

ADVENT - PEACE



On this third Sunday of Advent we light the **joy** candle. Part of the rhythm of Advent is seeing ourselves as we truly are, sinners in need of a Savior. Just as Israel longed for a Messiah, we long for God's Spirit to break upon us in a new way. When we experience

His stirring in our lives, we are filled with joy. Once we were separated from Him, and through Jesus He made a way for us to be restored to the Father. For this we rejoice, though we still long for the Second Coming when all will be restored and made right. Living fully in the now and the not yet is the role of the Jesus follower.

Advent Guides are available in the back of the Sanctuary. You can also print the cards at home (calvarygr.org/advent).

PRAYER

Pre-Service Prayer | 8:30-8:50am | Room 255: Pray for our worship services with the morning's teaching pastor.

Boiler Room | 8:50-11:50am: Visit room 222 behind the Sanctuary to pray over every aspect of the worship service as the Holy Spirit leads, including staff-initiated requests.

LISTENING TO TODAY'S MESSAGE

Language Interpretation: During the 9:00 service, the sermon is interpreted into Mandarin and Farsi. At 10:45, the worship service is interpreted into both Korean and Arabic. Pick up a receiver at the Welcome Center (across from the main Sanctuary entrance).

Hearing Assistance: If you need hearing assistance, listening devices are available at the Welcome Center in the Crosswalk.

NEXT STEPS

New to the church? Looking to get connected outside the worship service? Visit the Connection Point (across from the main Sanctuary entrance) this morning to take your next right step at Calvary.

coming events & announcements

Next Sunday is a Family Service

Next Sunday, December 23, we will continue our study in the book of Isaiah, focusing on the birth of our Savior, Jesus. Nursery will be available; kids preschool age and older are encouraged to attend the service with their families.

Christmas Eve Services

December 24 | 5:00, 7:30 & 10:00pm

Make Calvary's Christmas Eve service part of your holiday tradition. We will sing carols around the piano and read the Christmas story by candlelight. It's a simple service; a warm and spirited prelude to your Christmas celebration.

Scripture readers are needed for our Christmas Eve services. If you're interested, contact Kristen (kwhite@calvarygr.org) at ext. 5013.

No Wednesday Night Programming

December 26 & January 2

Over the Christmas & New Year's holidays there will be no Wednesday Night programming. We will resume on January 9.

Nomination Committee Needs You

The Nominating Committee requests your input in helping identify qualified, godly men for consideration for the offices of Elder and Deacon. Either use a nomination form, available at the Information Center, or send an email with the nominee's name and the reasons why you are nominating him to nominate@calvarygr.org.

Calvary Equip

New Classes Begin January 9

Calvary Equip is a series of classes offered on Sundays and Wednesdays.

Equip provides opportunities to learn faith-enriching practices. You'll be equipped to live out what you are taught and engage more fully with what God is doing in and through His church in this place. A full list of classes being offered this semester is at calvarygr.org/equip. Register at mycalvarygr.org.

High School: Guys'/Girls' Night

January 4 | 6:00-9:00pm

Guys' / Girls' Nights are low-key and semi-spontaneous times for high school students to hang out. These events are designed to be fun, memorable, and ideal for inviting friends who don't attend church. We will send out an email and post to Facebook & Instagram with the specifics of the upcoming night. Questions? Contact Samantha (sheetderks@calvarygr.org).

Homeschool Moms Group

January 4 | 9:30am | Room 139

Calvary's homeschool moms typically meet the first Friday of each month at church for a time of prayer and idea brainstorming. Children are welcome; care, activities and a place to study are provided.

The January meeting will be off-site. To get more information about this meeting or the group, contact Andrea Reiffer (areiffer@calvarygr.org).

Baptism

Baptism is an outward expression of what God has done inwardly in a person's life. If you would like to participate in our next baptism, please contact Kristen White (kwhite@calvarygr.org) at ext. 5013.

this week at calvary

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Third Monday Prayer

December 17 | 11:30am-12:30pm | Room 114 (Entrance G)

Join us tomorrow to hear updates from and pray for our missionaries around the world. Bring your lunch.

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LUMIN8 Kids Choir Christmas Musical

December 19 | 6:30pm | Sanctuary

The LUMIN8 Children's Choir presents Back to the Manger, a musical "blast-from-the-past," with a life-changing message. During the annual Christmas Caroling Outreach, Jackie and her friends discover a time machine in the basement of their church! After accidentally hitting a lever, they embark on an adventure throughout the twentieth century and learn how helping others changes lives. Join us in the Gathering Place for refreshments following the musical.

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Office Closed

December 20 | 11:00am-5:00pm

The church office will be closed on Thursday as the staff celebrates Christmast together. If you have a spiritual need and would like to speak with someone during this time, please call the main church number at 956-9377. A staff member is always available.

beyond sunday morning

We send out a reflection email each Tuesday morning to help you engage with today's message and apply it to your life all week long. Sign up at mycalvarygr.org (your email subscriptions are found under My Profile). **During this season we are also using our Reflect email to consider how to look at our messages in the Isaiah series in light of Advent.** We send out this reflection email each Tuesday morning to help you engage with today's message and apply it to your life all week long. Sign up at mycalvarygr.org (your email subscriptions are found under My Profile).

Isaiah Reading Plan For the Coming Week: Isaiah 9-10 & Luke 2:1-3:6.

CONNECTING BEYOND THE BULLETIN

We produce a quarterly *Calvary Life* magazine with ministry updates, and faith-enriching articles. Pick one up at the back of the Sanctuary. We also share regularly on Facebook (CalvaryChurchGR) and Instagram (calvarygr) and would love to connect with you there. Find an archive of sermons, our events calendar, a staff email directory and more at calvarygr.org.

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