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Advent Painting (Maija Purgaile)

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT **PROPER THIRTY**

DECEMBER 1st, 2024



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We welcome all members and guests to our service today, and we are glad that you have joined us for worship at Calvary!

SERVING IN WORSHIP

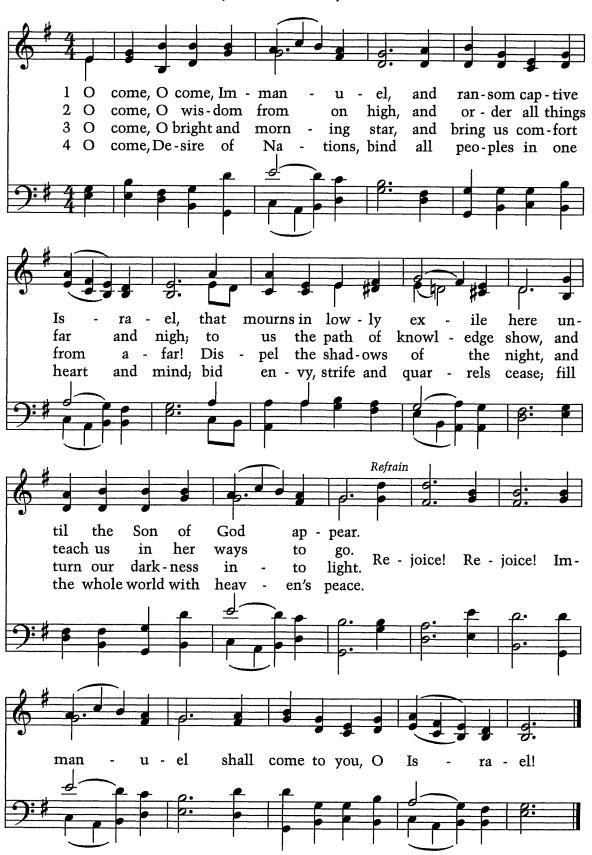
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Amanda Schumpert, Director of Music
Helen Pelkey, Director of Children, Youth, & Family Ministries
Mary Louise Kapp Peeples, Organist
Violet Carter, Pianist
Elaine Palmore, Lay Reader
Brian Lott, Band Director
The Calvary Band
The Calvary Chancel Choir
Josephine Rose & Autumn Gwyn, Nursery Attendants
Clyde George & Carter Nance, Ushers

The flowers placed in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. N. D. Fordham, Sr., Mr. N. Denny Fordham, Jr., Mr. Michael Goforth, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Golden by the family

Nursery is available for all children infant through Pre-K.

Children Kindergarten through 2nd grade may leave for Godly Play after the children's moment. For those children remaining in the sanctuary, New to the Pew bags can be found up front filled with fun activities to help them in worship. All children are welcome!

274 O Come, O Come, Immanuel



TEXT: Latin, 9th cent. Composite tr.

TUNE: Gregorian Plain Song, Mode I. Arr. Thomas Helmore (1854)

ADVENT AND PALM SUNDAY

(Standing)

Shout for joy, you heavens; rejoice, all the earth! The glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all people together will see it. For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

Rejoice greatly, shout for joy! See, your king is coming to you. He is righteous and brings salvation.



We praise you, the Lord God of Israel! You came to the help of your people and have set them free.

You have raised up for us a mighty Savior, a descendant of your servant David.

You promised through your holy prophets long ago that you would save us from our enemies, from the power of all those who hate us.

You have shown the mercy promised to our ancestors and have remembered your holy covenant.

With a solemn oath to our ancestor Abraham, you promised to rescue us from our enemies and allow us to serve you without fear,

So that we might be holy and righteous before you all the days of our life.

By your tender mercy you cause the bright dawn of salvation to rise on us,

To give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

The voice of the messenger echoes from the desert, calling us to prepare the way of the Lord and to make a straight path on which he may come. Let us confess our sins, so that our crooked ways will be made straight and the rough ways smooth.

(Kneeling or sitting)

(for Advent)

(for Palm Sunday)

Gracious Lord Jesus, you come to us with the good news of salvation, but too often we fail to notice. You come to us day by day, yet we close the doors of our hearts when it seems convenient to do things our own way. We ignore your presence and your leadership. We have failed to act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with our God. Forgive us, merciful Lord. May we live so that the world will know that you have come. Amen.

Our sovereign Redeemer, we join the people of Jerusalem offering our own shouts of praise and celebration at your coming. Although we welcome you today with the multitude on Palm Sunday, we confess we have also stood with the condemning crowd on Good Friday. Our thoughts, words, and deeds have cried, "Crucify!" We turn to you for help and forgiveness, gracious Savior; not because we deserve it, but because you are forgiving. Save us from our sinful ways, and restore us to a life of loyalty to you. Amen.

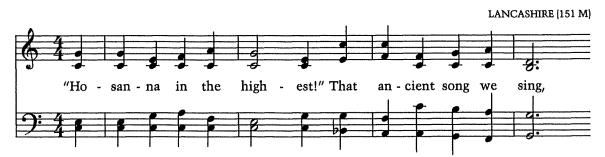
Through John the Baptizer, we hear the Lord's promise: Turn away from your sins, and God will forgive your sins.

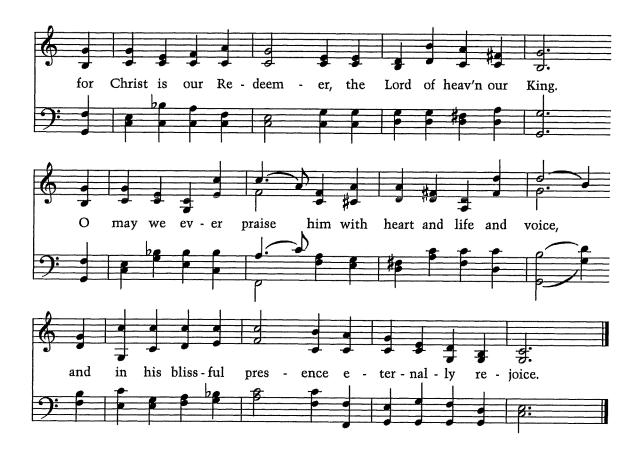
(Sitting)

(The following hymn is used for Advent.)



(The following hymn is used for Palm Sunday.)





Eternal God, Ruler of all ages, graciously you come to us in order that we might come to you, through the merit of Jesus Christ, strengthened by the Holy Spirit.

Help us and all your children to respond to the call of your gospel with faith, love, and hope.

God of faith, you created humanity to serve and praise you; and even when we rebelled against you, you promised to send a Savior to redeem us from our sins:

Strengthen our faith in your saving work through Christ. As you chose the people of Israel to hear the promise of redemption through the prophets, may people today believe in your good will for all that you have made.

God of love, you fulfilled your promise of a redeemer in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ:

Grant us the gifts of the Holy Spirit that we may share your love with the sick and the afflicted, with the poor and the homeless, with the victims of injustice and discrimination, and with all who are experiencing times of trouble.

God of hope, you comfort us through our Savior's promise to return in glory at the end of time:

As we await the coming of the Prince of Peace, let us not despair. We long for you to inspire all the nations and peoples of the world to turn to cooperation and nurture, rather than to hatred and destruction.

God of faith, love, and hope, to you and to you alone we pray:

For you are our God, the only God, forever and ever. Amen.

(Standing)

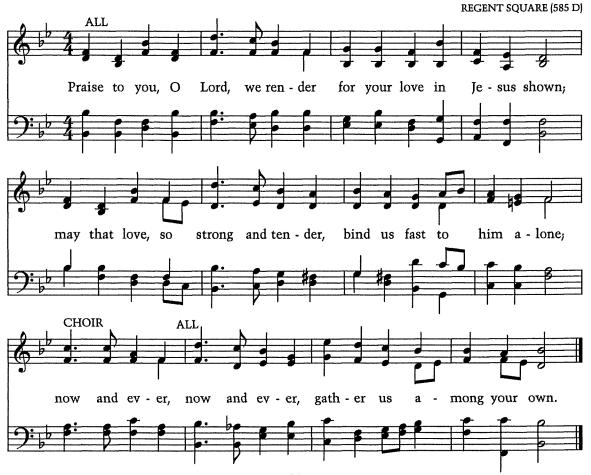
(Here the Hosanna, page 239, or another suitable hymn may be sung.)

Lord, you have kept the promise you made to our ancestors, and have come to the help of your servant people.

You remembered to show mercy to Abraham and Sarah and to all their descendants forever!

We praise you, Lord. You are enthroned in glory, yet you came and continue to come for all who will receive you. We praise you, for you are good, and your mercy endures forever.

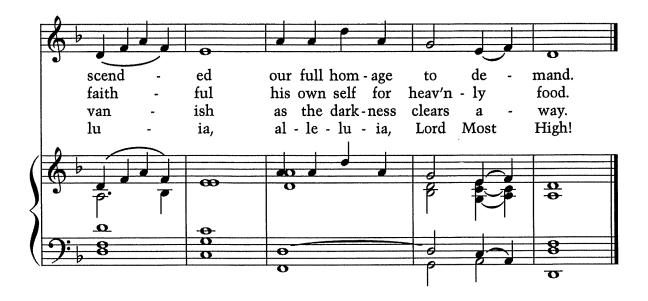
To you be glory and power, forever and ever. Amen.



271 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence



TEXT: From the *Liturgy of St. James*. Tr. Gerard Moultrie (1864) TUNE: Trad. French melody





Savior of the Nations, Come

265



TEXT: Martin Luther (1483-1546), after Ambrose of Milan (340-397)

Tr. William M. Reynolds (1812-1876) and James Waring McCrady (b. 1938)

St. 3,4 @1982 by James Waring McCrady

TUNE: Veni redemptor gentium. Arr. Johann Walther (1524)

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GATHERING IN UNITY

WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK (LUKE 21:33)

Jesus said, "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away."

* Please stand as you are able.

BAND PRELUDE

TRINITY CHIME

ORGAN PRELUDE

Savior of the Nations, Come — J.S. Bach

WELCOME

PROCLAIMING GOD'S LOVE

*Hymn #274

O Come, O Come, Immanuel — VENI EMMANUEL

During the singing of our opening hymn, the Advent candle of Hope will be lit.

*LITURGY FOR ADVENT I

Pg. 49, Moravian Book of Worship

On page 53 of the Liturgy, the congregation will join in singing the "Hosanna" on page 239. The first time through, the instrumentalists will play. The second time through, the Chancel Choir will begin, followed by the children. The third time through, the congregation will sing with the children.

PIANO OFFERTORY

Silent Night — Traditional

*DOXOLOGY AND OFFERTORY PRAYER

OLD HUNDREDTH

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!

THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

*Gospel: Luke 21:25-36

The Word of God for the People of God Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Morning Star, O Cheering Sight — HAGEN

Morning Star, thy glory bright far excels the sun's clear light. Jesus be, constantly, constantly, Jesus be more than thousand suns to me.

QUIET MEDITATION AND PRAYER

HYMN #271

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence — PICARDY

SERMON

BOUNDLESS LOVE

SENDING TO SERVE

*HYMN #265

Savior of the Nations, Come — Nun Komm, der Heiden Heiland

*BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE

O Thou of God the Father — J.S. Bach

TRINITY CHIME

REMEMBER CALVARY MEMBERS IN PRAYER

Eddie Johnson; Camilla Williams; Bernard Williams; Patricia Poindexter Garr; Earline Pryor; Misty Hayes and family; Noelle Nichols; Rameth McKnight; Ursula Pierce; Steven Nixa; Gary Willis; Lily Shaw; Patsy Lineback; Patrick Biggam; Dallas & Ramona Prestwood; Lynn Biggam; Tommy & Nancy McKoon; Stephanie Nixa; Jack Messick; Bill & Mary Hampton; Scott & Elaine Peddycord; Harold & Joeann Settle; Pat George; Charlie Miller; Betty Troutman; J. Frank & Jan Trivette; Johnnie & Mary Anna Pearson; the Tasedan family; the Lott Family; Judi Chandler; the Gordon family; Beth Nance

REMEMBER FRIENDS AND FAMILY IN PRAYER

Denise Williams; Mike & Carole Farris; Beverly Streicker; Lisa Hampton; the victims of Hurricane Helene; Rick Grubbs

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Jacob will be out of the office on December 5th.

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS

Printed Advent devotionals are available in the Narthex and West Lobby for free. This year, we are providing copies of Magnify: Mary's Song and the Magnificent Women of Advent to help guide your journey through the Advent season

2025 DAILY TEXTS ARE HERE!

If you pre-ordered copies of next year's Daily Texts, they are on a table in the West Lobby with your name sticky noted on your copies. There is a box with the price list attached where you can drop your cash or check made out to Calvary Moravian Church for the payment. We have additional copies for sale if you need extra copies. The prices are as follows: Small paperback - \$11, Hardcover - \$15, Large print - \$13, Journal edition - \$17

BREAKFAST BUNCH

December 3rd, 9 AM at Carriage House. Please contact Pat George (336)971-3429 or Linda Seippel (336) 406-1747 to RSVP.

CANDLE MAKING

In preparation for our annual Candle Trim, we need to make candles! Learn how to string the molds, melt and pour the beeswax and then pop them out of the molds! Jan Bullins, our resident candle maker will lead you through all the steps. Call Jan at 336-655-9444 for available times.

LOVEFEAST IN A BOX (LAST WEEK TO ORDER!)

It's that time of year again! Time to order Lovefeast in a BoxTM, that is! Calvary will be hosting lovefeasts on Christmas Eve, but for our long-distance friends and those who can't make it in person, we'll still be live-streaming and are again selling at-home lovefeast kits. From NOW until December 6th (or until we sell out), you can order a Lovefeast in a Box.TM Each box contains a dressed lovefeast candle, Moravian cookies, lovefeast coffee, and the worship bulletin (which we call an "ode"). You can order individual, double, or family boxes, shipped right to your door. Then, on Dec. 24, you can participate in a lovefeast with us via video stream! Visit www.Lovefeastinabox.com today to place your order!

COFFEE AT THE HOLIDAY PARADE

On Saturday, December 7th, Calvary will again have our "Moravian Coffee and a Parade." The annual Holiday Parade in downtown Winston-Salem will be held along 4th Street and starts at 5:00 p.m. Beginning at 4:30 p.m., Calvary will distribute free Moravian coffee to as many parade-goers as we can find, inviting them to our Christmas Eve Candle Services! We need several volunteers to help us with this wonderful community event. If you would like to help, please see Amanda for details.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT AND CANDLE TRIMMING

On December 8th, come celebrate the Second Sunday of Advent during 11 AM worship and then stay for lunch and candle trimming in Fellowship Hall. We need to make many candles for this year's services, so the more the merrier.

BLUE CHRISTMAS

We would like to invite you to a special Advent service in our sanctuary on December 19th at 6:30 PM. This Blue Christmas Service will be a time of quiet, prayer, remembrance, and a moment to acknowledge that while this season might be a joyous one for many, there are those of us for whom this time is difficult. Whether you are struggling with loss, change, or uncertainty at this time of year, or you simply need a space to be quiet in the midst of all the hustle and bustle of the season, we invite you to come and worship with us.

CHRISTMAS FOR THE CITY VOLUNTEERING

Christmas for the City is a meaningful experience for the whole community. This year's event is Saturday December 21st. For over a decade, local churches, businesses and nonprofits have come together to throw a free Christmas Party. In the past, over 1200 volunteers welcomed over 10,000 guests at the Benton Convention Center. Want to be a part of this celebration? Use the following link to sign up to volunteer: volunteer.loveoutloudws.com/need/index? need_id=865262&need_init_id=9795

Brunson Angel Tree (Next Sunday is the Deadline!)

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! Do you know what that means? It's time for our 6th, yes SIXTH, annual Angel Tree supporting Brunson Elementary School! Since the launch of our Brunson Angel Tree program in 2019, we've been able to positively impact the lives of Brunson students by providing them with Christmas presents and cozy sweatshirts. The Missions Committee is thrilled to continue our partnership with Brunson, making the holiday season extra special for local children. Check out our website at www.calvarymoravian.org/brunson-angel-tree/ for all the information and gift lists. **Next Sunday, December 8th, is the deadline for presents!**

Advent at Calvary

Moravian Mountain Christmas at Laurel Ridge December 13th-15th

Pageant Rehearsal December 14th, Time 10-11:30 AM

Third Sunday of Advent & Christmas Pageant December 15th, 9 AM-12 PM

All children and youth will meet at 9am in Fellowship Hall to get organized and have breakfast. We'll rehearse from 9:30am-10:30 in the sanctuary and will lead worship at 11am! We hope everyone will join us for this beautiful telling of the Christmas Story told by the future of our congregation.

Blue Christmas Service December 19th, 6:30 PM

Fourth Sunday of Advent December 22nd, 11 AM Worship

Christmas Eve Lovefeasts & Candle Services December 24th at 11 AM, 4 PM, & 8 PM

Sunday Mornings at Calvary Moravian

9 AM Handbell Choir Rehearsal

9:45 AM Nursery (Infant-PreK) — 2nd floor Children's Wing

Early Elementary (K-2nd) — 2nd floor Children's Wing

Elementary (3rd-5th) — 2nd floor Children's Wing

Catechism Class — Room 124 (Across from Fellowship Hall)

Youth (6th-12th grades) — 3rd floor youth room

New Life Adult Class — 2nd floor parlor

Friendship Adult Class — Burke Conference Room

10:30 AM Adult Chancel Choir Rehearsal

11AM Worship

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday 8 AM-4 PM Lunch Hour: 12:30-1:30 PM Closed on Fridays

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