



December 8, 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: Love Has Come

1 John 1:1-4

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 "Angels From the Realms of Glory" arr. Rouse
- Welcome to Worship
- *Welcome Chorus "Emmanuel" No. 201
- *Invocation Mike Francis

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Worshiping God's Glory

- *Hymn of Praise "Angels We Have Heard on High " No. 184
(Verses 1 and 3)

The Prayers of God's People

- * Hymn of Giving.... "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel " No. 175
(Verses 1 and 4)

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

*Prayer over the Offering

- Offertory "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"arr. Prim

Hearing God's Word

- Scripture..... 1 John 1:1-4
- Worship in Song..... "The Final Word" Alex Martin
- Message Christmas Letters: Alex Martin
Love Has Come

Answering God's Call

- *Invitation "O Come, All Ye Faithful "No. 199
- Closing Prayer
- Postlude "Joy Medley" arr. Sorenson

Church Life Updates

- **Christmas Missions Offering:** Thank you for sharing the love of Christ with people around the world! Heading into this Sunday, we have collected \$1,435 toward our goal for this year of \$6000.
- **A “Calvary Kids” Christmas:** All of Calvary’s 1st through 5th graders are encouraged to join us from 9 am to 1 pm on Sunday, December 15, for a special kind of Christmas celebration! We’ll sing carols at 12 Oaks, enjoy lunch at Biscuitville, and finish by watching “The Best Christmas Pageant Ever” at the Earl Theatre. If you have any questions, please contact Erika Goings or Doug Odell.
- **Christmas Worship Opportunities:** Don’t forget to mark your calendar for these special times of Christmas worship!
 - *Christmas Cantata: Sunday, December 15 at 6 PM.*
 - *Children’s Christmas Program: Wednesday, Dec. 18 at 6:30 PM.*
 - *Christmas Eve Service: Tuesday, Dec. 24 at 5:30 PM.*
- **Christmas Treats Needed:** Would you like to support our children’s ministry by providing food or drinks for the reception that will take place after the Kids’ Christmas Program on Dec.18? If so, please contact Beth Church (828/391-1726) or Kathy McKnight (446/648-4523) to sign-up.
- **Christmas Post Office:** The Christmas Post Office closes on Dec. 19. To send cards to our homebound members, just 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.
- **A Gift for You:** The Heritage Committee will continue Calvary’s tradition of handing out Christmas treat bags on December 22. Bags will be distributed after each service and during Sunday School.
- **Homeless Ministry:** “The Warming Center” is a new ministry 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.
- **Welcoming Our Newest:** Calvary offers prayers and congratulations to Shawn and Christy Snow, who welcomed their newborn daughter, Georgia May Snow, on November 28. If you’d like to send them a note of encouragement, their address is: 1422 Henri St., Mount Airy.

Church Statistics

Budget Year 2024 As of 12/01/24	Budget to Date	Receipts to Date	Expenditures to Date	Receipts minus Expenditures
General	\$561,065.54	\$599,632.64	\$505,190.12	\$94,442.52
Transportation	\$2,769.23	\$2,350.00	\$0	\$2,350.00
		Endowment Fund as of 12/01/24:		\$154,008.51

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

Date	Sunday School	Uplift	Traditional	Total Worship
12/1/2024	179	121	90	211

In your bulletin today, you'll find a ballot for the 2025 Church budget, which was discussed and approved at our business meeting last month. If you're a member of the Calvary family, please mark your ballot "for" or "against" our proposed budget of \$700,317 and drop it in the offering plate. Thank you.

Calendar of Events

Sunday, December 8

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

Sunday, December 15

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

Tuesday, December 10

6:30 PM BYW

Wednesday, December 18

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

Wednesday, December 11

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

We'd Love to Have You Join Us!

Membership at Calvary is open to everyone who has placed their trust in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord and has been baptized by immersion. To join the church by profession of faith or by transfer of letter from another congregation, you can speak to the pastor during the song of response at the end of worship or contact him during the week.

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 (11/24):** 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)
- **Friends of Calvary (12/01):** Pat Bowers (mother of Danny & Hope Lineberry's friend), Family of Gene Draughn (Mitzi Poore's father), Family of Phyllis McCraw, Deidre Rogers (community friend)

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Deacon of the Week	Mike Francis	Steve Simandle
Safety Team—Uplift Safety Team—Traditional	Tom Beckom Kent Moser	Duke Gregory Jim Byrd

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