

Liturgy for Corporate Worship

Epiphany Sunday

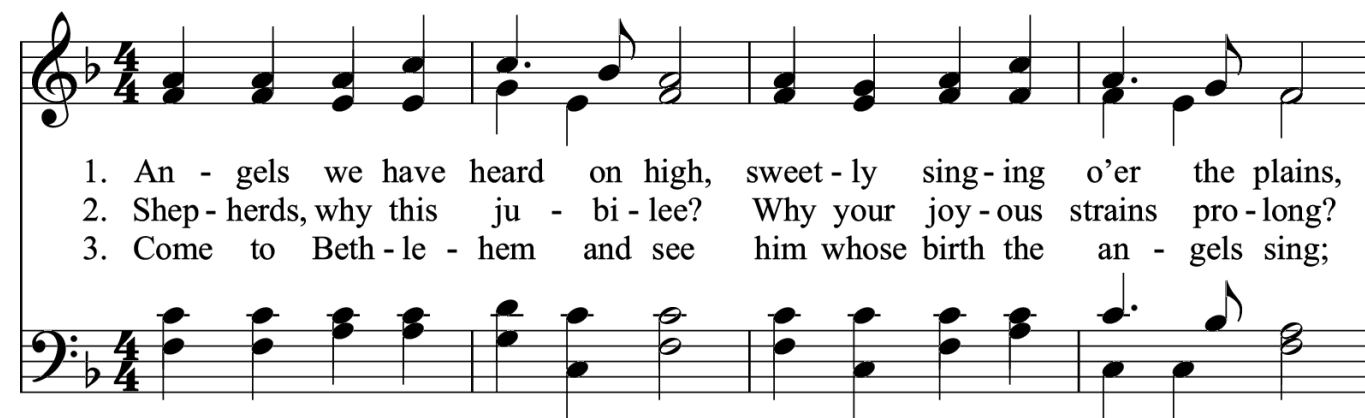
January 5, 2025

Prelude	Sue Lechota
Welcome & Announcements	
Introit	Choir
Angels from the Realms of Glory	
Call to Worship	Luke 2:13-14
Hymn	318
Angels We Have Heard on High	
Corporate Prayer of Confession & Silent Confession	
<b>Most merciful God, whose Son, Jesus Christ, was tempted in every way, yet was without sin, we confess before you our sinfulness: we have hungered after that which does not satisfy; we have compromised with evil; we have doubted your power to protect us. Forgive us for our lack of faith; have mercy on our weakness. Restore in us such trust and love that we may walk in your ways and delight in doing your will. We ask in Jesus’ name. Amen.</b>	
Assurance of Forgiveness	Romans 8:1
The Gloria Patri	572
<b>Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.</b>	
Prayer of Dedication	Elder Randy Heidtman
The Lord’s Prayer	
<b>Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.</b>	
Anthem	Choir
Alleluia, Sing Alleluia	
Unison Scripture Reading	Jude 17-25
Hymn	317
What Child Is This?	

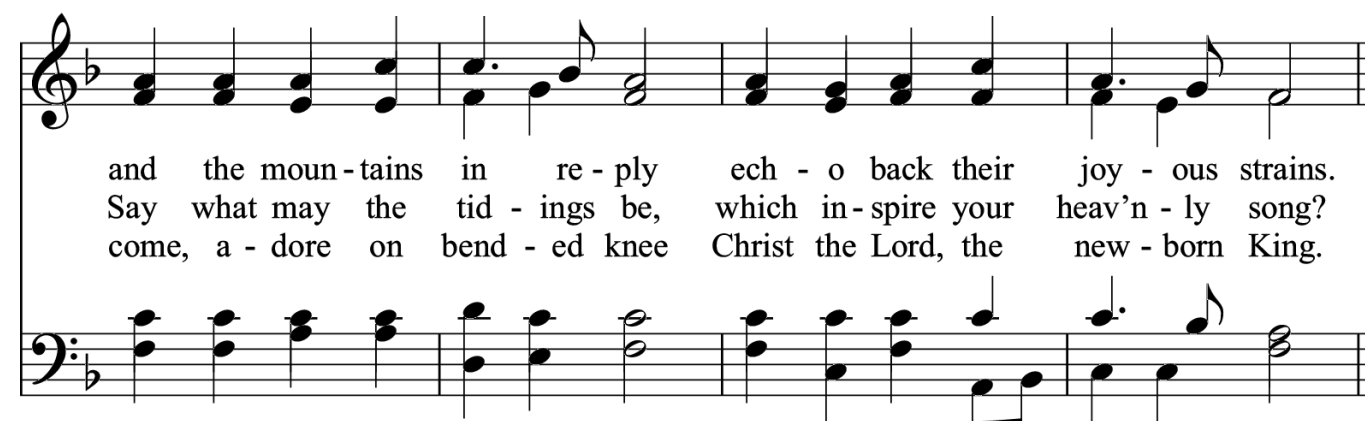
Sermon	Matthew 2:1-12	Rev. Pete Scribner
Apostles’ Creed		851
<b>I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.</b>		
<b>I believe in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead.</b>		
<b>I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.</b>		
Celebration of the Lord’s Supper		
Hymn	All Glory Be to Christ	133*
Benediction		
Parting Hymn		
<b>God be with you till we meet again; By his counsels guide, uphold you, with his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again. Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus’ feet; Till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.</b>		
Postlude		

Featured Element of Worship: Epiphany Sunday

Today we are focusing on the celebration of the Epiphany Sunday. The term “Epiphany” comes from a Greek word meaning “to shine” or “to appear,” or even “to reveal.” Throughout the history of the church, Epiphany has been celebrated on the twelfth and final day of Christmas (January 6), recognizing the visit of the *Magi* or wise men who came from afar to pay homage to the Christ-child, laying their treasures before him. When Jesus appeared in human flesh, it was through the shining of a special light in the sky that the Light of the World was revealed to the *Magi*. Today we celebrate not only that he was revealed to them, but even more so that he has been revealed to us!



1. An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,  
 2. Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?  
 3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;

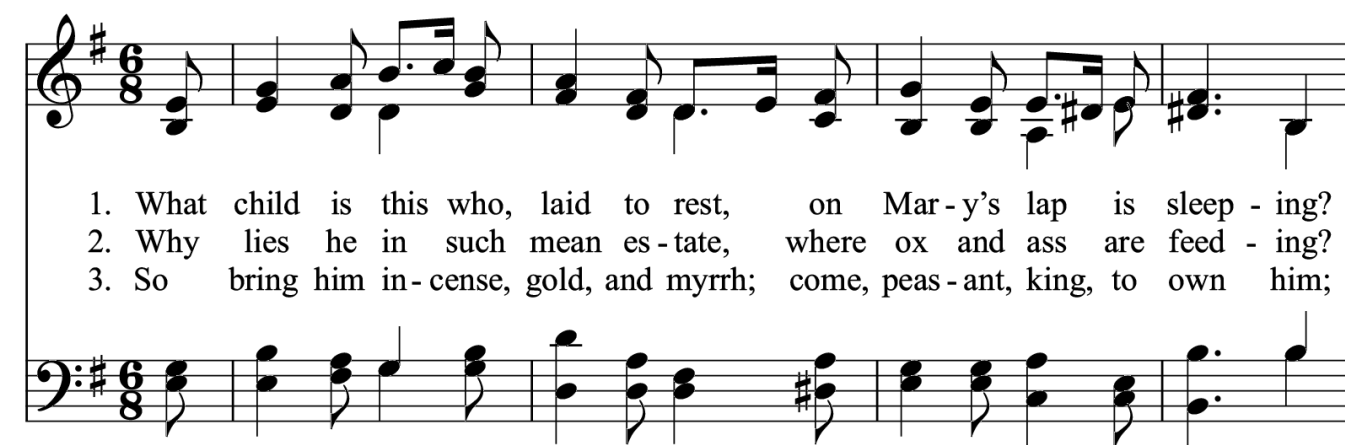


and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o back their joy - ous strains.  
 Say what may the tid - ings be, which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?  
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born King.

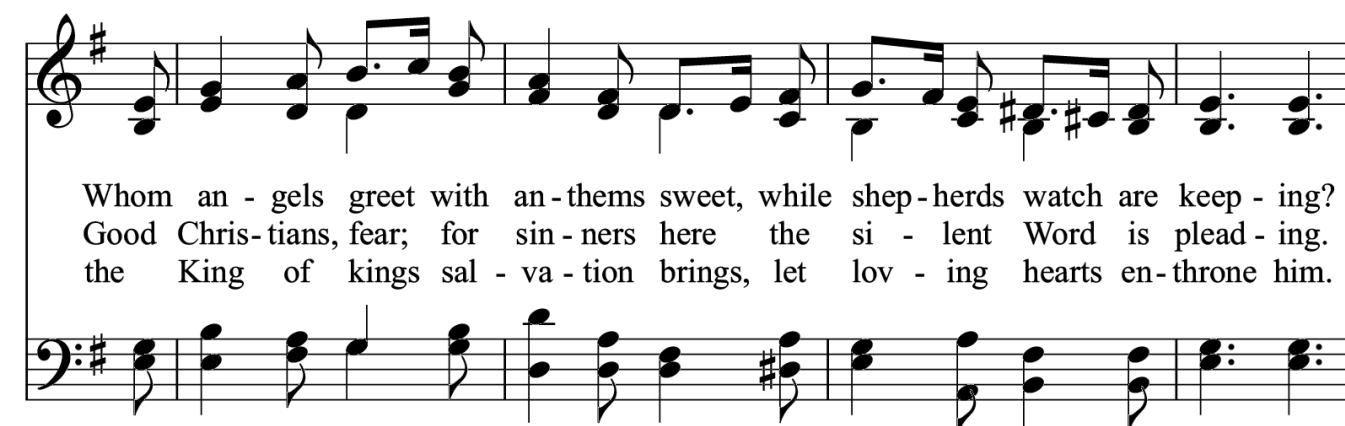
Refrain



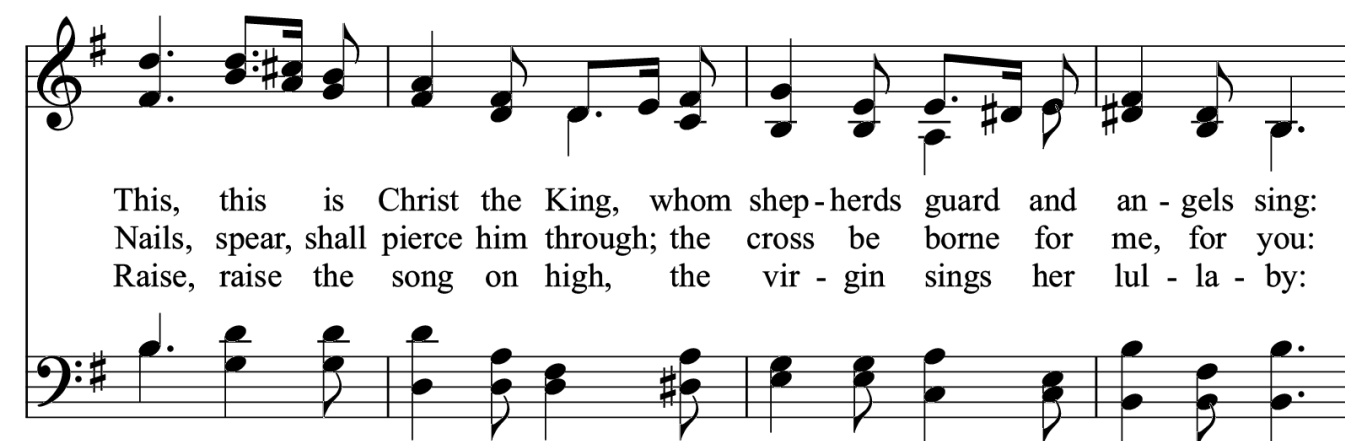
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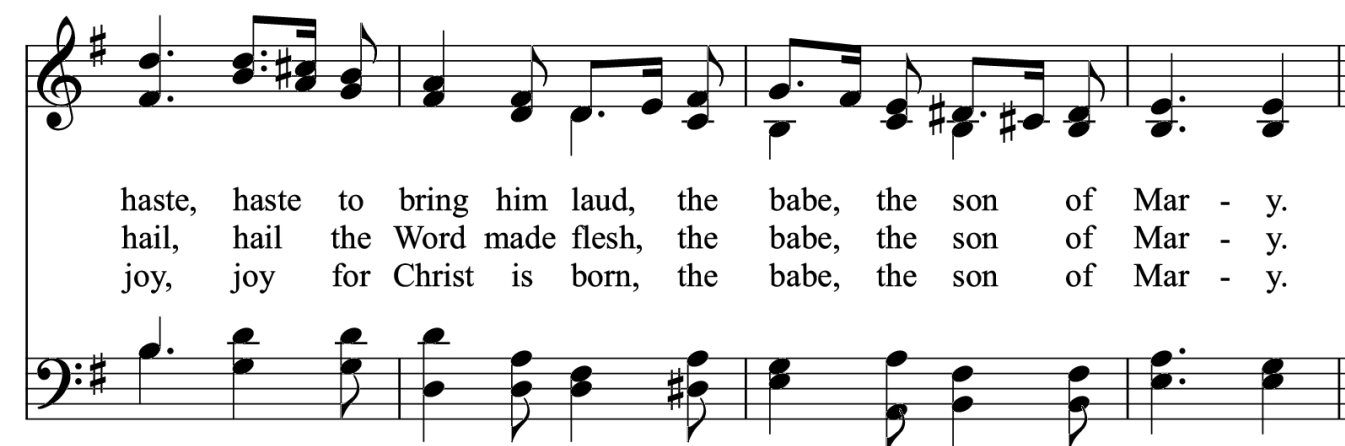
1. What child is this who, laid to rest, on Mar - y's lap is sleep - ing?  
 2. Why lies he in such mean es - tate, where ox and ass are feed - ing?  
 3. So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas - ant, king, to own him;



Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet, while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?  
 Good Chris - tians, fear; for sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.  
 the King of kings sal - va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.



This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing:  
 Nails, spear, shall pierce him through; the cross be borne for me, for you:  
 Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by:



haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y.  
 hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y.  
 joy, joy for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y.

Unison Scripture Reading....Jude 17-25

<sup>17</sup> But you must remember, beloved, the predictions of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup> They said to you, “In the last time there will be scoffers, following their own ungodly passions.” <sup>19</sup> It is these who cause divisions, worldly people, devoid of the Spirit. <sup>20</sup> But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, <sup>21</sup> keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. <sup>22</sup> And have mercy on those who doubt; <sup>23</sup> save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh.

<sup>24</sup> Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, <sup>25</sup> to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

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1. Should noth - ing of our ef - forts stand, no leg - a - cy sur - vive;  
2. His will be done, His king - dom come, on earth as is a - bove;  
3. When on the day the great I Am, the Faith - ful and the True;

Un - less the Lord does raise the house, in vain its build - ers strive.  
Who is Him - self our dai - ly bread, praise Him the Lord of love.  
The Lamb who was for sin - ners slain, is mak - ing all things new.

To you who boast to - mor - row's gain, tell me what is your life?  
Let liv - ing wa - ter sat - is - fy the thirst - y with - out price;  
Be - hold our God shall live with us and be our stead - fast light,

A mist that van - ish - es at dawn, all glo - ry be to Christ!  
We'll take a cup of kind - ness yet, all glo - ry be to Christ!  
And we shall e'er His peo - ple be, all glo - ry be to Christ!

All glo - ry be to Christ, our King, all glo - ry be to Christ!

His rule and reign we'll ev - er sing, all glo - ry be to Christ!

## Sermon Text...Matthew 2:1-12

**2** Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup> saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” <sup>3</sup> When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup> and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. <sup>5</sup> They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

<sup>6</sup> “ ‘And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.’ ”

<sup>7</sup> Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup> And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.” <sup>9</sup> After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup> When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. <sup>11</sup> And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. <sup>12</sup> And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

## Sermon Notes

How do we respond to the news of Christ’s birth?

- Like Herod

- Like “All Jerusalem”

- Like the Chief Priests and the Scribes

- Like the Magi

The Flowers adorning our worship this week were provided by the Diaconate to the glory of God.

Christmas Greetings to the congregation have been received from: Mike & Janet Adema, Tom & Sue Alarie, Sharon Atchison, Rozie Aube, Leroy & Cora Cole, Jim & Marsha Davis, Al & Karen Dipzinski, Jerry & Joanne Dosh, Jim & Karen Hayden, Anne Haughey, Vickie Haughey, Dorothy Heidtman, Scott & Jan Herriman, Bob & Marion Isaacson, Madeleine Jens, Jim & Ellen Jones, Phil & Sharon Koerber, Joan Layman, Frank & Sue Lechota, Judy Liska, Mary Jo Lorenz, Hazel Mardlin, Barb Milloy, Larry & Janet Nichols, Andrea O’Hara & Karl Williams, Leona Paget, Pat Reedy, Joe, Michelle & Drake Robideau, Pete & Erin Scribner, Chuck Stevens, Doug & Dana Stoddard, Randy & Ginny Sturm, Mick & Ann Tulgetske, Joe & Esma Walker, Sam & Mary Winegarden.

**Communion at Calvary**

If you are our guest in worship today, we welcome you both to Calvary and to the Lord's Table. Our celebration of the Lord's Supper is open to all who have trusted in Christ as Savior and follow Him as Lord, that in partaking they might experience spiritual nourishment and growth in grace.

Mindful not only of Scripture’s promises, but also of its cautions regarding the Lord’s Supper, we generally discourage children from partaking of the sacrament. Regardless of age, it should be shared only by those people who understand and give ascent to the historical and personal significance of the cross of Jesus Christ.

When the bread is passed to us by the Elders, each person wishing to participate is asked to remove a piece from the tray and hold it while others are being served. Then, as a symbol of our common union with Christ as one body, we shall all partake together.

When the cups are distributed, each person wishing to participate is asked to remove a cup from the tray and, as a symbol of our individual trust in Christ, to drink on our own.

We encourage worshippers to use the time during which others are being served for the thoughtful reading of Scriptures or quiet meditation and prayer.

May God nourish our spirits as we worship Him through partaking of these elements in faith, as a sign and a seal of the covenant of grace.

**This Week at Calvary**

<b>Today</b>	9:40	Prayer in Office Conference Room (All Welcome)
	10:00	Worship Service with Communion followed by coffee, donuts & fellowship, and removal of Christmas decorations.
	11:30	Sunday School

<b>Tuesday</b>	2:00	Tuesdays at Two
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<b>Thursday</b>	10:00	Martha-Mary Circle
	6:30	Choir Rehearsal

<b>Next Sunday</b>	9:40	Prayer in Office Conference Room (All Welcome)
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Christmas Decoration Take Down: After Worship today, the Diaconate will be leading us in taking down Christmas decorations. Please consider remaining after worship to help out. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated!

**Church Staff**

Pastor	Pete Scribner
Director of Music	Susan Lechota
Music Minister	Chris Holmberg
Custodian	Vicky Haughey

Offerings are received each week in the wooden donation box in the Narthex. We have placed it there as a convenience for our members and friends. If you are visiting us this Sunday, please feel no pressure to make any donation. We are glad to have you simply be our guest today, and invite you to join us for a donut and coffee in the Fellowship Hall after worship!



## Meditation for the Week

In bygone days when God's covenant people sought to strengthen their piety, to sharpen their effectual intercessions, and give passion to their supplications, they partook of the means of grace in all holiness with humble prayer and fasting.

When intent upon seeking the Lord God's guidance in difficult after-times, they partook of the means of grace in all holiness with humble prayer and fasting.

When they were wont to express grief—whether over the consequences of their own sins or the sins of others—they partook of the means of grace in all holiness with humble prayer and fasting.

When they sought deliverance or protection in times of trouble, they partook of the means of grace in all holiness with humble prayer and fasting.

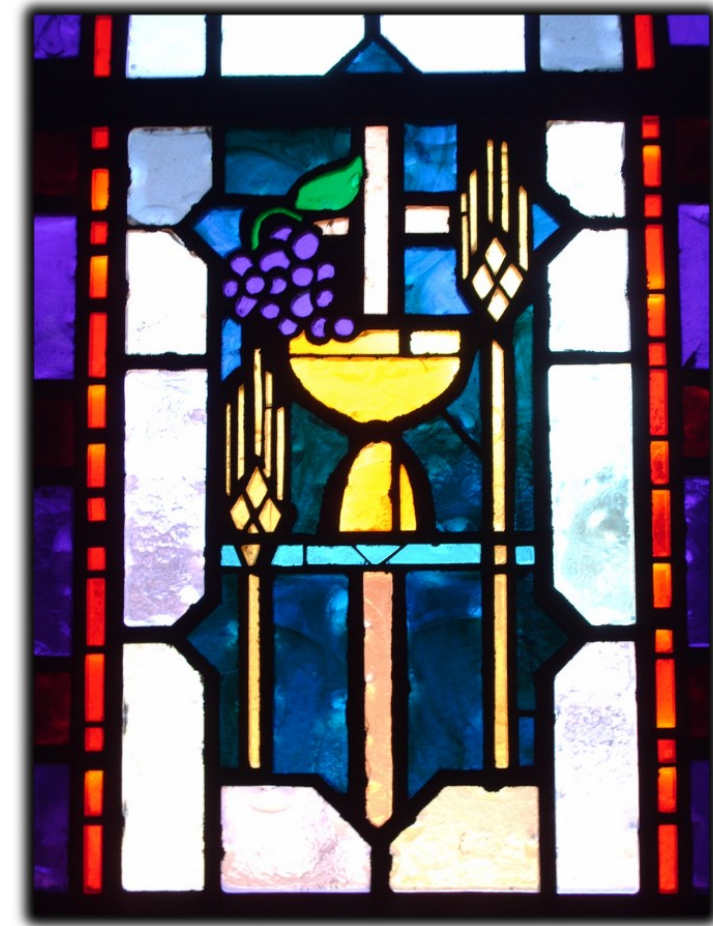
When they desired to express repentance, covenant renewal, and a return to the fold of faith, they partook of the means of grace in all holiness with humble prayer and fasting.

Such is the call upon all who would name the Name of Jesus. Such is the ordinary Christian life.

Thomas Chalmers  
(1780-1847)

# Calvary Presbyterian Church

January 5, 2025



Our Mission - We exist to know, worship, serve, and enjoy the one true God.

Our Vision - We seek to love God completely, love others selflessly, and everywhere proclaim Christ: crucified, risen, and reigning forever.

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