



**December 15, 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: Misfit in the Manger

Philippians 2:1-11

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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*Hearing assistance devices are available; please see an usher.*

*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 We Have Heard on High" ..... arr. Prim

Welcome to Worship

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

\*Invocation ..... Steve Simandle

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

**Worshiping God's Glory**

\*Hymn of Praise ..... "Joy to the World!" ..... No. 181

(Verses 1 and 4)

The Prayers of God's People

\* Hymn of Giving ..... "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day" ..... No. 187

(Verses 1, 3 and 4)

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

\*Prayer over the Offering

Offertory..... "Breath of Heaven" .....arr. Bober

**Hearing God's Word**

Scripture .....Philippians 2:1-11

Anthem ..... "There a Tiny Baby Lay" .....Sanctuary Choir

Message .....Christmas Letters: .....Alex Martin

*Misfit in the Manger*

**Answering God's Call**

\*Invitation..... "Child in the Manger" .....No. 189

Closing Prayer

Postlude..... "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" ..... arr. Rouse

## 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 \$3,410 toward our goal for this year of \$6000.
- **Christmas Cantata:** We invite you to join us tonight at 6 o'clock as Calvary's Praise Band, Choir, and Drama Team present "There's No Room Here," a worship experience for Christmas.
- **Children's Program:** Calvary's Kids will present a Christmas pageant this Wednesday, 12/18, at 6:30 in the evening. Please come out to support our young people, to celebrate the story of our Savior's birth, and to share some refreshments after the program. If you would like to help provide treats or drinks for the reception, please contact Beth Church (828/391-1726) or Kathy McKnight (446/648-4523) to sign-up.
- **Christmas Post Office:** The Christmas Post Office will soon close for the year! If you'd like to use the Post Office to send cards to our homebound members, please be sure to bring those cards to the church office no later than this Thursday (December 19).
- **Christmas Eve:** You and your family are invited to join us for a service of Christmas Eve worship on Tuesday, December 24 at 5:30 PM.
- **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.
- **Angel Tree Ministry:** Thank you for your giving hearts. Because you care for others, 45 children will have a Merry Christmas through Salvation Army Angels. Bless you!

## Church Statistics

Budget Year 2024 As of 12/08/24	Budget to Date	Receipts to Date	Expenditures to Date	Receipts minus Expenditures
General	\$572,754.40	\$611,246.02	\$518,315.54	\$92,930.48
Transportation	\$2826.92	\$2,350.00	\$0	\$2,350.00
		Endowment Fund as of 12/08/24:		\$154,025.98

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

Date	Sunday School	Uplift	Traditional	Total Worship
12/8/2024	154	132	80	212

## Calendar of Events

### Sunday, December 15

8:30 AM Uplift Service  
 9:45 AM Sunday School  
 10:55 AM Worship Service  
 6:00 PM Christmas Cantata

### Wednesday, December 18

6:00 PM Handbells Practice  
 6:30 PM Children's Program  
 7:15 PM Choir Practice

### Sunday, December 22

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

### Tuesday, December 24

5:30 PM Christmas Eve Service

*Office Closed*

*December 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>*

*Merry Christmas!*

### 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 (12/08):** 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	Steve Simandle	Debbie Howlett
Safety Team—Uplift Safety Team—Traditional	Duke Gregory Jim Byrd	Bill Norman Gray Shelton

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