



Calvary Episcopal Church

The Rev. Ann Dieterle, Rector  
The Rev. Josh Huber, Associate Rector  
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Dear Calvary Parish Family,

Grace and peace to you through our Savior Jesus Christ! During this Advent season, we wait together for the coming of Christ in our lives and in the world. As we wait we hold in tension the sense of the 'already and not yet' of Christ's coming. The reign of God might seem far away in these turbulent times. I pray that you are finding moments of peace, hope, love, and joy in the midst of them.

During the Advent and Christmas seasons we like to provide opportunities to remember and honor loved ones and reflect on special blessings. There's a card enclosed if you would like to make a gift in honor or in memory of a person or occasion in your life for which you're especially grateful. You can also complete it online on the Christmas page of Calvary's website, and everything we receive by **Wednesday, December 20th will be included in our Christmas email news**. Please remember to note to whom or what the gift is dedicated, and which ministry you'd like to support.

In the coming weeks there will be additional worship services, concerts, and special events at Calvary to enhance this holy season. The schedule is below, and we hope you'll join us as we worship, celebrate, and pray for peace and healing in our lives and in our world.

### **Calvary Episcopal Church Christmas/Advent Schedule 2023:**

- **Friday, December 8** - Christmas Handbell Concert - 7:00 pm\*
- **Saturday, December 16** – Advent Quiet Day – 9:30 am to 2:30 pm
- **Sunday, December 17** – After 10:30 am service – Chili Cook-off, Greening the church and Caroling
- **Wednesday, December 20** – Blue Christmas Service – 5:30 pm
- **Sunday, December 24**
  - Fourth Sunday of Advent Worship Service – 10:00 am\*
  - Children and Family Christmas Eve Service – 4:00 pm\*
  - Christmas Eve Worship with Holy Communion – 7:00 pm\*
  - Christmas Eve Concert – 10:30 pm\*
  - Christmas Eve Worship with Holy Communion – 11:00 pm\*
- **December 25** – Christmas Day Worship with Holy Communion – 10:00 am
- **December 31** – Lessons & Carols – 10:00 am\*

*\*These events will be in-person and live-streamed on YouTube.*

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