

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALVARY KIDS CHRISTMAS – TAKES PLACE TODAY

- Dec 15, 11:30am-1pm; pizza, devotional, games, and craft

### SPECIAL CHRISTMAS OFFERING

- [Offering](#) to support widows and disabled pastors and missionaries
- Collected Dec 22, 24, and 29
- Checks to Calvary Church with “PCA Christmas” in the memo; or on our [website](#) use “PCA Christmas” in the dropdown menu

### SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

- No classes on Dec 22, and 29; classes resume on Jan 5
- January Adult class: *Hard Questions in Evangelistic Conversations*

### CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

- Dec 24, 6pm; invitations to share on table in foyer

### OAKSEED MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL – BAZAAR CATALOG

- Catalogs available on table in foyer

### FELLOWSHIP LUNCH – SUN, JAN 5

- Please sign up in the foyer to bring something to share.

### WOMEN’S BOOK CLUB – SIGN UP IN FOYER

- Discussing: *In the Presence of My Enemies* by Gracia Burnham
- Meeting at Calvary; Jan 22; 7-8:30pm; contact Andi Sisti

### FELLOWSHIP GROUPS MEETING AT CALVARY

- Young Adult Men: contact Matt Brandao
- Men’s Coffee: Wed, 7-8am; last Wed of the month, Mariner’s Cove

### STAY CONNECTED

- Weekly *Connections* email: contact [office@calvarynj.org](mailto:office@calvarynj.org) to be added
- [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#): @calv.nj; YouTube Channel: [CalvaryNJ](#)



Worship Service 10am

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# CALVARY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*A Congregation of the  
Presbyterian Church in America*

December 15, 2024



*“Nails, spear, shall pierce him through;  
the cross be borne for me, for you:  
hail, hail the Word made flesh,  
the babe, the son of Mary.”  
– William Dix*

## ORDER OF SERVICE

### Lighting of the Advent Candle: Joy

#### Call to Worship

**Psalm 140:6-7a**

I say to the LORD, You are my God; give ear to the voice of my pleas for mercy, O LORD! O LORD, my Lord, the strength of my salvation.

**Song: *Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come***

**No. 195**

#### Confession of Faith

**Westminster Shorter Catechism**

##### Q94: What is Baptism?

A: Baptism is a sacrament, wherein the washing with water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, signifies and seals our ingrafting into Christ, and partaking of the benefits of the covenant of grace, and our engagement to be the Lord's.

#### Baptism of Stella Serafina Schall

Daughter of Garrett and Marissa Schall

**Song: *Joy Has Dawned***

#### Pastoral Prayer: Local Ministries – New City Fellowship of AC

Nursery available for infants and toddlers, newborn through age 3.

#### Dedication and Collection of Tithes and Offering

#### Corporate Prayer of Illumination

*Collects from the Book of Common Prayer, 1552*

Blessed Lord, you have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our Learning—grant us that we may in such a way hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them; that by patience and comfort of your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

#### Sermon: *To Mary: You Have Found Favor*

**Rev. Tom Harr**

Luke 1:26-38 (Church ESV Bible Page 1088)

**Song: *What Child Is This***

**No. 213**

#### Benediction

**2 Corinthians 13:14**

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

#### Doxology

**No. 731**

## SERMON NOTES

### "To Mary: You Have Found Favor"

**Luke 1:26-38**

Summary: The Lord announces the most amazing event in history to a humble young woman who responds in faith.

- Humble Situation (v.26-27)
- Favored Stature (v.28-31)
- Glorious Salvation (v.32-37)
- Obedient Servant (v.38)

## WELCOME

Whether you are a spiritual skeptic, seeker after God, or committed Christian, we are glad you are with us today. After the worship service our pastor will be available to greet you in the foyer and tell you more about Calvary. Children are welcome in our worship service. For older children, special bulletins are available on the table in the foyer. For infants and toddlers from newborn through age 3, we offer supervised care by screened volunteers in our nursery room downstairs. Children are dismissed to Nursery during the Pastoral Prayer through the end of the service. In addition, we have a designated space for parents and their young children in a room at the back of the sanctuary. We call it the "Family Room" and it provides the ability to listen and see the service through a glass window. If you have any questions, please ask one of our greeters wearing nametags. It would be their pleasure to serve you.