

Family Service

Welcome

Lighting of the Candles | The Davidson Family

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O Holy Night - Faith Zimmer

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Part II—Mary, Joseph, and Baby Jesus

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Family Business

Last week, Dec. 18th, sanctuary flowers were donated by Rob and Daley Bennett, Margie and Kate Bennett, Ashley and Carson Jones, and Liliane and Cyrus Jones in memory of their Grandmother Angie Bennett.

This Week

Sun. Dec 26 - 2:00 pm. Angie Bennett Memorial Service with Pastor Don Everts officiating. Those in attendance will have an opportunity to greet the family immediately after the service.

Upcoming

Wed. Jan. 18 – 5:30 pm Leadership Conference at First & Calvary Church

Fri. Dec. 30 – Allan Clapp Memorial Service. 2:00 pm F&C Sanctuary. 2:45 reception near the fireplace at F&C. Cooper McWhirter officiating.

Fri. Jan. 6 – Tom Byrne Memorial Service, 9:30 am visitation first step of the chancel in the Sanctuary. 10:00

Tues. Jan 17 - 6:00 pm, room 014. Called Session Meeting to approve the Budget.

Sun. Jan 22 - 12:00 noon in the Sanctuary. Annual Congregational Meeting.

Condolences

To the family of Allan Clapp on his passing.

Congratulations

Kelle and Dan Rathe on the birth of Walker Bill Rathe, November 29, 2022.

Visit the First & Calvary Website for more information on each of the above events by scanning the QR code or going to <https://www.firstandcalvary.org/>



Leadership

Rev. Don Everts | Senior Pastor

Steve Young | Director of Operations

Jamie Swope | Associate Minister of Discipleship

Tyler Heckman | Director of Worship and Music

Dr. Jim Davidson | Advisory Director of Music/Principal Organist

Wendy Everts | Minister of Outreach

Rev. Cooper McWhirter | Minister of Pastoral Care

Brian Correll | Media Coordinator

Robin Jaques | Communications Coordinator

Lisa Smith | Children's Ministry Coordinator

Spencer Busch | Lead Custodian

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

DECEMBER 24, 2022



FIRST & CALVARY

Communion Service

Prelude | String Quartet

Jesus bleibet meine Freude

Music: J.S. Bach

Lighting of the Candles & Call to Worship The Singletons

On the 1st week of Advent, we lit the Expectation Candle. For when God is on the move, we are right to expect great and marvelous things.

On the 2nd week of Advent, we lit the Attentiveness Candle. For when God is on the move, it’s the wise one who keeps their eyes wide open.

On the 3rd week of Advent, we lit the Obedience Candle. For when God is on the move and he asks us to follow Him, we should joyfully lace up our sneakers, get up, and go.

On the 4th week of Advent, we lit the Wonder Candle. For when God is on the move, glory and the miraculous are afoot. And we can’t help but pause and ponder the wonder of it all.

And on this the Eve of Christmas we light the Christ Candle. For God’s mightiest, most sublime move ever was sending his son to us.

*Hymn 152

Angels We Have Heard on High

Words: Traditional French, 18th C.; tr. Crown of Jesus Music, 1862, alt.

Music: Traditional French, 18th C.; arr. Edward S. Barnes, 1937; desc. Richard E. Gerig, 1956

Confession of Sin

God of love,
all year long we pursue power and money,
yet you come in weakness.
All season long we covet great material gifts,
when you alone offer what is lasting.
Through the work of this Lord Jesus,
who comes among us full of grace and truth, forgive us,
heal us, correct us.
Then open our lips,
that we may sing your praise with the angels,
and remake our lives,
that we may witness to your transforming love.
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Please take a moment for silent confession.

Hymn 817

Hear Our Prayer

Words: Based on Psalm 143:1; Music: George Whelpton

Declaration of Forgiveness

On this Christmas Eve, let these words that are familiar to us interrupt us with their truth in a new way:

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did

not send the Son in to the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Friends, be at peace, and know that you are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

Hymn 805

Glory Be to the Father

Invitation to Offering

Offertory | Chancel Choir & String Quartet

In the bleak mid-winter

Words: Christina Rossetti

Music: Gustav Holst, arr. Tyler Heckman

In the bleak midwinter frosty wind made moan
Earth stood hard as iron water like a stone
Snow had fallen, Snow on snow, Snow on snow
In the bleak midwinter Long, long ago

What can I give Him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would give a lamb
If I were a wise man, I would do my part
Yet what can I give Him, give my heart

In the bleak midwinter frosty wind made moan
Earth stood hard as iron water like a stone
Snow had fallen, Snow on snow, Snow on snow
In the bleak midwinter Long, long ago

Doxology

To the Tune of First Noel

Offering Prayer

Scripture

Luke 2: 1-20

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. 2 This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. 3 And all went to be registered, each to his own town. 4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, 5 to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. 6 And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. 7 And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

8 And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. 9 And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. 10 And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. 11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. 12 And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” 13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

14 “Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”

15 When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.” 16 And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. 17 And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. 18 And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. 19 But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. 20 And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon | Don Everts The Poor Holy Family

*Hymn 150

What Child is This?

Words: William C. Dix, 1865

Music: Traditional English melody, 16th C.; harm. John Stainer, 1871

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution and Communion

Pastoral Prayer

Closing Hymn & Lighting of All Candles

Silent Night

Words: Joseph Mohr, 1818; tr. John F. Young, 1863

Music: Franz Gruber, 1818

Benediction

Postlude

Wachet auf

Music: J.S. Bach

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