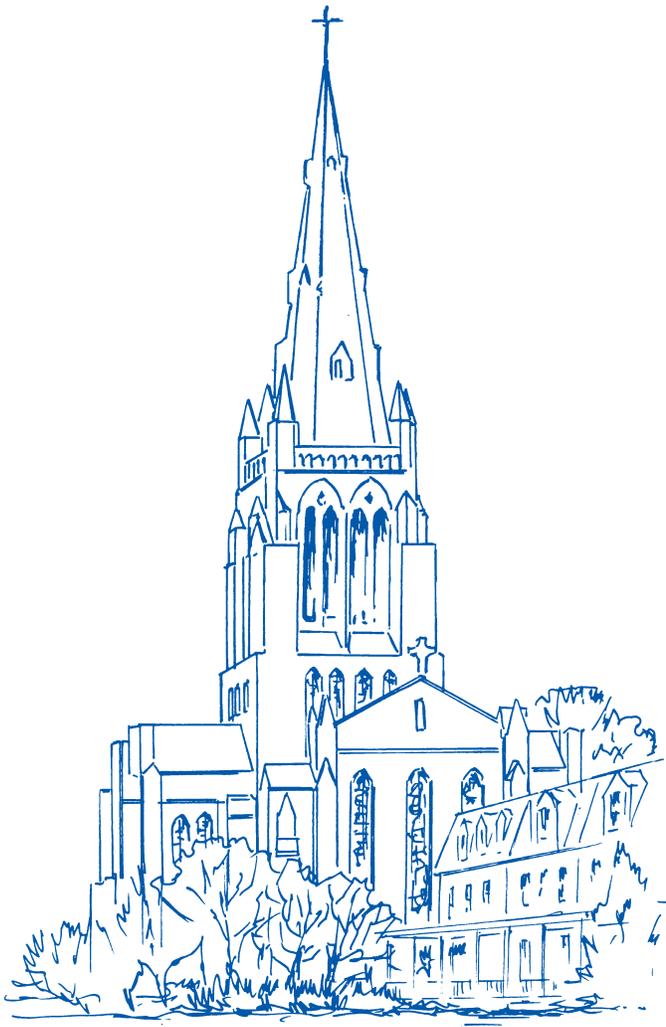


CALVARY

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Christmas Day
December 25, 2015
9:30 a.m.
The Holy Eucharist, Rite II



A faithful Episcopal Church welcoming all in the name of Christ

The Feast of the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, *or*
CHRISTMAS DAY

Friday, December 25, 2015

9:30 a.m. *The Holy Eucharist, Rite II*

Prelude *Pastorella* Johann Sebastian Bach

The Congregation stands as the Ministers enter.

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect for Purity *BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, page 355*

Song of Praise *Angels from the realms of glory* *HYMNAL, 93*

All stand and sing together, omitting Stanza 3

The Collect of the Day *(All remain standing)*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born this day of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever.

People Amen.

The Readings

The Lesson *(all sit)* Isaiah 52: 7-10

Psalm 98 *All read together.*

The Epistle Hebrews 1: 1-12

Sequence Hymn *Good Christian friends, rejoice* *HYMNAL, 107*
All stand and sing the hymn together.

The Holy Gospel John 1: 1-14

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

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

The Sermon The Rev. Leslie G. Reimer

The Nicene Creed *(all standing)* *BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, page 358*

The Prayers of the People

Intercessor In the name of the Word made Flesh, O God,

People Hear our prayer.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

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

The Holy Communion

Offertory Music *Prelude on All Glory Be to God on High* Bach

Offertory Hymn *O come, all ye faithful* HYMNAL, 83
All sing stanzas 1, 2 and 6 together.

The Great Thanksgiving BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, page 367

Eucharistic Prayer B

Sanctus and Benedictus HYMNAL, S 130

(Hymnal "S" numbers denote Service Music, printed at the front of the Hymnal.)

The service continues on page 368 of The Book of Common Prayer.

The congregation may stand or kneel.

In the midst of the Prayer, all join in the Memorial Acclamation:

We remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory.

The Lord's Prayer *(traditional form)* page 364

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

At the Fraction

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

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

Gluten free wafers are available on request.

Music during Communion:

Prelude on *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* Marcel Dupré

Post-Communion Prayer BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, page 365

(All pray together, kneeling)

The Four-fold Christmas Blessing

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

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

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

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

Recessional Hymn *Joy to the world! The Lord is come* HYMNAL, 100

All stand and sing together, omitting Stanza 3

Dismissal *All respond:* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude on *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* Bach

*The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ:
Christmas Day
December 25, 2015*

■ **WELCOME TO CALVARY CHURCH**

NEWCOMERS AND GUESTS are always welcome at Calvary Church. Our service uses the three books located in the pew: *The Book of Common Prayer*, *Lift Every Voice and Sing II*, and *The Hymnal 1982*. 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.

Participants in the Service

9:30 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

CelebrantThe Reverend Jonathon W. Jensen
PreacherThe Reverend Leslie G. Reimer
AcolyteAdrian O’Sullivan
LectorLiz Pentin
Chalice BearerWilliam Stevens
Altar GuildMelissa Crimmins’ Team



Our Parish Life

The Reverend Leslie G. Reimer's New Title

At the celebration of Leslie's 35th anniversary of her ordination as a priest, the Rector has given Leslie the title of Senior Associate Rector. Congratulations, Leslie.

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.

Sheldon Calvary Camp in Pittsburgh

Calvary Church hosts a Sheldon Calvary Camp service on the fourth Sunday of each month. **All are invited on next Sunday, 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.

Your 2015 Pledge

As we solicit your help in the 2016 Annual Appeal, please be reminded that 2015 has not yet run its course. If you have not yet paid your current pledge in full, please be sure to do so by year's end. If you are not sure if you have a balance, please contact Lynda Kennedy in the Finance Office at 412.661.0120, extension 113.

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.

Agape Deadline

The deadline for submissions for the next issue of *Agape* is **Friday, January 8, 2016**. Announcements may be emailed to calvary@calvarypgh.org or delivered to the church office.

The Chili Fest is Coming

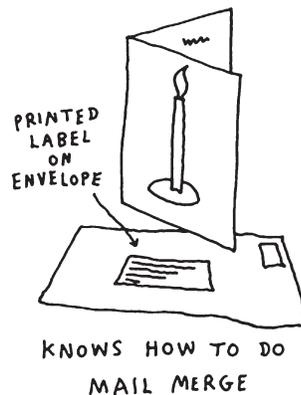
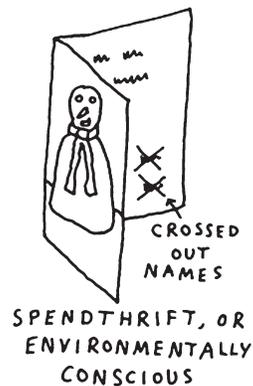
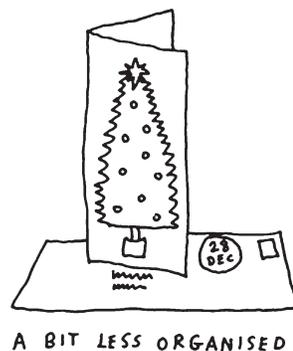
Please save the date of **Saturday, January 30, 2016!** (Plan to arrive around 5:30 p.m., we begin serving at 6.) This is a family friendly event, so bring the children. You are invited to bring your favorite chili recipe, 10 to 12 servings, or a salad or cornbread. The sign up sheet will be posted soon.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

EECM Food Pantry “Food of the Month”

East End Cooperative Ministry operates the second largest food pantry in Pittsburgh. On their “Wish List” in December is **Rice**. Other suggestions are **Rice-a-Roni, Dry Cereal, Instant Mashed Potatoes, Peanut Butter, and Hamburger Helper**. Other essential items they can always use include *Reusable Grocery/Tote Bags, Disposable Grocery Bags, Individually Wrapped Rolls of Toilet Paper, and Diapers and Baby Wipes* (many of the over 500 families we provide groceries for each month have infants).

Of course, you can bring in whatever you wish to donate. Please leave your items in the shopping cart in the Parish Hall. Thank You! Visit EECM’s website: www.eecm.org.

CHRISTMAS CARDS



The Calendar

Friday December 25, 2015

*The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ:
CHRISTMAS DAY*

Church offices will be closed this day.

9:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist

Saturday December 26, 2015

Saint Stephen, Deacon and Martyr

Sunday December 27, 2015

*Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist
(The First Sunday after Christmas Day)*

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

12:00 P.M. Hospitality Hour

Monday December 28, 2015

The Holy Innocents

6:00 P.M. Holy Eucharist

7:00 P.M. Centering Prayer

Tuesday December 29, 2015

Thomas Becket, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1170

11:00 A.M. Staff Meeting

Wednesday December 30, 2015

*Frances Joseph-Gaudet, Educator and Prison
Reformer, 1934*

7:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist

10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist

11:30 A.M. Calvary Camp Staff Reunion

Thursday December 31, 2015

*Samuel Ajayi Crowther, Bishop in the Niger
Territories, 1891*

**The Church and Offices will close at
1 p.m. this day**

Friday January 1, 2016

The Holy Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ

**The Church and Offices will be closed
this day.**

Saturday January 2, 2016

*Vedanayagam Samuel Azariah, First Indian Anglican
Bishop, Dornakal, 1945*

Sunday January 3, 2016

The Second Sunday after Christmas Day

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

12:00 P.M. Hospitality Hour

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

Recycle Clothing and More

Calvary continues to accept donations of gently used clothing. We will also accept kitchen utensils, pots and pans, small appliances, towels, bedding, and blankets. All items are then delivered to the 'Thrifty Store' at the Thomas Merton Center, Penn Avenue in Garfield, which benefits our East End neighbors. There is a clothes basket in the Parish Hall near the shopping cart, available for you to drop off donations anytime: Sunday when you come to worship, or during the week when you are here for a meeting or to attend a class. One item or many, it all helps.

Memorial Flowers _____

The flowers at the altars are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of:

- HIGH ALTAR Charles Clifton Altman, M.D. and Susan Degnan Altman,
*by their son, Charles R. Altman, their great granddaughters
Anne Powers Bumsted, and Katherine Reed Bumsted.*
Thomas and Lauren Deis, *by their family.*
Oliver McClintock, *by his wife.*
Tommy and Florence Nimick, *by Locky, Kit and Vikki.*
John Pippin, *by his family.*
Thomas and Elizabeth Harmar Searson,
Richard Greville Searson, and Thomas Raymond Searson.
Walter N. Wilson, M.D., and L. Jane Wilson, *by their family.*
C. Holmes Wolfe, Jr. and Suzanne O. Wolfe, *by friends.*
- LADY CHAPEL John Pippin, *by his family.*
Bart and Virginia Shakarian, *by his family.*
- ALL SAINTS John and Ellen Smonski, *by their family.*
- COLUMBARIUM Nancy Gay Bateman and Dupuy Bateman, Jr.,
by Mr. and Mrs. Dupuy Bateman III, and Dupuy Bateman IV.
- PEACE CROSS Richard Mather Marshall, Elizabeth Taylor Marshall,
Major Richard Mather Marshall, Jr., and
Major John Ashby Marshall, *by their family.*

Christian Formation _____

Christian Formation classes will resume January 10, 2016.

*The Prayers of the People*_____

For the Anglican Communion, and for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury.

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 Diocesan staff
including the Reverend Canon Dr. Catherine Brall, Rich Creehan,
Joan Gundersen, Andy Muhl, Marlene Rihn, Andrew Roman, Judi Rogers,
and Kathi Workman.*

For those serving in the armed forces.

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

*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,
Terry, Tim Martin.*

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 F. Kent.

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

Christmas Day

December 25, 2015

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born this day of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah [52:7-10]

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the LORD to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the LORD has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Reader: The Word of the LORD.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 98

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.
- 3 The Lord has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the Lord with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, * and let the hills ring out with joy
before the Lord, when he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.

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 to the Hebrews [1:1-12]

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you"? Or again, "I will be his Father, and he will be my Son"? And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him." Of the angels he says, "He makes his angels winds, and his servants flames of fire." But of the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, and the righteous scepter is the scepter of your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions." And, "In the beginning, LORD, you founded the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands; they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like clothing; like a cloak you will roll them up, and like clothing they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will never end."

Reader: The Word of the LORD.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to John [1:1-14]

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

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

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

The Clergy, Vestry, and Staff of Calvary Episcopal Church wish you a Merry Christmas



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The Reverend Ruth Bosch Becker,

Assisting Pastor

The Reverend John J. Fetterman,

Theologian-in-Residence

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Catherine Davidson, *Senior Warden*

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Ron Johnston, James Knight,

Tim Martin, *Sextons*

Marsha Morris, *Parish Secretary*

– The Vestry –

2016	2017	2018	2019
Catherine Davidson	Karen Clay	Pamela Golden	S.P. Hewie
Anne Kamstra Keeler	Matt Muldoon	Brianne Jacoby	Richard Shafer
Tim Randall	Greg Norton	G. Frederic Roth	Ruth Fowler
Nevin Woodside	Kenneth Stiles	Michael Saporito	George Carvell

– The Parish Council –

2016	2017	2018	2019
Jennifer De Rosa	Pam Hess	James Lee Houston	Julia Carr
Ann Gouirand	Bob King	Anne Robb	Conroy Guyer
Stephen Shandor, <i>president</i>		Timothy Thompson	Judy Wootten