



December 17, 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!

--Lighting of Advent Wreath--

"Witness His Majesty"

Offering

Announcements

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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Please silence cell phones during the worship service.



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10:55 AM

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Gathering God's People

Prelude..... "Silent Night, Holy Night" arr. Kinyon

Welcome to Worship

Welcome Chorus.....Worship the Savior

Invocation Kent Moser

Worshiping God's Glory

Hymn of Praise "O Come All Ye Faithful" No. 199
(verses 1, and 3)

The Prayers of God's People

Hymn of Giving..... "O Little town of Bethlehem" No. 196
(verses 1 and 3)

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

*Prayer Over the Offering

Offertory "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"arr. Simpson

Hearing God's Word

Scripture1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Anthem..... "There is a Song in the Air" Sanctuary Choir

Message.....Postcards to the Bethlehem Bound:..... Alex Martin

Learning the Language of His Coming

Answering God's Call

*Invitation..... "Jesus the Very Thought of Thee" No. 173

*Closing Prayer

*Postlude..... "A Joyful Ring" arr. Kinyon

*Congregation please stand.

Church Life Updates

- **Children's Christmas Program:** Calvary's kids will present "Hotel Noel," a musical take on the Christmas story, tonight at 6 o'clock. 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.
- **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 \$1950.00 of our \$3500 goal.
- **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.
- **Blood Drive:** Calvary will host its next Red Cross Blood Drive on Sunday, January 7, from 11 am to 3:30 pm. And in support of Brent Hull, whose treatment has required regular infusions, the drive will be held in his honor. Walk-ins are welcome, but if you'd like to schedule a donation, please visit redcrossblood.org and use the sponsor code "Calvary." If you can assist by preparing snacks, serving in the snack area, or registering donors, you're asked to contact Mary Jane Shelton (grayandmary@gmail.com).

Church Statistics

| Budget Year 2023 As of 12/10/23 | Budget to Date | Receipts to Date | Expenditures to Date | Receipts minus Expenditures |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| General | \$533,041.50 | \$581,163.74 | \$552,444.70 | \$28,719.04 |
| Transportation | \$2,830.00 | \$6,470.00 | \$4,925.15 | \$1,544.85 |
| Endowment Fund as of 12/10/23: | | | 73,634.39 | |

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

| Date | Sunday School | Uplift | Traditional | Total Worship |
|------------|---------------|--------|-------------|---------------|
| 12/10/2023 | 162 | 137 | 99 | 236 |

Calendar of Events

Sunday, December 17

8:30 AM Uplift Service

9:45 AM Sunday School

10:55 AM Traditional Service

6:00 PM Children's Christmas Program

Sunday, December 24

9:00 AM Sunday School

10:00 AM Worship Service

Sunday, December 31

9:00 AM Sunday School

10:00 AM Worship Service

Wednesday, December 20

7:15 PM Choir Practice

The Office Will be Closed

Monday, December 25

Merry Christmas!

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, Greg McCormick, Robert McKinney, Devra Neal, Howard Shelton, Craig Slate, Owen Stone, Tony Varney, Kendra White
- **Friends of Calvary (12/03):** Shirley Fields (Bodey Fields' mother), Harold Hooker (Gray Shelton's friend), Kay Jones (George Howlett's sister), Sylar Tucker (daughter of Lindsay Tucker, community friend), Bill Williams (Gray Shelton's friend)
- **Friends of Calvary (12/10):** Junior Forrest (Allison Hiatt's uncle), Sylvia Gentry, Veda Payne (Rhonda McHone's mother)

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| Deacon of the Week | Kent Moser | Clay Nowlin |
| Safety Team—Uplift Safety Team—Traditional | Doug Odell Jim Byrd | Benny Lisk Gray Shelton |



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