

# Unity. Liberty. Love. Serve.



*Three Wise Men (Niall Drew)*

**EPIPHANY**  
JANUARY 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2025



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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**

**The Rev. Dr. Chaz Snider, *Preaching***

**The Rev. Dr. Nola Reed Knouse, *Pastor***

**Mary Louise Kapp Peeples, *Organist***

**Dr. Seth McKnight, *Lay Reader***

**Wendy Goforth, *Soprano***

**Brian Lott, *Band Director***

**The Calvary Band**

**Josephine Rose & Autumn Gwyn, *Nursery Attendants***

**Clyde George & Carter Nance *Ushers***

The Flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in memory of J.R. Brewer and Joseph Scales by Jan and J. Trivette, Pat Scales and John Brewer, Jr.

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

Children Kindergarten through 2nd grade may leave for Godly Play during the final hymn of the liturgy. 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!

# EPIPHANY AND WORLD MISSION

(Standing)

GAUDEAMUS PARITER

Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to you we raise,  
man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far,  
Branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem, in your birth at Beth - le - hem:  
an - thems be to you ad - dressed, God in flesh made man - i - fest.

All your creatures, Lord, will praise you, and all your people will give you thanks.

**They will speak of the glory of your royal power and tell of your might.**

Everyone will know your mighty deeds and the glorious majesty of your kingdom.

**Your rule is eternal, and you are king forever.**

You, Lord, are righteous in all you do, merciful in all your acts.

**You are near to those who call to you, who call to you with sincerity.**

EPIPHANY/WORLD MISSION

You supply the needs of all who honor you; you hear their cries and save them.

**We will ever praise you, Lord; let all creation praise your holy name forever.**

HYFRYDOL

Wor - ship, hon - or, glo - ry, bless - ing, Lord, we of - fer

un - to you, young and old, your praise ex - press - ing,

sing your mer - cies ev - er new. All the saints in heav'n a -

dore you; we would bow be - fore your throne. As your

an - gels serve be - fore you, so on earth your will be done.

(Kneeling or sitting)

With sincere hearts and open minds, let us now acknowledge the sin that entangles us and prevents us from doing God's will.

## SILENT CONFESSION

Compassionate Lord, you call us to a higher standard than we have achieved. We therefore bow in honest confession of those thoughts, words, and deeds which have missed the mark. Within our families, we have loved imperfectly. Among sisters and brothers in the church, we have not fully walked in the light. Often our congregations have not reflected the rich diversity of people in our communities. In our witness to the world, our lives have not adequately testified to your redeeming power. Forgive us, gracious Lord, for permitting ourselves to be distracted from the goal of our discipleship. Heal the brokenness of our hearts and restore us to you, our first love.

BATTY (16 A)

Grant that we may love you truly; Lord, our thoughts and actions

sway, and to ev-ry heart more fully your a-ton-ing pow'r dis-play.

There is no condemnation now for those who live in union with Christ Jesus. Hear the word of our Lord: I do not condemn you. Go, but do not sin again.

(Standing)

God created the heavens and stretched them out, fashioned the earth and all that lives there, and gave life and breath to all its people.

**And now the Lord God says to his servant: I, the Lord, have called you and given you power to see that justice is done on earth. Through you I will make a covenant with all peoples.**

Through you I will bring light to the nations. You will open the eyes of the blind,  
**And set free those who sit in dark prisons.**

ST. AGNES (14 Cc)

Light of the world, come near and bless your chil-dren here be - low,  
Light of the world, we wor - ship you; our gifts to you we bring;

who in your house your name con - fess, on us your grace be - stow.  
ac - cept our sin - ful hearts, O Lord, while praise to you we sing.

God shows no partiality to race or culture. All who have reverence for him and do what is right are acceptable to God.

**Let us give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! For in our union with Christ he has blessed us by giving us every spiritual blessing in the heavenly world.**

Let us praise God for his glorious grace, for the free gift he gave us in his dear Son!

**How great is the grace of God, which he gave to us in such large measure!**

This is the good news: through Jesus' death and resurrection all people may participate in God's blessings.

**We are members of the same body and share in the promise that God made through Christ Jesus.**

There is no longer rich or poor, black or white, male or female; for we are all one in union with Christ Jesus.

If we belong to Christ, then we are members of God's family and will receive what God has promised.

DULCE CARMEN (167 G)

Church of God, e - lect and glo - rious, ho - ly na - tion, cho - sen race,

called as God's own spe - cial peo - ple, roy - al priests and heirs of grace:

know the pur - pose of your call - ing; show to all God's might - y deeds;

tell of love which knows no lim - its, grace which meets all hu - man needs.

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(All may join in the Epiphany Prayer of Intercession or the Traditional Prayer for our Missionaries, or the service may proceed as the liturgist directs.)

(Sitting)

**EPIPHANY PRAYER OF INTERCESSION**

Let us offer intercessions and petitions for the needs of the world.

**Lord Jesus Christ, as disciples called to your service, we pray for the salvation of all. Lead us to bear witness to friends and neighbors in this community. Fill our words and manner of life with the convincing power of your Spirit. Intensify our love for all people that our discipleship may be confirmed as genuine. Through our obedience to your call, bestow on many the faith to be saved.**

**Give every gift and blessing to your witnesses in all places. May those who suffer because they have named you as Lord be strengthened to endure every temptation. Give courage, insight, and loving patience to those who have left their own people to proclaim the gospel to those yet unreached.**

**Savior, grant that your church may always grow in grace and in numbers. Bring multitudes from every people to bow and confess that you are Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

——— OR ———

**TRADITIONAL PRAYER FOR OUR MISSIONARIES**

Let us pray for our missionaries.

**Light and Desire of all nations, watch over your messengers by land, sea, and air. Accompany the word of their testimony concerning your atonement with demonstration of the Spirit and of power. You know where they dwell, and where they labor, and that they are running with perseverance the race set before them.**

**Strengthen them in the hour of temptation, and preserve them in times of danger and distress. Let them find comfort in the fellowship and intercessions of the churches, which have sent them forth in obedience to your call.**

**May the fire of your love awaken and preserve among them, and us, the spirit of all those witnesses who did not hold their lives too dear to lay them down. Bless us all, and make of us a blessing. Amen.**

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(Standing)

LUX EOI (167 H)

Lord, you call us to your ser-vice: "In my name bap - tize and teach."  
 Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing: "I am with you to the end."

That the world may trust your prom - ise - life a - bun - dant meant for each -  
 Faith and hope and love re - stor - ing, may we serve as you in - tend,

give us all new fer - vor, draw us clos - er in com - mu - ni - ty;  
 and, a - mid the cares that claim us, hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty;

with the Spir - it's gifts em - pow'r us for the work of min - is - try.  
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I looked, and there was a great multitude — no one could count all the people! They were from every race, tribe, nation, and language, and they stood in front of the throne and of the Lamb, holding palm branches in their hands. They called out in a loud voice: "Salvation comes from our God, who sits on the throne, and from the Lamb!"

**Praise, glory, wisdom, thanksgiving, honor, power, and might belong to our God forever and ever! Amen!**

# GATHERING IN UNITY

WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK (PSALM 148:13)

*Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted;  
his glory is above earth and heaven.*

***\* Please stand as you are able.***

**BAND PRELUDE**

**TRINITY CHIME**

**ORGAN PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

## PROCLAIMING GOD'S LOVE

**\*LITURGY FOR EPIPHANY**

Pg. 65, Moravian Book of Worship

*Children may leave for Godly Play during the final hymn of the liturgy.*

**OFFERTORY**

*Thou Dost Guide* — Arr. Pooler

**\*DOXOLOGY AND OFFERTORY PRAYER**

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

**THE HOLY SCRIPTURES**

EPISTLE: EPHESIANS 1:3-14

\*GOSPEL: JOHN 1:1-18

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

## COMMUNION MEDITATION

### THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*In the Moravian Church, we exercise an open communion, meaning all who confess Christ as Lord are welcome at His table. Gluten-free elements are available by request. Please indicate to the pastors as they come around.*

**COMMUNION IN CELEBRATION OF CHRIST'S COMING** Pg. 183, Moravian Book of Worship

### SENDING TO SERVE

#### ORGAN POSTLUDE

#### 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; George Tasedan; Linda Neighbors; the Stultz Family; the Grubbs family

#### REMEMBER FRIENDS AND FAMILY IN PRAYER

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

# THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

## **CHRISTMAS DECORATION CLEANUP**

Decorations will come down tomorrow, Monday, January 6th, at 5:30 PM. We'd love your help to wrap up the season!

## **FEASIBILITY STUDY REMINDER**

I hope this message finds you well as we enter a new year filled with hope and possibility. We are embarking on an important financial feasibility study to explore securing the resources necessary for much-needed building maintenance and improvements. Your voice and input are essential to this process. I invite you to participate by scheduling a confidential interview with Laura Watson, Vice President and Director of Programs at MMFA. These interviews are an opportunity to share your thoughts, insights, and hopes for our church's future while learning more about this initiative. Please take the time to engage in this very important process.

Interviews will take place between January 6-16. Interviews will be held at Calvary Church. If you need to make alternative arrangements, please contact Laura directly. You can select your preferred interview day and time by visiting the online signup at the link in the congregational email recently sent out. You can also call or email Laura directly to schedule a time. (336.725.2589/lwatson@mmfa.com) We have about 16 people signed up right now and our goal is 20-25 so if you haven't signed up let please take the opportunity to do that. Thank you for your faithful support and engagement in the life of our church. I encourage you to sign up for an interview as soon as possible and to join me in praying for the success of this study. Together, we can ensure that our church continues to thrive as a place of worship, fellowship, and service to the glory of God.

## **DINNERS FOR OUR OVERFLOW SHELTER**

We are looking for volunteers to provide meals for our upcoming winter overflow shelter. This shelter serves as a warm, safe space for up to 20 moms & kids each night, and it's all possible because of volunteers. We are inviting groups or individuals to help us keep our shelter running smoothly and provide our guests with the hospitality they need and deserve by signing up to bring dinner for 25. To signup, go to [bit.ly/3ZTpgfp](http://bit.ly/3ZTpgfp) or click the link in our e-blast.

## **2025 FLOWER SIGNUP**

Our 2025 flower calendar can be found on the podium in the narthex with opportunities for you to sign up for specific dates throughout the year. This is a great way to honor loved ones by dedicating a Sunday flower arrangement.

## **BREAKFAST BUNCH**

January 7th, 9 AM at Carriage House. Please contact Pat George (336)971-3429 to RSVP.

## **2025 LAUREL RIDGE WINTER CAMP**

On January 17th-19th, Laurel Ridge will host their 2025 winter camp, "Ordinary Heroes". This is for middle & high school campers and will be lead by the Rev. Noah Smith. The cost is \$290. For more information and to register, visit [laurelridge.org](http://laurelridge.org).

## **MENTAL HEALTH RETREAT AT LAUREL RIDGE**

On January 24th-26th, join the Provincial Mental and Brain Health Team for an empowering event focused on understanding and nurturing mental health. This session will provide an overview of mental health, explore the importance of self-care, and delve into the concept of trauma-what it is and how it affects us. Discover practical tools for managing trauma and gain access to valuable resources to support your journey. All are welcome in this safe and supportive space. Cost includes lodging, food, & program. Single occupancy is \$375 per person, double occupancy is \$300, and financial assistance is available. For more information and to register, visit [laurelridge.org](http://laurelridge.org).

## **WINTER JOURNEY AT LAUREL RIDGE**

On the weekend of February 14th-16th, step into a season of reflection and renewal with Winter Journey, an adult retreat designed to nurture your spirit, inspire personal growth, and prioritize self-care. Set against the serene backdrop of winter's stillness, this retreat offers interactive workshops, and quiet moments for self-discovery. One of the tracks will be led by our very own Pastor Nola! Embrace the warmth of connection, the beauty of nature, and the joy of slowing down as you embark on this transformative experience. Whether you're seeking clarity, healing, or simply a pause from life's busyness, Winter Journey is your invitation to restore and rejuvenate. For more information and to register, visit [bit.ly/41vK8fe](https://bit.ly/41vK8fe).

## **MORAVIAN MUSIC ON THE MOUNTAIN**

On February 21st-23rd, head up to Laurel Ridge for a delightful weekend of music, worship, and fellowship at Music on the Mountain. This Moravian Music Weekend, presented by Laurel Ridge and the Moravian Music Foundation, offers a unique opportunity to immerse yourself in the beauty of music in a serene mountain setting. Participate in choir and band rehearsals led by experienced musicians, Amanda Moody-Schumpert and Robah Ogburn as well as worship led by the Rev. Ted Burcaw. For more information and to register, visit [moravianmusic.org](http://moravianmusic.org).

## **DONATIONS FOR OVERFLOW SHELTER**

Many congregants have asked about donating items to The Dwelling for the upcoming women and children's shelter at Calvary. We have asked The Dwelling what the most needed items to donate would be. They provided this list of items that would be both helpful and hospitable to our guests during shelter evenings. To donate items, you can either purchase them and drop them off at Calvary or purchase them off the Amazon Wishlist in our e-blast (they will be shipped directly to the Dwelling). Thank you for your generosity in this beautiful ministry!

- Clorox/Lysol Wipes
- Baby Wipes/Personal care wipes
- Hotel Toiletries
- Snack Size/Individually-wrapped non-perishable Foods
- Juice Boxes/Caprisuns
- Bottled Water
- Laundry Detergent
- Coffee
- Powdered Creamer
- Sugar
- Disposable Coffee Cups

They are also requesting if anybody has any of these items used, they would be very grateful for donations:

- Phone charging cables & plugs (Apple/Android/Google Phones)
- Pack-N-Play (Portable baby bed)
- Small fleece blankets (think smaller throws that are warm but easy to wash)
- Diapers (if your baby outgrows a size but you have leftovers!)

## 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 Friendship Adult Class — Burke Conference Room
10:30 AM	Adult Chancel Choir Rehearsal
11AM	Worship

TO DONATE ONLINE, SCAN QR  
CODE WITH YOUR SMART DEVICE.



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