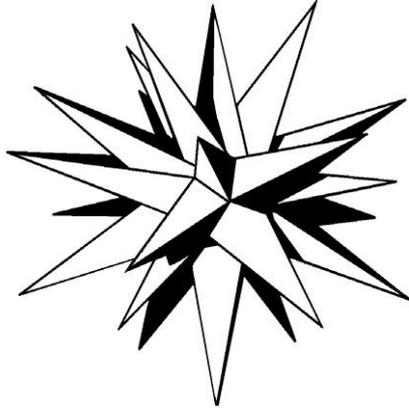


Calvary Moravian Church



FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

SERVICE OF READINGS AND CAROLS

DECEMBER 31, 2017

600 Holly Avenue
Winston-Salem, NC 27101-2716
Witnessing to the love of God in the heart
of Winston-Salem since 1893.

First Sunday after Christmas

December 31, 2017

11:00 a.m.

Watchword for the Week – Paul wrote: **But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. Galatians 4:4-5**

The beautiful seasons of Advent and Christmas call us to personal preparation for the celebration of the birth of our Savior. Our banners and all the appropriate appointments in our sanctuary should serve as silent reminders of the significance of these seasons. As the people of old were called to prepare the way for God's Promised One, we are called to share the good news.

Preparation for Worship

GREETINGS AND NEWS OF THE CONGREGATION

The Right Reverend Lane A. Sapp

PRELUDE – *In Bethlehem's Low Stable*

Helmut Walcha

The Praise of God

+A MORAVIAN CHRISTMAS READING SERVICE, PART I

In the beginning was the Word,

and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

In him was life,

and the life was the light of men.

The light shines in the darkness,

and the darkness has not overcome it.

+All who are able, please stand.

The true light that enlightens every man was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world knew him not.

He came to his own home, and his own people received him not.

But to all who received Him, who believed in His name, He gave power to become children of God.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth;

we have beheld His glory, glory as of the only son from the Father.

T. VENI EMMANUEL

O come, O come, Immanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, Thou Wisdom from on high, and order all things, far and nigh;
To us the path of knowledge show, and cause us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind;
Bid envy, strife and quarrels cease; fill the whole world with heaven's
peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

Of the increase of his government and of peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and over his kingdom, to establish it, and uphold it with justice, and righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of Hosts will do this.

There shall a star come out of Jacob and a scepter shall rise out of Israel.

+LITURGY FOR BAPTISM, p. 165

Bishop Sapp

(All shall be seated.)

Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, lift it up, be not afraid; say to the cities of Judah,
“Behold your God.”

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light: those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined.

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For behold, darkness shall cover the earth and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

But you, O Bethlehem Ephratha, who are little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel.

T. JESU, RUFE MICH (46 A)

Not Jerusalem – lowly Bethlehem
‘twas that gave us Christ to save us;
Not Jerusalem.

Favored Bethlehem! honored is that name;
thence came Jesus to release us;
favored Bethlehem!

In Jerusalem in the days of Herod, King of Judea, it was Zechariah’s turn to serve in the temple. At this time the whole congregation was outside praying. Suddenly the messenger of the Lord appeared to him, and said, “Do not be afraid, your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth is to bear you a son and you are to name him John. He will bring you joy and many people will rejoice at his birth.”

Zechariah said to the messenger, “How can I be sure of this? I am an old man and my wife is getting on in years.”

The messenger replied, “I am Gabriel who stands in God’s presence, and I have been sent to bring you this good news. Listen! At the proper time my words will come true, and because you have not believed them, you will be silenced and you will not be able to speak until this has happened.”

Meanwhile the people outside were waiting for Zechariah, and were surprised that he had stayed in the holiest place so long. When he came out he could not speak to them, and they realized that he had received a vision in the holiest place. He could only make signs to them, and he remained dumb.

T. MONKLAND

What the fathers wished of old,
what the promises foretold,
what the seers did prophesy
is fulfilled most gloriously.

When the time of Zechariah's temple service came to an end, he returned home. Some time later his wife Elizabeth realized she was going to have a baby, and for five months she kept away from other people.

Six months after Elizabeth, the wife of Zechariah, knew she was going to have a child, God sent his messenger Gabriel to a town in Galilee called Nazareth to a young girl called Mary who was engaged to be married to a man called Joseph. Joseph was a distant descendant of David who had been king of Israel and Judah about a thousand years before.

Gabriel said to Mary, "Rejoice; you are highly honored! The Lord is with you." Mary was very worried by these words and asked herself what all this could mean; but the messenger said to her, "Mary, do not be afraid; God is to do you a great honor. Listen! You are to have a son and you are to name him Jesus. He will be a great man and will be called Son of David; his kingdom will have no end." Mary said to the messenger, "But how can this come about, since I do not yet have a husband." The messenger answered, "The Holy Spirit will come to you and the power of the Most High God will be at work within you. And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God." Mary said, "I am at the service of the Lord for him to do to me what you have said." Then the messenger left her.

About this time Mary set out and went straight to a town in the uplands of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. And when Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby that she was carrying leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! And why is this granted me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?"

For behold, when the voice of the greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.”

(All shall stand.)

And Mary said, “My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord;

my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour.

For He has looked with favor on His lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed.

The Almighty has done great things for me and holy is His name.

He has shown mercy on those who fear Him in every generation.

He has shown the strength of His arm;

he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things, the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of His servant Israel,

for He has remembered His promise of mercy,

The promise He made to our Fathers,

to Abraham and his children forever.”

(All shall be seated.)

Mary remained with her for about three months, and returned to her home. Now the time had come for Elizabeth to have her child, and she gave birth to a son. Her neighbors and relations rejoiced with her. The family all wanted to name him Zechariah after his father. But his mother spoke up and said, “No, he is to be called John.”

They said to her, “But no one in your family is called John,” and they made signs to his father to try to find out what he wanted the boy to be called.

Zechariah asked for a writing-tablet and wrote, “His name is John.” They were all astonished at this, and at that very instant Zechariah’s power of speech returned and he spoke and praised God. He was filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the prophecy:

(All shall stand.)

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel;

he has come to His people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour, born of the house of His servant David.

Through His holy prophets He promised of old that he would save us from our enemies.

From the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers and to remember His holy covenant.

This was the oath He swore to our Father Abraham, to set us free from the hands of our enemies.

Free to worship Him without fear, holy and righteous in His sight all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,

for you will go before the Lord to prepare His way, to give His people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God, the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

(All shall be seated.)

The Worship of God with Our Tithes and Offerings

BAND OFFERTORY

The Calvary Band
Brian Lott, *Director*

+DOXOLOGY AND OFFERTORY PRAYER

T. THE FIRST NOEL

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
born is the King of Israel.

+A MORAVIAN CHRISTMAS READING SERVICE, PART II

The birth of Jesus Christ happened like this. When Mary was engaged to Joseph, just before their marriage, she was discovered to be pregnant – by the Holy Spirit. Whereupon Joseph, her future husband, who was a good man and did not want to see her disgraced, planned to break off the engagement quietly.

But while he was turning the matter over in his mind an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife! What she has conceived is through the Holy Spirit and she will give birth to a son, whom you will call Jesus (“the Saviour”) for it is he who will save his people from their sins.” All this happened to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet. When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel had told him. Then he gave him the name Jesus.

T. HOLY LORD (119A)

Jesus' Name, Jesus' Name,
Source of life and happiness!
In this Name true consolation
mourning sinners may possess;
here is found complete salvation.
Blessed Jesus, we Thy Name will praise
all our days, all our days.

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be enrolled each to his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child.

T. IRBY (89D)

Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her Baby in a manger for His bed;
Mary was that Mother mild, Jesus Christ her little Child.

And while they were there, the time came for her to be delivered. And she gave birth to her first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

And in that region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear.

And the angel said to them, "Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour who is Christ the Lord.

(All shall stand.)

T. ANTIOCH

Joy to the world! the Lord is come;
let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare Him room,
and heaven and nature sing....

Joy to the earth, the Saviour reigns;
let men their songs employ;
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
repeat the sounding joy....

And this will be a sign for you: you will find a babe wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace among all with whom he is pleased.”

(All shall be seated.)

When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.” And they went with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

T. SILENT NIGHT

Silent night, holy night,
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon Virgin Mother and Child.
Holy Infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

And when they saw it they made known the saying which had been told them concerning this child; and all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary kept all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen as it had been told them.

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon and touched with our hands, concerning the Word of life – the Life was made manifest and we saw it and testify to it, and proclaim to you the eternal Life which was with the Father and which was revealed to us – that we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you may have fellowship with us; and our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son, Jesus Christ. And this we are writing to you that your joy may be complete.

DISTRIBUTION OF WATCHWORDS

AND READING OF THE CONGREGATIONAL WATCHWORD FOR 2018

Bishop Sapp

(All shall stand.)

Hark! The herald angels sing:
“Glory to the newborn King!
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled.”
Joyful, all you nations, rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
with th’angelic host proclaim:
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
Hark! The herald angels sing:
“Glory to the newborn King!”

Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
risen with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by,
born that man no more may die,
born to raise the sons of earth,
born to give them second birth.
Hark, the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King!”

(The congregation will be seated.)

POSTLUDE – *Shepherds Came, Their Praises Bringing*

Helmut Walcha

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine upon you,
and be gracious unto you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and
give you peace;

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE – *In the Name of Jesus*

Moravian Liturgies (539 B)





Calvary Moravian Church
First Sunday after Christmas
December 31, 2017

We welcome all members and guests to our service today on this ***First Sunday after Christmas***. We are glad that you have come to worship at Calvary this morning!

Please make a special effort to greet those around you in the spirit of Christian fellowship. As the red Ritual of Friendship pad is passed, kindly take a moment to write down your name, address and phone number. ***If you are our guest today***, please fill out a visitor card and place it in the offering plate and pick up one of the ***visitor's bags*** in the narthex! ***During the prelude***, you are invited to enter a spirit of reverence and quiet reflection as we prepare to worship the Lord. We kindly request that you ***silence all phones and pagers***. ***Hearing aid devices*** are available in the narthex; one of the ushers will be happy to assist you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

On this first Sunday after Christmas, we are pleased this morning to have our "Readings and Carols Service," a special tradition at Calvary during the Christmas season. We are grateful to Pastor Lane and our organist, Mrs. Mary Louise Kapp Peoples, for their leadership of this morning's service.

This morning we celebrate the baptism of Wyatt Patrick Baker and welcome him officially into the membership of the Calvary congregation! Wyatt is the son of Stephen and Virginia (Ginni) Seippel Baker; the brother of Emerson, Lilli and Jack Baker; and the grandson of Bill Seippel. We also welcome family members attending today's baptism.

The Watchnight Lovefeast Service of Salem Congregation will be held at ***this evening at 11:00 p.m.*** at Trinity Moravian Church. This year's speaker will be The Reverend Jeff Coppage, pastor of Fries Memorial Moravian Church. The Moravian Band will provide a prelude beginning at 10:30 p.m. and will play during the service.

The Church Office will be closed ***tomorrow, January 1***, for the New Year holiday.

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Scriptural watchwords for 2018 will be distributed during worship this morning. This unique Moravian practice involves the random drawing of a scriptural watchword by each worshipper. We hope the scriptural word you draw will speak to you now or at some important point during the coming year. The “congregational” watchword for the Calvary congregation will also be drawn this morning.

Special appreciation is extended to everyone who helped make our three Christmas Eve lovefeasts such a wonderful experience. We appreciate the dedication of your time, energy and talent as we celebrated together the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Next Sunday, January 7, will be *The First Sunday after the Epiphany*. The Day of Epiphany occurs next Saturday, January 6. During worship next Sunday, we will share together in the Sacrament of Holy Communion in observance of Epiphany. During worship, we will also install the members of the 2018 Joint Board. After worship, we will gather in Fellowship Hall for our January **Second Sunday** Event, a church-wide birthday celebration for everyone! Come together with your Calvary family as we celebrate YOU! No matter what month or day your birthday falls throughout the year, we want to say *Happy Birthday!* We will have a soup and salad luncheon, as well as *12 different cakes or pies for each month of the year!* We will also have a magician with us to add a little magical entertainment for all! See Amanda Schumpert or Donna Cheek with questions or for details.

An orientation meeting for new Joint Board members will be held *Tuesday, January 9*, at *6:30 p.m.* in the Burke Room.

The 2018 worldwide Unity Prayer Watch will be held in January, and Calvary’s designated date is *Monday, January 16, from Noon to 6:00 p.m.* If you would like to sign-up to pray on this date, a sign-up sheet will be available on the central table in the narthex *beginning today*. You are welcome to pray wherever you are located. The sanctuary will be open for prayer during this time as well. Copies of suggested topics for prayer are also available in the narthex.

Both the Greeters and Flower Reservations notebooks for 2018 are available for sign-ups. *Greeters are needed for January!* The books are located on the lectern near the Sanctuary piano. There are several available dates during January and February for both flower reservations and greeters.

The 2018 Daily Texts are still available! Prices for 2018 are the same as 2017 and are as follows: Paperback - \$10.00; Hardcover - \$14.00; and Large Print Paperback - \$12.00. The Daily Texts are also available in the popular “Journal” format (includes a day by day calendar along with the texts) for \$15. To order any of the Daily Texts versions, simply contact Paul in the church office (336.722.3703) for purchase and pick-up information. For payment, cash (*exact change IS required*) or check will be accepted. Purchased Daily Texts may be picked up on the table to the right of the church office door.

Calvary now has a “smile.amazon” registration that returns ½% of qualified purchases made on the *smile.amazon* website to Calvary. Registration is easy for anyone using Amazon for purchases by using the following steps: 1-Go to *smile.amazon.com*; 2-Select Calvary Moravian Church – Winston-Salem as your designated charity; and 3-Make your purchases using *smile.amazon.com* instead of *amazon.com*. All of your wish lists, shipping addresses, friends and family, etc., are still available along with saved payment types. Anytime you make a qualified purchase, Calvary gets ½% of the purchase amount less shipping and taxes! If you have questions, please contact Bill Seippel.

† **REMEMBER CALVARY MEMBERS IN PRAYER** †

Pam Goforth; Eddie Johnson; Fay Davis; Patrick Biggam and Felicia Shaw; Logan and Lily Shaw; Margaret Higgins; Judy Middleton; Berletta Walker; Ethel Armstrong; Dee Jones; Robert Stafford; Jane Sofley; Dorothy Miller; Jan Wikel; Doris Hansley; Peter Blum, III; Naida Masten; Richard Davis; Chris Wikel; Michael Goforth; Hubert Poindexter; Vicki Chadwick; Haley Covert; Betty Montgomery; Joeann Settle; David Burkette; Penny Hege; Donna (Besaw) Sharp; Blanche Stone; and Hannah Biggam.

(Copies of our Prayer List for family members and friends may be found in the narthex.)

Address for Internet Livestreaming of Calvary’s services:

<http://calvarymoravian.org/live-broadcast/>

(Streaming begins approximately 15 minutes prior to the service. However, this may vary depending on when our volunteers arrive. If you attempt to log on before the streaming is in progress, you will get a "blank" screen after you click the play button. Please wait a few moments and reload the address in your browser.)

(Livestream audience for Sunday, December 17: 15)

CHURCH SERVANTS: DECEMBER 31, 2017-JANUARY 7, 2018

| | TODAY: December 31 | Next Sunday: January 7 |
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| Ushers | Craig Cagle, Odell Cheek Spencer Davis Wesley Davis Joel C. and Patsy Lineback Richard Swing J Trivette | Jerry Cox, Spencer Davis Clyde George, Matt Kane Bill Hampton Joel C. Lineback John Middleton Bennett Perry |
| Greeters | Brooks and Mary Lott | Bill Burke |
| Lay Readers | <i>To be announced</i> | <i>To be announced</i> |
| Nursery | Rachel Robinson | <i>To be announced</i> |
| Godly Play | Jessica Childress | Rachel Robinson |
| Sound | Spencer Davis | <i>To be announced</i> Greg Conrad |

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TODAY (December 31)

11:00 a.m.
11:00 p.m.

First Sunday after Christmas

Worship/Readings and Carols Service
Watch Night Lovefeast of Salem
Congregation (*Trinity Moravian*)

MONDAY (January 1)

All Day

New Year's Day

Holiday/Church Office Closed

NEXT SUNDAY (January 7)

9:45 a.m.
11:00 a.m.

First Sunday after the Epiphany

Sunday School
Worship – Holy Communion and
The Installation of the 2018 Joint Board

† **PRAYER OF MEDITATION** †

First Sunday after Christmas

Grant that all people may hear together the song of joy, and find their homes in the garden of justice and hope, that we may experience the fullness of life, which is your will for all, in the coming of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS

Sunday, January 7

First Sunday after the Epiphany
Epiphany Communion – 11:00 a.m.
Installation of the 2018 Joint Board



Sunday, January 14

Second Sunday after the Epiphany
The Baptism of Our Lord
Worship – 11:00 a.m.



Monday, January 15

Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
Church Office Closed



Tuesday, January 16

Unity Prayer Watch at Calvary – 12 Noon to 6:00 p.m.

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Calvary Moravian Church

First Sunday after Christmas

December 31, 2017



† **REMEMBER IN PRAYER** †

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

DECEMBER 31, 2017

Becky Kelly (Craig Cagle's friend); Maude Booker (Sandra Davis' mother); Jeanne Underwood (Wesley Davis' sister); Evelyn Fritts (Linda Smith's mother); Blake Johnson (Vickey Pitts' cousin); Blake and Angie Johnson (Brandi Stone's friends); Dr. Tad Lowdermilk (Adrienne Polychron's friend); Maegan Simms (Ursula Pierce's granddaughter); Angie Cranor (Shannon Lineback's sister); David Taylor (Jan Bullins' brother); Mary Jo Woods (cousin of Anne Bell); Pam Stowers (cousin of Bob Snyder); Annette and Meli Novovic (friends of Mary and Bill Hampton); James and Joseph Nance (grandsons of Eldon and Beth Nance); Sandra Reich (friend of Vickey Pitts and Pam Goforth and a friend of Joel N. Lineback); Livia (grandchild of Bill and Mary Hampton's neighbor); LuAnn Peddycord Smith Alford (wife of Ed Alford); Gary Pitts (Vickey Pitts' husband); Shirley Stewart, sister of Fay Davis; Robert Cockrum (friend of Richard and Frances Swing); Greg (nephew of Brandi and Jordan Stone); Debbie Frye (friend of Judy Ludwick); Phillip Patterson (cousin of Carl McKnight); Dorothy Speaks (mother of Vickey Pitts and sister of Harold Settle); Sherri Sheppard (sister of Donna Sharp); Debbie Moxley (friend of Meredith Boles); John Turner (father of Shannon Lineback); Paul Echols (friend of Peter Blum, III); Beverly Day; Drew Moore (friend of Mary Anne Tilley); Austin Kahler (nephew of Stephen Baker); Kelsey Salmon (friend of Angie Seippel Jones); Louie Childress (Michael Childress' father); the family of Nicholas Aufderhar (cousin of Haley Covert); Ron Valentine (Leeanna Lott's father); Devan and Bobby Yountz (niece [and her husband] of Frances Swing); and Dick Korn (Gideons representative).



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