

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTMAS CAROL FELLOWSHIP – JOIN US TONIGHT

- Sun, Dec 8; 6:30pm; refreshments and fellowship to follow

NEXT READING CHALLENGE – BEGINS DECEMBER 9

- Reading *The Ultimate Christmas Wishlist*; by Rico Tice
- Follow weekly on Mondays; [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)

CALVARY KIDS CHRISTMAS – SIGN UP IN FOYER

- Dec 15, 11:30am-1pm; pizza, devotional, games, and craft
- Ages 4 years – 5th grade; Contact: Marissa Schall

OAKSEED MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL – BAZAAR CATALOG

- Giving hope to the poorest of poor; catalogs on table in foyer

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

- \$2629 was collected for our Thanksgiving Offering, given to MNA Disaster Response Ministry

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.

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

CALVARY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*A Congregation of the
Presbyterian Church in America*

December 8, 2024



Worship Service 10am



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*“Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing all ye citizens of heaven above;
glory to God in the highest...”
— John Francis Wade*

ORDER OF SERVICE

Lighting of the Advent Candle: Peace

Call to Worship

Psalm 139:7-10

Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there! If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me.

Song: *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

No. 203

Corporate Prayer

Collects from the Book of Common Prayer, 1552

Almighty God, give us peace, that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life (in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility); that in the last day when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal, through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Song: *Child in the Manger*

Dedication and Collection of Tithes and Offering

Pastoral Prayer: Authorities – Ocean County Government

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

Sermon: *To Zechariah: Your Prayer Has Been Heard* Rev. Tom Harr

Luke 1:5-25 (Church ESV Bible Page 1087)

Song: *Immanuel*

Benediction

Romans 15:13

Gloria Patri

No. 735

SERMON NOTES

"To Zechariah: Your Prayer Has Been Heard"

Luke 1:5-25

Summary: When prayers seem unanswered for a long time, belief in God's promises can grow weak. But God breaks the silence with good news of a promise he intends to keep.

- No News and Faithful (v.5-10)
- Good News and Unbelief (v.11-23)
- Certain News and Joy (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.