



**December 22, 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:

Not Just a Christmas Jesus

Colossians 1:15-20

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.*



**December 22, 2024**

**10:55 AM**

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**Gathering God's People**

Prelude ..... "Christmas Night" ..... Calvary Joybells

Welcome to Worship

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

Invocation ..... Debbie Howlett

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

**Worshipping 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 4)

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

\* Prayer over the Offering

Offertory ..... "Manger Child" ..... Calvary Joybells

**Hearing God's Word**

Scripture ..... Colossians 1:15-20

Anthem ..... "Love Can!" ..... Sanctuary Choir

Message ..... Christmas Letters: ..... Pastor Alex Martin  
*"Not Just a Christmas Jesus"*

**Answering God's Call**

\* Invitation ..... "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly " ..... No. 213

Closing Prayer

Postlude ..... "On This Day Earth Shall Ring" ..... Calvary Joybells

## 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 \$5,010 toward our goal for this year of \$6000.
- **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.
- **Youth Jamaica Mission:** On December 27, a team of 16 students and 8 adults from Calvary will set off for Jamaica on the mission trip that was postponed due to dangerous weather last summer. They'll spend a week serving with Pastor Wayne Smith of Greenwood Baptist Church through Praying Pelican Ministries. Please be sure to pray for the team's safety, ministry, and growth in Christ. And pray, too, for the people whose hearts they'll touch. The team will return on January 3.
- **One Calvary Sunday:** Next Sunday, December 29, will be our final "One Calvary Sunday" for 2024. In an effort to strengthen the bonds we share as a church family (and to enjoy some extra "together time" during the holiday season), we'll temporarily suspend our normal Sunday schedule so that we can have a church fellowship breakfast at 8:30, Sunday School at 9:30, and worship at 10:30. In addition to celebrating the Lord's Supper, we'll be receiving a special offering for our Benevolence Fund. We hope you can join us as we wrap up the year together.
- **Red Cross Blood Drive:** Calvary's next Red Cross Blood Drive will take place from 11 am to 3:30 pm on Sunday, January 5. If you'd like to reserve a donation time, please visit "[redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org)" and use the sponsor code "Calvary." We are seeking volunteers to help register donors and to serve snacks. If you'd like to participate, please contact Mary Jane Shelton.
- **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.

## Church Statistics

<b>Budget Year</b> <b>2024</b> <b>As of 12/15/24</b>	Budget to Date	Receipts to Date	Expenditures to Date	Receipts minus Expenditures
General	\$584,443.27	\$623,485.68	\$521,636.75	\$101,848.93
Transportation	\$2826.92	\$2,350.00	\$0	\$2,350.00
		Endowment Fund as of 12/15/24:		\$154,035.98

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

Date	Sunday School	Uplift	Traditional	Total Worship
12/15/2024	175	115	97	212

## Calendar of Events

### Sunday, December 22

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

### Sunday, December 29

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

### Tuesday, December 24

5:30 PM Christmas Eve Service

### Wednesday, January 1

5:45 PM Mid-Week Ministries  
 6:15 PM Handbells Practice  
 7:15 PM Choir Practice

*Office Closed*

*December 24th & 25th*

*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, Beverly Hamilton, Lillie Mae Haynes, Kathy McKnight, Greg McCormick, Karen Moser, Devra Neal, Bill Norman, Mark Puckett, Owen Stone, Annie Thomas, Michelle Utt, Chris Vernon, Kendra White
- **Calvary Youth Mission Trip to Jamaica (Dec. 27 to Jan 3)**

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Deacon of the Week	Debbie Howlett	Gray Shelton
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