



**December 1, 2024**

**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!*

### **Message**

**Christmas Letters: Good News!**

**Romans 1:1-7**

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 ..... "Carol of the Bells" .....arr. Sorenson

Welcome to Worship

\* Welcome Chorus ..... "Emmanuel" ..... No. 201

\*Invocation ..... David Stone

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

**Worshiping God's Glory**

\* Hymn of Praise ..... "The First Noel " ..... No. 180

(Verses 1 and 4)

The Prayers of God's People

\* Hymn of Giving... .."Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming " ..... No. 177

(Verses 1 and 2)

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

\* Prayer over the Offering

Offertory ..... "God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen" .....arr. Raney

**Hearing God's Word**

Scripture..... Romans 1:1-7

Anthem....."A Song of Christmas Joy" .....Sanctuary Choir

Message..... Christmas Letters:..... Pastor Alex Martin  
*Good News!*

**Answering God's Call**

\*Invitation ..... "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus " ..... No. 176

Closing Prayer

Postlude ..... "Good King Wenceslas" ..... arr. Smith

## Church Life Updates

- **Christmas Missions Offering:** Calvary's Christmas Mission Offering is one of the key ways that we support our partners in sharing the good news of Jesus around the world. Our church goal for 2024 is \$6000. You can designate your gift to Andy & Cari Robertson (our missionaries in Chad), the Lottie Moon Offering of the SBC, and/or the Global Missions offering of the CBF. Or you can give an undesignated gift, and we will divide it equally among these recipients.
- **Christmas Worship Opportunities:** As we look toward the Christmas season, we hope you'll join us for some of our special worship opportunities. Our Christmas Cantata will take place on Sunday, Dec. 15 at 6 PM. The Children's Christmas Program will take place on Wednesday, Dec. 18 at 6:30 PM. A Christmas Eve service will be offered on Tuesday, Dec. 24 at 5:30 PM. And our next One Calvary Sunday take place on Sunday, Dec. 29.
- **A Word of Thanks:** Sharon Thornburg has been serving as the official counter of our weekly offerings since 2007. The work requires great attention to detail, and Sharon has done the job with skill and devotion. She is stepping down from this role at the end of this year, and we want to thank her for her ministry. If you have the opportunity, please let her know how much she is appreciated!
- **Christmas Post Office:** The Christmas Post Office is running and will be available through Dec. 19. To send cards to our homebound members, write the name of the recipient on each envelope and drop the envelopes in the box located in the church office, or the one located in the hallway between the sanctuary and the educational building.
- **Homeless Ministry:** "The Warming Center" is a project of several local churches and community groups that provides a warm place to sleep for Mount Airy's homeless population on cold winter nights. Trinity Episcopal is hosting the ministry, but volunteers are needed. To learn more, please contact Pastor Alex.
- **Hurricane Response:** We continue to invite you to support hurricane relief efforts in western North Carolina by donating supplies and/or making designated contributions to "Hurricane Relief."

# Church Statistics

<b>Budget Year 2024 As of 11/24/24</b>	Budget to Date	Receipts to Date	Expenditures to Date	Receipts minus Expenditures
General	\$549,376.67	\$586,256.39	\$500,512.22	\$85,744.17
Transportation	\$2,711.54	\$2,275.00	\$0	\$2,275.00
		Endowment Fund as of 11/24/24:		\$153,908.51

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

Date	Sunday School	Uplift	Traditional	Total Worship
11/24/2024	167	186	87	273

# Calendar of Events

## Sunday, December 1

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

## Sunday, December 8

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

## Tuesday, December 3

- 10:30 AM Women in Mission

## Tuesday, December 10

- 6:30 PM BYW

## Wednesday, December 4

- 6:15 PM Handbells Practice
- 7:15 PM Choir Practice

## Wednesday, December 11

- 6:15 PM Handbells Practice
- 7:15 PM Choir Practice

# Prayer Concerns

- **The Calvary Family:** Our Homebound Members, Brenda Arnder and her daughter Peggy, Glenda Beasley, Lore Beckom, Claudia Bryant, Lauren Francis, Vernell Goins, Roger & Anita Greene, Lillie Mae Haynes, Michael Havet, Kelly Mabe, Kathy McKnight, Greg McCormick, Marissa Montgomery, Karen Moser, Devra Neal, Bill Norman, Owen Stone, Annie Thomas, Michelle Utt, Chris Vernon, Kendra White
- **Friends of Calvary (11/17):** Family of Clinton Brim (Sherry Riddle’s friend), Johnny Jones (George Howlett’s brother-in-law), Clark Key (Meredith Simmons’ uncle), Family of L. H. Mabe (Kelly Mabe’s father-in-law), Jose Ortega (Carlos Delfin’s friend), Family of Roger Stone (Sherry Riddle’s friend)
- **Friends of Calvary (11/24):** Trey & Amanda Cash (Clark and Trudy Cash’s son & daughter-in-law), Family of Gary Grant (Danny and Hope Lineberry’s mentor), Barbara Rumley McGatlin (Jessica Simandle’s mother)

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Deacon of the Week	David Stone	Mike Francis
Safety Team—Uplift Safety Team—Traditional	Kenny Nowlin George Howlett	Tom Beckom Kent Moser

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