

**As We Gather**

The journey of a disciple of Jesus may take many directions. As one of the first men called to discipleship by the Lord, Peter found that his world was turned around and changed forever. And yet, in following the Lord, he found a peace that passed all understanding. In the final words of his second epistle, he wrote to his Christian flock, "Therefore, beloved . . . be . . . at peace" (2 Peter 3:14). The people of God are peaceable people through whom the Spirit works, fashioning them as peacemakers and peace-bringers to a world in need of the peace that is in Christ alone.

**PRELUDE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING**

**OPENING HYMN:**

*"O Christ, Who Called the Twelve"*

**Hymn #856**

**INVOCATION**

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

**THE CONFESSION OF SINS AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

In peace let us pray to our heavenly Father, confident of His forgiveness for Jesus' sake.

*(please kneel)*

Heavenly Father,

**We confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have failed to live in the fruit of Your Holy Spirit, in our thinking, speaking, and acting. We have not loved You completely or our neighbors as ourselves. We have let the turmoil in this world subvert the peace You have provided us. We have not let our hearts take courage and waited for the Lord. Our Lord Jesus revealed His person and ministry through His words and actions. In Your great mercy, forgive, renew, and lead us so that we may be revealed as His faith-filled followers to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE:**

***"O God, My Faithful God"***

**O God, my faithful God,  
True fountain ever flowing,  
Without whom nothing is,  
All perfect gifts bestowing:  
Give me a healthy frame,  
And may I have within  
A conscience free from blame,  
A soul unstained by sin.**

**Grant me the strength to do  
With ready heart and willing  
Whatever You command,  
My calling here fulfilling;  
That I do what I should  
While trusting You to bless  
The outcome for my good,  
For You must give success.**

**THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever

**Amen.**

*(Please be seated.)*

**THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 9:1–4** *(A great light is shining.)*

<sup>1</sup> But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. <sup>2</sup> The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. <sup>3</sup> You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. <sup>4</sup> For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**THE ANTHEM:**

***"I Pray, Lord, Help Me to Follow Jesus"***

Men's Chorus

**THE EPISTLE READING: 1 Corinthians 1:10–18** (*Let there be no divisions in Christ's Church.*)

<sup>1</sup> Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes, <sup>2</sup> To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: <sup>3</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup> I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup> that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge— <sup>6</sup> even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you— <sup>7</sup> so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>8</sup> who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup> God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

<sup>10</sup> I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment.

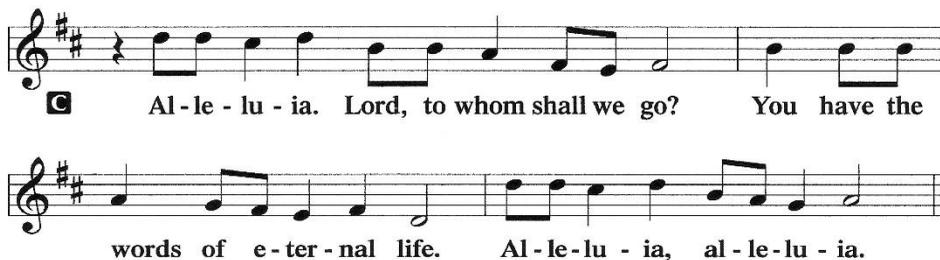
<sup>11</sup> For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. <sup>12</sup> What I mean is that each one of you says, "I follow Paul," or "I follow Apollos," or "I follow Cephas," or "I follow Christ." <sup>13</sup> Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? <sup>14</sup> I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, <sup>15</sup> so that no one may say that you were baptized in my name. <sup>16</sup> (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) <sup>17</sup> For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

<sup>18</sup> For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

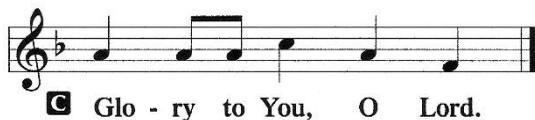
**THE ALLELUIA VERSE:**



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**THE HOLY GOSPEL IS ANNOUNCED:**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the fourth chapter.



Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

**THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 4:12–25** (*Jesus calls His first disciples.*)

<sup>12</sup> Now when he heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. <sup>13</sup> And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, <sup>14</sup> so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

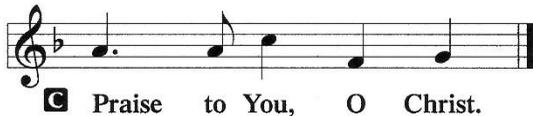
<sup>15</sup> "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles— <sup>16</sup> the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned." <sup>17</sup> From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

<sup>18</sup> While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. <sup>19</sup> And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." <sup>20</sup> Immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>21</sup> And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them.

<sup>22</sup> Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

<sup>23</sup> And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. <sup>24</sup> So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, epileptics, and paralytics, and he healed them. <sup>25</sup> And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**G** Praise to You, O Christ.

**THE CHILDRENS MESSAGE**

Tim Jacobsmeyer, Director of Music

**HYMN OF THE DAY:**

*"Come Follow Me," the Savior Spake"*

**Hymn #688**

**THE MESSAGE**

**"On a Mission"**

Pastor David Brighton

**THE APOSTLES' CREED:**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was 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 thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## THE GATHERING OF THE TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### **++ The Stewardship Thought ++**

"Epiphany" is a word that means to reveal or make known. The Epiphany season is about a most important revelation: the revealing of Jesus Christ as the Savior of the nations!

**Ponder Simeon's words as he held the baby Jesus:**

**"My eyes have seen Your salvation!" (Luke 2:30)**

### THE OFFERTORY:

*"Take My Life and Let It Be"*

**Take my life and let it be  
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;  
Take my moments and my days,  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**Take my voice and let me sing  
Always only for my King;  
Take my lips and let them be  
Filled with messages From Thee.**

**Take my love, my Lord, I pour  
At Thy feet its treasure store;  
Take myself, and I will be  
Ever, only, all for Thee.**

**THE PRAYERS:** After each petition, the Worship Leader will say, "*Lord in Your mercy,*" and the congregation will respond, "*Hear our prayer.*"

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

### THE BENEDICTION

The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make His face shine on us and be gracious to us. The Lord look upon us with favor and give us peace.

**Amen.**

### THE CLOSING HYMN:

*"Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"*

**Hymn #685**

### A MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

### THE POSTLUDE

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Proposed By-laws Changes Available for Review** - At the January Voters Assembly, we will be looking at the proposed changes to our By-laws developed by our Constitution Review Committee over the last few months. Please see the copy on the Information Desk. It is also available to view or download at <http://mountcalvaryga.org/bylaws/>. Changes are indicated in red strikeout and yellow highlight.

**Newsletter Deadline:** Please have all items for the February Newsletter to the office by January 24<sup>th</sup>.

**LWML Mite-y Noisy Can Collection** will be next weekend, January 29<sup>th</sup>, so bring your coins/bills. It has been a while and we want to HEAR you next Sunday. - Thank you.

**Our Basketball Team's Games** are played at the Recreation Department Gym or at First Baptist Church Garmon Street's Gym. This week we are playing Harvest Builders on Tuesday at 9 pm at the Rec Dept, and Ramoth Gilead on Thursday at 7:15 pm at First Baptist Garmon Street gym. Please come out and cheer for our team.

**Mount Calvary has received memorial donations in honor of Monika Reynolds** from Champ & Pat Aldredge, Jim & Barbara Morey, Bruce & Barbara Bauman, Betty Cummings, Alyce Quillin and Margaret McLaughlin.

**Mount Calvary has received memorial donations in honor of Laura Haas** from Jim & Barbara Morey, Jim & Ruth Aden, Jimmy & Ginger Martin, Don & Judy Parrott, Toby & Lorraine Jenson, Erv & Kathy Robinson, Pedro & Kathy Camejo, Stephen & Jackie Kaestner, D. J. & Cynthia Nelson, Joan Steese, Don & Monelle Netzing, Bob & Cindy Reynolds, Bob & Louise Cox, Jan Langston, John & Marie White, Bruce & Barbara Bauman, Betty Cummings, Alyce Quillin and Margaret McLaughlin.

**Mount Calvary has received a memorial donation in honor of former member Richard Hollinger** from Toby & Lorraine Jenson.

**Sweetheart Dinner coming SOON!** Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, is the date of the Sweetheart Dinner, in the MFH. Bring your sweetie to this evening filled with a delicious dinner (baked chicken, potato casserole, vegetable, salad and rolls), entertainment (with a chance for many people to win prizes), and a "Chocolate Dessert Contest." All this for the low price of \$7.50 per person. This evening is a night for adults only, but babysitting will be provided. Attire is "semi-formal," but feel free to go all out! Tickets will be available TODAY at the Information Desk. Come and join the fun! For more information, contact the Board of Fellowship – Adam, Ruthie, Hannah, Heather, Suzanne, Becky, Quentin, Keith, Mike or our Elder, Darron

**Dessert Contest at the Sweetheart Dinner** – If you LOVE to bake, this is for you! We will have a contest with prizes to decide the “Most Delicious,” the “Most Beautiful Presentation,” and the “Most Unique Presentation.” Of course, it’s all about the **CHOCOLATE!** Judges are **NEEDED!** However, if you would like to bring a dessert that is not chocolate, we will welcome it, however, it won’t be judged in the contest. Bring your appetite on Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

**I want to say thank you** to the congregation for the generous gift I received on Christmas Eve! It was especially helpful since I left for some vacation time on Christmas Day. It made some special things possible with my family in Florida. I’m looking forward to working with you in this new year as we celebrate the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation. Thanks again! - Tim Jacobsmeyer

**Mount Calvary has received a memorial donation in honor of Josie Kong**, Evy Keyes mother, from Ken & Pat Aldredge.



Please consider signing up for altar flowers for the glory of God and to beautify the church. There is a very large number of empty slots on our flower chart and there is no money in our budget for these flowers. Your help will be greatly appreciated.



## PRAYER CONCERNS

**The family of George Cannon**, Diane McCall's nephew, who died recently.

**Monelle Netzinger**, who is hospitalized.

**Margaret Jennings**, who is hospitalized.

**Cynthia Trichinotis**, who is hospitalized and recovering from a stroke.

**Denise Forehand**, who is recovering from an infection in her knee.

**Hiltraud Culpepper**, who is recovering from knee surgery.

**Gunner Burnam**, Carolyn's 13-year-old great-nephew, who has a tumor mass on his brain stem.

**Bill Bohm**, who is recovering from surgery to remove a cancerous part of his large intestine.

**Marie White**, who has a stress fracture in her foot.

### Keep In Your Prayers

Marjorie Hogan, Phyllis Yeager (Bob's mom), Ruth Brighton (Pastor's mom), Kurt Rover, Doris Snow, Irving Peterson (Roger's father), Ronald Ragan (Regina's brother), Opal Key (Dianne Damron's mother), Alyce Quillin, Margaret Jennings, Rosie Schulz, Deloris Denzine and Karen Johnson.

*(NOTE: Those listed under "Keep in your prayers" are removed from the list after eight weeks. If there is someone you would like to keep on the list for another eight weeks, please contact the church office.)*

### Those Battling Cancer

Those battling cancer: Chet Branscom, Jace Cumbie (Amanda McVay's boyfriend's son), Diana Iverson (Bonnie Hudlin's sister-in-law), Barry Rice (Becky McVay's brother), Norma Young (Melinda Hopf's aunt), Kathy Grube, Mary Schwope (Michele Durbin's aunt), Jeannette Poniske (Fred Tamer's mom) and Bruce Oswalt (Krystal Ferguson's father).

### Those Serving our Country in Dangerous Areas

Darrin Landis, Denver Yarbrough, Jonathan Fetchik and Christian Corbitt, for safety and good health as they serve our country in dangerous areas.

**SERVING US TODAY**

**PREACHER:** Pastor David Brighton. **LITURGIST:** Vicar Aaron Sterling. **ELDERS:** Gary Hadley (8 am) & Bill Gragg (10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Taitum Gossman (8 am) & Carlee Toler (10:45 am). **USHERS:** Early – Don Parrott, Ralph Wenrick, Dale Hawkins & Roger Foss. Late Paul Ferguson, Sam Culpepper, Dale Channell, Champ Aldredge & Mark Burnette. **ALTAR GUILD:** Sue Glaser, Barb Mabee, Ginger Martin, Kathy Robinson & Sharon Suckow. **LAY READERS:** Carol Yeager (8 am) & Jeff Townsend (10:45 am). **SLIDE PREPARER:** Christi Bacon. **PROJECTIONIST:** Early - Lyle Wurdeman. Late – Kyle Webb.

**SERVING US NEXT WEEK**

**ELDERS:** Tony McVay (Sat 6 pm), Eric Gossman (Sun 8 am) & Bill Gragg (Sun 10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Tucker Gossman (Sat 6 pm), Abigail Halsell (Sun 8 am) & Colton Wurdeman (Sun 10:45 am). **ALTAR GUILD:** Sallie Brinkley, Barbara Locke, Sherry Parsons & Pat Stetzler. **LAY READERS:** Rob Crawford (Sat 6 pm), Glen Thompson (Sun 8 am) and Bruce Bauman (Sun 10:45 am). **GREETERS:** Caroline Martin (Sun 8 am), and Barbara Mabee (Sun 10:45 am).

**NEXT WEEK’S READINGS**

Micah 6:1-8 and 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK**

**Saturday - 35 Early – 85 Late - 154 Total – 274**

**THIS WEEK AT MOUNT CALVARY**

	<b>LIFE SUNDAY</b>	
<b>Today</b>		
Monday	6:20 pm	Evangelism Callers
	6:30 pm	Women’s Small Group
Tuesday	4 – 7 pm	RG@MC Tutoring
Wednesday	5:30 pm	Dinner
	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Don Wharton Concert</b>
Thursday	10:00 am	Ladies Bible Study
Saturday	5:00 pm	Adult Bible Study
	5:00 pm	Praise Team Rehearsal
<b>Next Sunday</b>	<b>12:00 pm</b>	<b>Voters Meeting</b>
	6:30 pm	TAG Night