *live* menagerie of sheep, goats, a donkey, and a camel, re-enact the story of Jesus' birth.

- *Lessons and Carols for Christmas, 5 p.m.*

The Calvary Choirs and soloists mark the transition from Advent to the coming of Christmas in this service, tracing the promise of redemption its fulfillment at Bethlehem.



Christmas Eve – Saturday, December 24

4 p.m. and 11 p.m.

The Rev. Jonathon Jensen, *celebrant*; The Rev. T.J. Freeman, *preacher*

Holy Eucharist and Sermon, with carols and special music for choir, brass, and organ.

Music begins 30 minutes before each service.

Childcare will be provided during the 4 p.m. service.



Christmas Day – Sunday, December 25

9:30 a.m.

The Holy Eucharist with sermon and Christmas carols.



The Holy Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Sunday, January 1, 2017

The Holy Eucharist, at 8, 9 & 11 a.m.

No Christian Formation classes; the Nursery will be closed.

News from the Diocese of Pittsburgh

At convention in November, **the Church of the Advent, Brookline**, was welcomed as it resumed full participation in the Diocese of Pittsburgh. The Rev. Richard Pollard is now serving there as Regular Supply. Also at convention, the worshipping community of **Transfiguration, Clairton**, was welcomed as an affiliated congregation of the Diocese of Pittsburgh.

2016 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 16, 2016.

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

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.

The Calendar

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 11, 2016

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
- 10:00 A.M. Adult Forum
- 10:00 A.M. A Study on The Book of Acts
- 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
- 12:30 P.M. Finance Committee Meeting
- 5:00 P.M. CandleMass
- 6:00 P.M. Reception

Monday December 12, 2016

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

Tuesday December 13, 2016

Lucy (Lucia), Martyr at Syracuse, 304

- 8:30 A.M. Beginnings
- 11:00 A.M. Staff Meeting
- 1:00 P.M. Beginnings
Extended Day Program
- 7:00 P.M. Spiritual Reflection Group
- 7:00 P.M. Coventry Circle

Wednesday December 14, 2016

Juan de la Cruz (John of the Cross), Mystic, 1591

- 7:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
- 8:30 A.M. Beginnings
- 9:45 A.M. ESL
- 10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist
- 3:00 P.M. CLASP (at The Carnegie)
- 4:45 P.M. Choristers' Rehearsal
- 6:00 P.M. EfM

Thursday December 15, 2016

*John Horden, Bishop and Missionary in Canada, 1893;
Robert McDonald, Priest, 1913*

- 8:30 A.M. Beginnings
- 9:30 A.M. EfM
- 11:30 A.M. Beginnings Holiday Sing-A-Long
- 6:00 P.M. Decorating for the Yule Ball
- 7:30 P.M. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday December 16, 2016

*Ralph Adams Cram, 1942, and Richard Upjohn, 1878,
Architects, and John LaFarge, Artist, 1910*

- 7:00 P.M. Calvary Young Adult Ministry
Yule Ball

Saturday December 17, 2016

*William Lloyd Garrison and Maria Stewart, 1879,
Prophetic Witnesses*

- 10:00 A.M. Pageant Rehearsal
- 10:00 A.M. Peanut Butter & Jam Concert
- 11:30 A.M. Peanut Butter & Jam Concert
- 8:00 P.M. Chatham Baroque in Concert

Sunday December 18, 2016

The Fourth 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
- 10:00 A.M. Choir Warm-Up
- 11:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
with Christmas Pageant
- 12:00 P.M. Hospitality Hour
- 3:30 P.M. Choir Call
- 5:00 P.M. A Service of Lessons and Carols
for Christmas
- 6:00 P.M. Reception

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

Presiding Bishop to Preach at Calvary

The Most Reverend Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, will be visiting Pittsburgh February 3–5, 2017. He will be our guest preacher at **9 a.m. on Sunday, February 5**. Mark your calendars!

ECCM Food Pantry “Food of the Month”

Please be generous in your donations to the Food Pantry this holiday season.

Each month, East End Cooperative Ministry makes a special appeal for a particular food pantry staple; however, donations of all non-perishable foods are always welcome! **The food for December is rice.** Leave your donations in the shopping cart in the Parish Hall. Thank you so much.

Christian Formation _____

Today will be the last day of Christian Formation classes for this calendar year.
Classes will resume January 8, 2017.

Christmas Pageant

Thank you to everyone that has signed up to participate in the Christmas Pageant! We will have a rehearsal/walk-through on Saturday, December 17. Those with speaking roles, please arrive at 10:00; all others, please arrive at 11:00. We will finish by noon. If you would still like to participate in the pageant, please let me know and I will add your name to the cast list. If you cannot come to rehearsal on Saturday, December 17, just make your way to the Refectory on Sunday morning, December 20 at 10:30. Please contact me for more information or with any questions.

–Susan Roth, Coordinator for Christian Formation,
412.661.0120 ext. 116, sroth@calvarypgh.org

A Study on the Book of Acts

The class on the Book of Acts continues today in McClintic Hall (choir room) at 10 a.m. It is led by the Rev. Jonathon Jensen and Mr. Chuck Esposito. The only text we are using is the actual book of the Bible itself which is 28 chapters. All are welcome. We will take a break after this week, and resume the class on January 8, 2017.



10 a.m., meet in the Refectory

TODAY – Why the Incarnation Matters, part 2. As we prepare to celebrate Christmas, how do we understand what it means that “The Word became flesh and dwelt among us”? Beyond adoring the baby in the manger, how does the Incarnation shape our belief and our lives? Leslie Reimer will present this forum.

Calvary Young Adult Ministry _____

Friday, December 16 – 7 p.m. – Yule Ball, in the Refectory at Calvary.

It's not too early to start thinking about the Yule Ball, which is a chance to get dressed up and celebrate the season with one another. We need people to help plan, set up, and decorate for this event. Please let me know if you would be willing to help. Thank you! It is also worth noting that we have offered childcare or assistance with sitters for this in the past, if that enables you to attend. Questions? Please contact The Rev. T.J. Freeman, 412.661.0120 ext. 112, tjfreeman@calvarypgh.org.

Our Parish Life _____

Free Christmas Classic Film Showing

From **Sunday, December 18 through Friday, December 23** the Regent Square theater on S. Braddock Avenue will be showing Frank Capra's *It's a Wonderful Life*, starring Jimmy Stewart and Donna Reed. Showtimes are 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. each day. Admission is free, but please bring non-perishable food for Pittsburgh's hungry. The food is going to be distributed by East End Cooperative Ministry, of which Calvary is a member.

I will not be leading a discussion until 2017, but you can always discuss this masterpiece on your own.

–Clint Van Dusen

Chili Fest 2017

Please make plans to join us on **Saturday, February 4, 2017, beginning at 6 p.m.** This is a family friendly event, so bring the children. You are invited to bring your favorite chili recipe, or a salad or cornbread. Full details will be announced soon.

The Prayers of the People

For the Anglican Communion, and for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury:
Kericho, Kenya – The Right Reverend Jackson Ole Sapit.

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
St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Brentwood, the Reverend Canon Dr.
Jay Geisler, and the Reverend Howard Gillette.*

Let us pray for those serving in the armed forces: Nolan.

*For those who are ill or convalescing: Henry, SungWha Oh, Kate Fetterman,
Diane Eldridge, Nimo Tirimanne, Susan Howard, Sandra Rogers,
David Rollins, Wally Smith, Nancy, Gary, Joan Newland, Ann Gouirand,
Harriet Schach, Alison Wardrop, Julie Grimstad, Jane Flucker,
Cynthia McCormick, Jeanne Pfeilsticker, Palmer Posvar, John Becker.*

*Let us remember those who continue in our prayers: Charles Mullen,
Dora Graff, Mary Ellen Leigh.*

*For those who have been commended to our prayers: Don Harrison, Joe Norton,
Dan Christopher, Mary and Charlie, Jenna, Emily Gervais, Steve Shandor,
Sr., Dave Tallman, Brian Embaugh, Joshua, Evelyn and John Nickel,
Lorraine Balun, William Marchl+, Daniel McCormick, Jack and
Mary Staite, Ayden Gora, Nancy H., Shirley Putra, Dave, Cynthia Scott,
Myra, Jackie Rogers, Jennifer, Al Churley, Lynn, Tom Julien,
William Fitzgerald, Bill, Meridith, Tom Dare, Paula Scully, Trip Levis,
David Hulley, David and Meghan and their baby, Caitlyn Brannigan, Carl,
Henry Gailliot, Marv, Becky Keevican, Coleman, Mark.*

For people throughout the world living with HIV and AIDS.

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

For those in hospice care.

For caregivers.

*For those who have died: Ann P. Wardrop, Naomi Brewer, Caroline O'Nan,
Michael Malley, Nicholas Walrath.*

For those in whose memory altar flowers are given:

HIGH ALTAR Laurence Frederick Eames.
Normon Ernst, *by Lauren Ernst, Christine Dixon-Ernst,
Alix Dixon-Ernst, and Julie & Geoffrey Dixon-Ernst.*
George F. and Ruth M. Roth, *by their family.*

LADY CHAPEL Fletcher Hodges, Jr. and Sarah Margaret Hodges,
by their family.

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Third Sunday of Advent

December 11, 2016

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Stir up your power, O LORD, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our LORD, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah [35:1-10]

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Reader: The Word of the LORD.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 146:4-9

- 4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! *
whose hope is in the LORD their God;
- 5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;*
who keeps his promise for ever;
- 6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, *
and food to those who hunger.
- 7 The LORD sets the prisoners free;
the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; *
the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
- 8 The LORD loves the righteous; the LORD cares for the stranger; *
he sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wicked.

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9 The LORD shall reign for ever, *
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Hallelujah!
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.

A Reading from the Letter of James [5:7-10]

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the LORD. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the LORD is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the LORD.

Reader: The Word of the LORD.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew

[11:2-11]

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

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me." As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.' Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

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

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