

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SPECIAL CHRISTMAS OFFERING – BEGINS TODAY

- [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

### 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; resumes on Jan 8
- New groups starting in the new year

### 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 22, 2024



*“Angels, from the realms of glory,  
wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
ye who sang creation's story,  
now proclaim Messiah's birth.”  
— James Montgomery*

## ORDER OF SERVICE

### Lighting of the Advent Candle: Love

#### Call to Worship

**Psalm 142:1,5**

With my voice I cry out to the LORD; with my voice I plead for mercy to the LORD. I cry to you, O LORD; I say, "You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living."

#### Song: *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

**No. 208**

#### Corporate Prayer

*Collects from the Book of Common Prayer, 1552*

Lord, raise up, we pray, your power, and come among us, and with great might help us; that whereas through our sins and wickedness, we are obstructed and hindered, your bountiful grace and mercy, through the satisfaction of your Son our Lord, may deliver us; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

#### Song: *It Came upon the Midnight Clear*

**No. 200**

#### Dedication and Collection of Tithes and Offering

#### Pastoral Prayer: PCA Relief Fund

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

#### Sermon: *To Joseph: Call Him Jesus*

**Rev. Tom Harr**

Matthew 1:18-25 (Church ESV Bible Page 1026)

#### Song: *Thou Who Wast Rich Beyond All Splendor*

**No.230**

#### Benediction

**1 Thessalonians 3:12-13**

And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

#### Doxology

**No. 733**

## SERMON NOTES

### "To Joseph: Call Him Jesus"

**Matthew 1:18-25**

Summary: The announcement of the birth of Jesus is the hope to our shattered expectations and there is only one correct response. But it's not an easy one.

- Problem Defined (v. 18-19)
- Promise Proclaimed (v. 20-23)
- Response Required (v.24-25)

## 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.