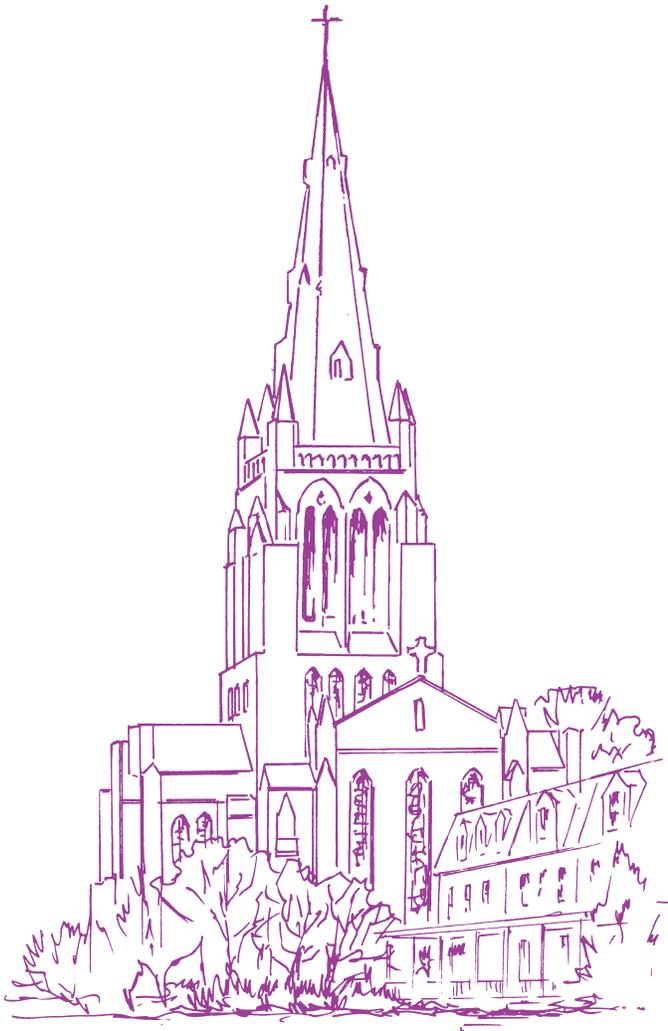


CALVARY

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Third Sunday of Advent
December 13, 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 on *Savior of the Nations, Come*

Johann Sebastian Bach

*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

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Canticle 9 *All say together.*

The Epistle

Philippians 4:4-7

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.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things.

—Isaiah 12:5

The Holy Gospel *All standing*

Luke 3:7-18

Response before the Gospel Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Response after the Gospel Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily

The Reverend Dr. David Bird

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 *Surely it is God who saves me*

HYMNAL, 679

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 *O come, O come, Emanuel*

HYMNAL, 56

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.*

Recessional Hymn *Come, thou long-expected Jesus*

HYMNAL, 66

Dismissal *All respond* Thanks be to God.

Postlude *Gaudeamus*

Alec Rowley

"God is our refuge and strength"

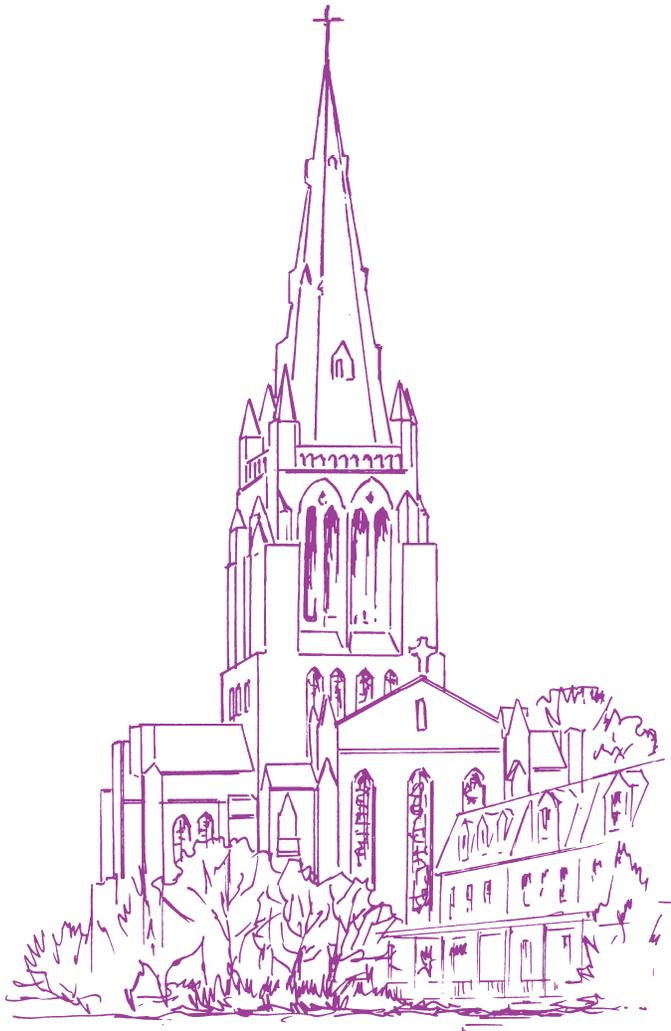
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Christian Formation classes for all ages begin at 10 A.M.

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Prelude on *Savior of the Nations, Come* Johann Sebastian Bach

Introit *Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion* G.F. Handel
Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee. He is the righteous Savior, and he shall speak peace unto the heathen.

Sarah Nadler, soprano

—Zechariah 9:9-10

THE WORD OF GOD

Entrance Hymn *Watchman, tell us of the night* HYMNAL, 640
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)*

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

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 Zephaniah 3:14-20

Canticle 9 Mode 1

The Choir sings the antiphon, and all repeat it

Sure-ly it is God who saves me.

The Epistle Philippians 4:4-7

Sequence Hymn *On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry* HYMNAL, 76

The Holy Gospel Luke 3:7-18

Response before the Gospel Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Response after the Gospel Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon The Reverend Dr. David Bird

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 *Come, thou long-expected Jesus* Alan Lewis

<i>Come, thou long-expected Jesus, redeemer of the nations, come, born to set thy people free, reveal yourself in virgin birth. From our fears and sins release us; the birth which ages all adore, let us find our rest in thee: a wondrous birth, befitting God.</i>	<i>From human will you do not spring, born thy people to deliver, born from the Spirit of our God, born a child and yet a king, O Word of God, come, take our flesh, born to reign in us forever, and grow as child in Mary's womb; now thy gracious kingdom bring.</i>
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*By thine own eternal Spirit
you came forth from th'eternal God;
rule in all our hearts alone;
and you returned to that same source.*

*By thine all-sufficient merit
you suffered death and harrowed hell:
raise us to thy glorious throne.*

—Texts by Charles Wesley and Ambrose of Milan, tr. C. P. Price

Hymn *Surely it is God who saves me* HYMNAL, 679

Post-Communion Prayer *BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, page 366*
Said by all together, kneeling.

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Hymn *Prepare the way, O Zion* HYMNAL, 65

Dismissal *All respond: Thanks be to God.*

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“God is our refuge and strength”

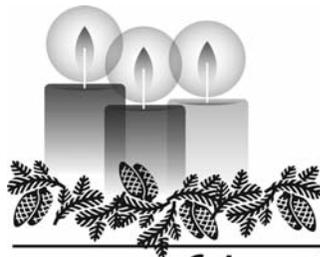
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Coffee and fellowship follows in the Parish Hall.*

MUSICAL NOTES

St. Paul's exhortation to the Philippians in today's Epistle to "Rejoice in the Lord" resonates through history on this Third Sunday of Advent. So attached were these words to this day that they became part of the Latin Introit appointed for this Sunday, and the day became known as "Gaudete Sunday" in consequence of the opening word of that chant. The rose-colored candle in the Advent wreath is designated for this day, and, in some places, rose-colored vestments and hangings are used. (In some parts of the Church, rose-colored glasses are worn on many occasions, but that is another matter.)

That rejoicing is particularly fitting this morning, as we celebrate the 35th anniversary of Leslie Reimer's ordination to the priesthood. Given Leslie's personal fondness for Advent, it is happy indeed that this occasion falls during this season. The music sung by the choirs at Communion is based on a fusion of two Advent hymns, one familiar ("Come, thou long-expected Jesus"), the other rather less-so ("Redeemer of the nations, come"). The extent to which the two texts, centuries apart in their origins, coordinate with one another, line by line, is a happy accident, with relatively little editorial assistance. The music for the Ambrosian text is a chant-tune traditionally associated with it from medieval times; the setting of Wesley's text is meant to complement the ancient melody.

Next weekend, Chatham Baroque, Calvary's ensemble-in-residence, presents a Christmas program entitled Paris in Pittsburgh. The trio is augmented by additional players and joined by soprano Sara Botkin. The performances are Friday, December 18, at 7 p.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Upper St. Clair, and Saturday, December 19 and Sunday, December 20 at 8 p.m. and 2:30 p.m., both here at Calvary. Tickets are available at their website, www.chathambaroque.org.



THIRD SUNDAY OF *Advent*

December 13, 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 T.J. Freeman

Lector & Chalice Bearer . . Liz Pentin

9 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Celebrant The Reverend Jonathon W. Jensen

Preacher The Reverend Dr. David Bird

Acolyte Alexander Victoria

Lectors Nancy Bromall Barry, Laura Marchl

Chalice Bearers Ellen Detlefsen, Douglas Chaffey

11 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Celebrant The Reverend Leslie G. Reimer

Preacher The Reverend Dr. David Bird

Assisting The Reverend Jonathon W. Jensen,
The Reverend T.J. Freeman

Verger Jamie McMahan

Acolytes Claire Mazur, Rian Fantozzi, Sam King,
Lowrie Woodside

Lectors Philip Parr, Elizabeth Slaymaker, Emma Schauf

Chalice Bearers James Southwood, Mary Lou Southwood,
Thomas Weiss, Bonnie Weiss

Flower Delivery Bonnie Weiss, Judie Compher

5 p.m. – CandleMass

Celebrant & Preacher . . . The Reverend T.J. Freeman

Lector Jamie McMahan

Chalice Bearer Aileen Keyes

Altar Guild Melissa Crimmins' Team

Our Parish Life

Welcome to our Guest Preacher

We welcome today the Very Rev. David Bird, Ph.D., as our preacher at the 9 and 11 o'clock services. David has been Dean of Trinity Cathedral in San Jose, CA since 2003. He was formerly Rector of St. Andrew's in New Kensington, PA and later Grace Church in Washington, D.C. and. He holds a Ph.D. in theology from Duquesne University. He was a mentor to both Leslie Reimer in New Kensington and Jonathon Jensen in Washington. David is married to Diane, a mechanical engineer. They have two children, Michael and Alexandra. David, originally from England, is a fan of rugby and the Pittsburgh Steelers.

The Rev. Leslie Reimer Anniversary

Today we 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.

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@calvarypgh.org or 412.661.0120 ext. 112) prior to January 1, 2016, so that the appropriate preparation and arrangements can be made.

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 Chili Fest is Coming

Please save the date of **Saturday, January 30, 2016!** (Plan to arrive around 5:30 p.m., we begin serving at 6.) This is a family friendly event, so bring the children. You are invited to bring your favorite chili recipe, 10 to 12 servings, or a salad or cornbread. The sign up sheet will be posted soon. You can add to the fun by also signing up to be a helper, decorate the parish hall, to monitor the serving and beverage table, or 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.

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. Also, be sure to lock your car – and don't leave valuables in plain sight. Thank you.

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. 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.

EECM Food Pantry "Food of the Month"

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 donation in the shopping cart in the Parish Hall. Thank you so much.

January Soup Group

"Oh, the weather outside is frightful," but it will be a great day to make soup. Please come to Calvary's kitchen on **Friday, January 8, 2016 at 10 a.m.** if you would like to cook with us. New recipes and chefs are always welcome. Email me if you have a good recipe and I will buy the ingredients. If you are unable to cook (or don't like to cook!) please consider taking soup to a friend, neighbor, family member that would enjoy warm bowl of soup.

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

CHRISTMASTIDE *at* CALVARY

Sunday, December 20, in the 11 o'clock service – Christmas Pageant
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.

Christmas Eve – Thursday, December 24, at 4 p.m. & 11 p.m.
The Holy Eucharist, Rite II
The Reverend Jonathon W. Jensen, *preacher*
Music with choirs, brass, & organ, beginning at 3:30 and 10:30 p.m.
Childcare will be provided during the 4 p.m. service

Christmas Day – Friday, December 25 at 9:30 a.m.
The Holy Eucharist, with Homily & Hymns

Parish Office Closing Dates

Calvary's offices will close at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, December 23 and re-open on Monday, December 28 at 9 a.m.
We will close again at 1 p.m. on Thursday, December 31 and re-open on Monday, January 4, 2016.

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 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
- 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 Leslie G. Reimer
- 5:00 P.M. CandleMass
- 6:00 P.M. Supper

Monday December 14, 2015

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

- 5:30 P.M. Bookstore Committee
- 6:00 P.M. Holy Eucharist
- 6:30 P.M. Parish Council Dinner and Meeting*
- 7:00 P.M. Centering Prayer
- 7:00 P.M. Recital Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday December 15, 2015

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

- 8:30 A.M. Beginnings
- 11:00 A.M. Staff Meeting
- 5:30 P.M. Calvary's PIIN Team

Wednesday December 16, 2015

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

- 7:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
- 8:30 A.M. Beginnings
- 10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist
- 11:30 A.M. Beginnings Holiday Lunch
- 2:00 P.M. Holy Eucharist at Sherwood Oaks
- 3:00 P.M. CLASP
- 4:30 P.M. Choristers' Rehearsal
- 6:00 P.M. EfM

Thursday December 17, 2015

William Lloyd Garrison and Maria Stewart, 1879, Prophetic Witnesses

- 9:30 A.M. EfM
- 1:00 P.M. Holy Eucharist at Longwood at Oakmont
- 7:00 P.M. Welcome Committee Meeting
- 7:30 P.M. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday December 18, 2015

- 7:00 P.M. CYAM Yule Ball

Saturday December 19, 2015

Lillian Trasher, Missionary in Egypt, 1961

- 9:00 A.M. Off the Floor
- 10:00 A.M. Centering Prayer for Peace
- 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 20, 2015

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
- 10:30 A.M. Cast Call
- 10:00 A.M. Adult Choir Warm-Up
- 11:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist and Christmas Pageant
- 12:00 P.M. Hospitality Hour
- 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.

CALVARY

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

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

Christian Formation _____

Today is the last day of Christian Formation classes for this calendar year.
Classes will resume January 10, 2016.

Calvary Christmas Pageant

Thank you to everyone that has signed up to participate in the Christmas Pageant! Please remember that we will have a rehearsal/walk-through (without costumes) on Saturday, December 19. Those with speaking roles, please arrive at 10 a.m.; all others, please arrive at 11 a.m. We will finish by noon.

It is never too late to join in the fun of the Christmas Pageant. If you would like to participate in a non-speaking role, please contact me and I will add your name to the cast list. If you cannot come to rehearsal on Saturday, December 19, just make your way to the Refectory on Sunday morning, December 20, at 10:30 a.m. and I will help you get in line with the rest of the cast members. More information can be found on the bulletin board in the hallway outside the Parish Hall. Please contact me with any questions.

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



10 a.m., in the Refectory

TODAY: 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.

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*

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 Prayers of the People

*For the Anglican Communion, and for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury:
Windward Islands, West Indies – The Right Reverend Calvert Friday.*

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. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, Scottsdale, and the Reverend
Charles Martin.*

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, Shirley Putra, ++Michael Curry, Melanie Kurtz.*

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: Raymond Kent.

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.

{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.

Third Sunday of Advent

December 13, 2015

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 Zephaniah [3:14-20]

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The LORD has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the LORD.

Reader: The Word of the LORD.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Canticle 9

Surely, it is God who saves me; *

I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the LORD is my stronghold and my sure defense, *

and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *

from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say, *

Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his Name;

Make his deeds known among the peoples; *

see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the LORD, for he has done great things, *

and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *

for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

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 Paul to the Philippians [4:4-7]

Rejoice in the LORD always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The LORD is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Reader: The Word of the LORD.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke

[3:7-18]

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

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire." And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages." As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

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

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