Therefore, accept one another, just as Christ also accepted us to the glory of God. Romans 15:7



at Calvary Presbyterian Church November 19, 2023 ~ 25th Sunday after Pentecost

Regular Program Year Schedule (mid-September to mid-June)

- Sunday 10am Worship, 1st Sundays Communion Monday - 1pm Women's Study in Pastor's Office on alternate Mondays 3pm - 6pm Homework Haven
- Tuesday 9am to 12pm Thrift Shop Donations 7pm Session Meeting, 1st Tuesdays 7pm Deacons Meeting, 2nd Tuesdays

Thursday - 9am to 4pm Thrift Shop Sales 7pm Handbell Choir Practice 8pm Chancel Choir practice Friday - 5:30pm Friday Friends alternate weeks Saturday - 10am to 1pm Thrift Shop Sales, 1st Saturdays only

Sunday School is held during the worship service each week in the Sunday School wing. WOCLS (Women of Calvary Literary Society) meet about once per month at each other's homes.



Today! Organize the Christmas stuff

Tuesday, Nov. 21 at 7pm, Tri-Boro Thanksgiving service at Christ Episcopal Church at the corner of 4th and Main in

Riverton. Everyone is welcome and the Calvary Chancel Choir will be singing. **Thursday, Nov. 23** Thanksgiving Day, church office closed **Saturday, Nov. 25** Sanctuary will be used for a recital for Greg Di Bona's piano students **On Sunday, Nov. 26** Greening of the Church ~ Rev. Frank Zeidler will lead us in worship

Update! All Angels have been claimed...thank you! You can still contribute to the Mitten Tree, which will

be set up soon. Check out the bulletin board just outside the nursery. It is sporting a big red Christmas tree decorated with paper angels which have gift suggestions for little ones. The kids are children of patrons of Bread of Life Food Pantry. Members are encouraged to take an angel, purchase the gift, bring it unwrapped to Calvary and put in the big gift bag to be returned to Bread of Life on Dec 11.



Poinsettias will adorn the chancel from Sunday, Dec. 17 through Christmas Day and Christmas Eve, at which time you may take home any that you have dedicated to loved ones. Dedication forms will be available soon, and we are still holding the cost to \$8 each.



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

9 to 11am. Volunteers needed for an easy, breezy, leafy clean-up of the church grounds. Helping Hands earn Delectable Doughnuts. Bring rakes, tarps, gloves, smiles.

4pm to 8pm. Game Night in the Assembly Room. We are meeting to organize ourselves into a club, decide on how we want to handle food and other stuff like hosting, naming the club, etc. We will manage to play some games too.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

Our Chancel Choir will be caroling at Riverton Christmas Village



Calling ALL Bakers, we are having an all-day Cookie Sale fundraiser for our Lift Project Please share your talents by mixing up your favorite Christmas cookies to sell to our members and the community on Dec. 10th. Sign-up sheet is in the narthex. Several drop-off opportunities - just put on the stage: Dec. 4-8, during church office hours: 8:30-12:30 Additional drop-off times: Thurs., Dec. 7th, 7-8pm ~ Fri., Dec. 8th, 1-2pm ~ Sat., Dec. 9th, 10:30-12noon

3pm - Hymns & Heralds Concert with reception to follow in the Assembly Room. Free-will offering, no tickets required and all proceeds will benefit Bread of Life Food Pantry and Calvary's Lift Project. The Cookie Sale will be happening all day, so you can admire and purchase cookies made by our wonderful bakers!



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November 19, 2023	25th Sunday after Pentecost	10:00am
	*Please rise in body or in spirit.	
Don't wait	. The time will never be just right. Napoleon Hill (1883-1970)
PRELUDE	For the Beauty of the Earth	C. Kocher, arr. J. Rouse
WELCOME AND ANNOU	INCEMENTS	
CHORAL INTROIT	Make a Joyful Noise	J. Owens
RESPONSIVE CALL TO	WORSHIP	
We come here, to give the	anks to the God of harvest.	
• •	ecause we are a community who have v	witnessed God's great
goodness to us.		
, ,	at benevolence is for all people and for all nd thankful minds we come rejoicing an	
Come, let us worship	, ,	iu giving Gou our praise.
*GATHERING HYMN		e Thankful People, Come
PRAYER OF CONFESSI		e mankiun eopie, come
	re coming in power to bring all nations	under vour rule We
	not expected your kingdom, for we live	-
	ent. We accept lies as truth, exploit ne	
	r justice and peace. In your mercy, for	
wisdom to welcome y	your way, and to seek things that will er	ndure when Christ
ASSURANCE OF PARDO	N	
	Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel	
*CONFESSION RESPON	In Jesus Christ we are forgiven	#807 Gloria Patri
CALL FOR THE OFFERI		
OFFERTORY	If You But Trust God to Guide You	Noumark arr Dataraan
		Neumark, arr. Peterson
*OFFERTORY RESPON	0.	у
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION		
HYMN	#578 Come, All	Christians, Be Committed
SHARING OF JOYS AND) CONCERNS	

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPL	E AND THE LORD'S PRAYER		
CHORAL ANTHEM	Enter His Gates with Thanksgiving	R. Clatterbuck	
SCRIPTURE READINGS	1 Thess 5:1-11 ~ Matt 25:14-30		
This is the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ Thanks be to God			
SERMON	"Great Ready 'Cause Here I Come"	Rev. Dr. Patricia Epprecht	
Text: For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. 1 Thess 5:2			
CLOSING HYMN	#2	76 Jesus is Coming Again	
*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION			
*CHORAL RESPONSE	The Lord Bless You	H. Hopson	
*THE PEACE	The peace of the Lord be with you. And also with you.		
(As you leave the sanctuary, share greetings of Christ's peace with one another.)			
*POSTLUDE	Allegro Vivace from the "Water Music" Suite	G. F. Handel, arr. L. Smith	

Our thanks to Rev. Dr. Patricia Epprecht for leading us in worship this morning. As always, we thank our A/V volunteers Michael Gilbert and Jerry Blackman for sharing their time and talents. This morning we also thank Nedra Cawley for refreshments and Sally Dinn and Judy Jaghabreh for greeting and collecting the offering. Join us for refreshments after the service in Assembly Room.

Prayers for: our President and all our elected officials, all world leaders, our men and women in uniform, peace in the world, victims of natural disasters, those endangered by war and violence; Calvary's mission and ministries; all our friends and members at Calvary, and in particular: Dovieanna & Anthony Falconiero; Ed Gilmore; Ed Hartmann; Stacy Cardwell, friend of Nedra Cawley; Pam Jones Nelson, cousin of Allison Farnen; Christie, wife of Rob Hoag; Trevor, nephew of Dave & Janny McGrath; Jesse James, nephew of Terry Pahl; Chea and Roxanne, friends of Alyx Reinhardt; Bill Robbins, brother of Dorothy Talavera; Delanco friend Aurelio Conigliaro and Steve Harker, husband of Cindy.

The chancel flowers this morning are dedicated to the Glory of God and in heartfelt appreciation to the Chancel and Handbell Choirs for their many musical talents by Diana.