

THIS WEEK

TODAY Congregational meeting to approve Budget 2010, immediately following Worship Service.

After the Business Meeting come downstairs for a reception.

WEDNESDAY EVENING:

6:15 p.m. Dinner
7:00 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer
7:00 p.m. Handbell Choir

THURSDAY & FRIDAY December 9th: 2:00-5:30 p.m.

Shelter Meal preparation

SATURDAY December 11th

9:45 a.m.-11:15 Childrens' play rehearsal
11:15 a.m. Childrens' pie making.

SUNDAY December 12th

9:45 - 11:00 a.m. Childrens' play rehearsal.
11 a.m. Worship & Christmas Pageant, presented by the children.
Christmas Dinner immediately following Worship Service.
Please sign up on the cards if you plan to attend and let us know if you would be able to help with set up, cooking, or clean up.

MONDAY December 13th 12 Noon – Annie Armstrong Circle

will meet in the church social room with Mary Frantz as hostess.

FRIDAY December 17th 7:30 p.m. Drew Wright and "Asbestos Band"

SATURDAY Dec. 18th, 9:00 a.m. Decorating the sanctuary.

3:00-6:00 p.m.- **Caroling.** Supper refreshments at home of Martha Wylie. Please let us know if you are attending and what you are bringing to share at the chili supper.

MORNING WORSHIP AND COMMUNION

The Calvary Baptist Church, Towson, Maryland
Eleven O'clock December 5, 2010

<http://www.calvarybaptist-towson.org>

Frederick K. Weimert, Pastor
Ruth Kulkarni, Christian Kirby, Pastoral Staff
Glenn L. Wittstadt, Jr., Organist-Director

PRELUDE: "An Acent Prayer" Louise E. Stairs

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. Illumine us Oh Holy Light of God.

INTROIT:

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 72: 1-7, 17-18
(from: *The Message*)

Give the gift of wise rule to the king, O God, the gift of just rule to the crown prince.

May he judge your people rightly, be honorable to your meek and lowly.

Let the mountains give exuberant witness; shape the hills with the contours of right living.

Please stand up for the poor, help the children of the needy, come down hard on the cruel tyrants.

Outlast the sun, outlive the moon – age after age after age.

Be rainfall on cut grass, earth-refreshing rain showers.

Let righteousness burst into blossom and peace abound until the moon fades to nothing.

May all godless people enter his circle of blessing and bless the one who blessed them.

Blessed God, Israel's God,

The one and only wonderworking God!

*HYMN 2089: “Wild and Lone the Prophet’s Voice”

INVOCATION FOLLOWED BY THE LORD’S PRAYER
WELCOME & REGISTRATION
EXTENDED LIFE OF THE CHURCH

ANTHEM: “A Tiny Child Will Come” Don Besit

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 3: 1-12 pg. 836
read by: Reverend Christian Kirby

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

As those Jewish leaders came seeking baptism from John that day – fleeing a haunting fear that God’s justice might bring wrath – so we too have sought forgiveness in baptism. When confronted and challenged by people whose clothing or demeanor made us feel that they were “more holy” than we are, we have repented... Just in case. Even more threatening than the appearance of these prophetic encounters is that parting word: “Bear fruit worthy of repentance.” Lord God, till the soil around us, water and fertilize us again, give us another chance to bear that fruit You so much desire.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. (Jn. 15: 4)

HYMN 63: “Abide With Me”

CHILDREN’S TIME

*OFFERING: DOXOLOGY

OFFERTORY “Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying”
Philipp Nicole/harmonize by J. S. Bach

HEBREW BIBLE: Isaiah 11: 1-10 pg. 595
SERMON: “Not What I Wanted”

*INVITATION HYMN 2265: “Time Now to Gather”

THE LORD’S SUPPER

SHARING THE BREAD # 86
How silently, how silently The wondrous Gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts The blessings of His heaven.
No ear may hear His coming, But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him still,
The dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem! Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in, Be born in us today!
We hear the Christmas angels The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Immanuel! Amen.

SHARING THE CUP # 76
O Come, Thou Day-spring, come and cheer
our spirits by Thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death’s dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee O Israel!

GREET EACH OTHER WITH THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*HYMN 387: “Blest Be The Tie” (verse 1)

*BENEDICTION/RESPONSE

POSTLUDE: “Postlude in C-Minor” Alexandre Boely

*Congregation standing.

The sanctuary flowers are given in loving memory of
Diane Herbert by her husband, John and her sons, John and Robert.