



December 10, 2023

8:30 AM Uplift

*If you are a guest today, please fill out the "Guest Information" portion
of your bulletin and place it in the offering plate.*

Thank you for worshiping with us!

Scripture: 2 Peter 3:8-14

Postcards to the Bethlehem Bound:
Are We There Yet?

Pastor Alex Martin

Welcome to ***Uplift!*** We're glad you're here to worship with us!

For your small children, a nursery is located
through the right front door of the sanctuary.

Hearing assistance devices are available from our *Uplift* sound team.

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10:55 AM

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Gathering God's People

Prelude "Once in Royal David's City" arr. Sobaje

Welcome to Worship

Welcome Chorus.....Worship the Savior"

Invocation Bob McPherson

Worshiping God's Glory

Hymn of Praise..... "The First Noel" No. 180
(verses 1, 2, and 4)

The Prayers of God's People

Hymn of Giving..... "Angels We Have Heard on High" No. 184
(verses 1 and 3)

(Children in K through Grade 3 may exit for Children's Church)

*Prayer Over the Offering

Offertory "All is Well" arr. Kingsmore

Hearing God's Word

Scripture..... 2 Peter 3:8-14

Anthem..... "Within the Manger Walls" Sanctuary Choir

Message..... Postcards to the Bethlehem Bound:..... Alex Martin
Are We There Yet?

Answering God's Call

*Invitation..... "o Jesus, I Have Promised" No. 501

*Closing Prayer

*Postlude "I Saw Three Ships" arr. Harris

*Congregation please stand.

Church Life Updates

- **2024 Church Budget:** In your bulletin this morning, you'll find a ballot for the 2024 church budget, which was presented and discussed at last month's business meeting. If you're a member of Calvary, please mark your ballot and drop it in the offering plate.
- **Christmas Post Office Now Open:** If you'd like to send Christmas greetings to our "Silver Circle" members, just prepare your cards, write the recipient's name on the front of each envelope, and drop the cards in the baskets located in the church office and the hallway outside the sanctuary. The Post Office closes this Wednesday (December 13).
- **Christmas Missions Offering:** Your gift can support efforts to share the good news of Jesus around the world. You can designate your gift for Andy and Cari Robertson, the Lottie Moon Offering (SBC), or the Global Missions Offering (CBF). Or you can leave your gift undesignated, and we will divide it among all three recipients. As of last Sunday, we've collected \$995.00 of our \$3500 goal.
- **Children's Christmas Program:** Calvary's kids will present "Hotel Noel," a musical take on the Christmas story, at 6 o'clock next Sunday (Dec. 17). We hope you'll join us to celebrate the season (and the talents of our boys and girls). And please plan to stick around afterward for the reception that is being prepared by our women's ministries.
 - (If you can help by donating refreshments for that reception, please contact Mary Jane Shelton or Beth Church.)
- **Pastor-Led Bible Study:** All those who have been participating in Pastor Alex's study of Revelation are reminded that our final sessions for this year will take place this Wednesday/Thursday, Dec. 13/14.
- **Holiday Worship Schedule:** Please be aware that we'll be adjusting our worship schedule on Sunday, Dec. 24 and Sunday, Dec. 31 so that families in our church can make the most of their holiday celebration. On these two Sundays, we'll have Sunday School at 9 o'clock, followed by one service of worship at 10 o'clock.

Church Statistics

Budget Year 2023 As of 12/03/23	Budget to Date	Receipts to Date	Expenditures to Date	Receipts minus Expenditures
General	\$522,380.67	\$562,821.72	547,367.46	\$15,454.26
Transportation	\$2,773.40	\$6,470.00	\$4,925.15	\$1,544.85
Endowment Fund as of 12/03/23:			73,634.39	

If you have any questions about the budget please see Bob Peake.

Date	Sunday School	Uplift	Traditional	Total Worship
12/03/23	167	141	111	252

Calendar of Events

Sunday, December 10

8:30 AM Uplift Service
 9:45 AM Sunday School
 10:55 AM Traditional Service
 5:00 PM Children's Christmas
 Program Rehearsal

Sunday, December 17

8:30 AM Uplift Service
 9:45 AM Sunday School
 10:55 AM Traditional Service

Wednesday, December 20

7:15 PM Choir Practice

Tuesday, December 12

6:30 PM BYW Meeting

Wednesday, December 13

6:00 PM Pastor-Led Bible Study
 7:15 PM Choir Practice

Thursday, December 14

10:00 AM Pastor-Led Bible Study

Prayer Concerns

- **The Calvary Family:** Our Homebound Members, Brenda Arnder and her daughter Peggy, Gray Beverly, Ray Dunbar, Renee Francis, Vernell Goins, Anita Greene, Lillie Mae Haynes, Andrea Herath, Norris Hodge, Brent and Anita Hull, Norris Jarrell, Tony Martin, Cooper Mauck, Greg McCormick, Robert McKinney, Devra Neal, Brent Riddle, Howard Shelton, Craig Slate, Owen Stone, Kendra White
- **Friends of Calvary (11/26):** Sylvia Gentry, Family of Ruth Hawks (Ray Dunbar's sister), Family of Nancy Hayes (Mary Jo White's sister)
- **Friends of Calvary (12/03):** Shirley Fields (Bodey Fields' mother), Harold Hooker (Gray Shelton's friend), Kay Jones (George Howlett's sister), Veda Payne (Rhonda McHone's mother), Sylar Tucker (daughter of Lindsay Tucker, community friend), Bill Williams (Gray Shelton's friend)

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Deacon of the Week	Bob McPherson	Kent Moser
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Striving to glorify God by being a Christ-centered, caring church through worship, discipleship, missions and ministry.