

# Welcome to Worship



"Where is the one who has been born

**KING OF THE JEWS?**

We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."

Matthew 2:2, NIV

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# THE ORDER OF SERVICE

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An asterisk (\*) indicates that you are invited to stand as you are able.

## **We Prepare to Worship**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Melissa Scott

\*PRELUDE

*HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING*

## **We Praise**

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Scott

\*INVOCATION

Rev. Scott

\*HYMN OF PRAISE # 151

*WE THREE KINGS*

\*SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 60:1-6

Janice Deyerle

## **We Pray**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Dr. Steven W. Pollard

## **We Worship Through Giving**

\*OFFERTORY HYMN #131

*IN THE BLEAK MIDWINTER (Vs. 1-3)*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A. G. Melson

OFFERTORY

*GESU BAMBINO (THE INFANT JESUS)*

\*DOXOLOGY

*What Can I Give Him?*

## **We Hear the Word**

THE WORD IN MUSIC

*JOURNEY ON*  
(ROBERT MCKINNEY, SOLOIST)

\*SCRIPTURE READING

MATTHEW 2:1-12

Dr. Pollard

SERMON

AREN'T WE ALL FROM AFAR?

Dr. Pollard

## **We Share Communion**

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Dr. Pollard

WE SHARE THE BREAD AND THE CUP

Rev. Scott

## **We Respond to the Word**

INVITATION TO RESPOND

Rev. Scott

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE

*AS WITH GLADNESS*

\*BENEDICTION

Rev. Scott

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*GO, TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN*

POSTLUDE

*CAROL OF THE BELLS*

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### **PRAYER CONCERNS**

- Those who are homebound or in retirement/nursing homes: Madaline Brown, Jim Bryant, Lois Burge, Jane Byrum, Virginia Draper, Mary Durrer, Sue Epperly, Buddy Hawkins, Evelyn Hutcherson, Nadine Minnix, Shirley Moore, Betty Obenchain, Louise Parris, Betty Payne, Becky Peyton, Jack Pilcher, Evelyn Ragland, Alice Scogin, Anna Mae Smith, Joe, St. Clair, Frances Williams, Katie Wood
- Those with cancer including Doug Hicks (Kathy Kinsey's Brother), Barbara Kern, Penny Long (Bob Crawford's sister), Angela Johnson (Joyce Short's niece), Carolyn Straughen (A.G. Melson's sister), Posey Weddle (Michael Krawchison's uncle), Declan, (four-year-old friend of the Morris family), Carolyn Young, Linda Dwyer
- Our congregations, our pastors, our community, and those around the world
- Evelyn Lewis, upcoming surgery
- Peace in the Middle East
- Eleanor Bishop, friend of Susan Snyder and Betty Hall, recovering from open heart surgery
- Donna Kester's friend and co-worker, recently diagnosed with multiple myeloma
- Linda Reynolds, recovering from a stroke
- Jack Cooper, awaiting results from a PET scan
- June Lustig (friend of Joyce Waugh), recovering from surgery
- Jeanne Duddy, as she recently had a stroke.
- Donna Kester, as she has covid

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**Giving:** Thank you for your faithful support of the ministry of our church. If you wish to give an offering, you may do so by placing it in offering plate during the service, via mail, electronically through your bank or our websites at <https://cabccchurchtrac.com/give> or <https://bit.ly/givecalvary>.

You may also donate by scanning our QR codes:

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**CALVARY BAPTIST**



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### **DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS**

As you read, consider what God might be saying to you in the passage.

Sunday Matthew 2:1-12

Monday Psalm 72

Tuesday Isaiah 60:1-6

Wednesday Ephesians 3:1-12

Thursday Psalm 36:5 - 10

Friday Acts 8:18 - 24

Saturday Luke 11:14 - 23

## **OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT WITH GOD, EACH OTHER AND OUR COMMUNITY**

The **PrayGround** is open! Children and families are invited to the front of the church, where a family worship guide will help you participate fully in worship in child-friendly ways.

### **Youth**

- The first youth gathering of 2024 is our Penny Race dinner. Sixth graders will begin cooking at 5:00, while eighth graders help take down Chrismon tree.
- The next meeting of our Parenting Teens and Tweens Small Group will be Sunday, January 21.
- If you would like to provide a Sunday evening meal for our youth this winter or spring, please sign up at <https://bit.ly/pbjyouthsuppers> or let Pastor Melissa know!

### **Upcoming Meetings**

- Evelyn Townsend Circle, Monday, January 8, 12:00 p.m., at the home of Ellen Scott
- Dawnings Leadership Team, January 8, 5:30 p.m.

**Dawnings:** Our next Dawnings session, which will focus on our churches' stories, will take place following worship on January 14. We will enjoy a soup and bread lunch together and then have a good time sharing and listening for the Spirit's guidance. Please plan to attend as we listen together to the vision God is sending for our new church. It is helpful for planning purposes if you sign up on the sheet in the foyer or call/e-mail the church office to let us know you will attend.

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service with Rise Against Hunger:** Monday, January 15, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Let's spend the morning with others from our community, helping prepare meal kits for hungry people around the world! For more information or to sign up, visit <https://bit.ly/mlkriserise>. When we are done, we'll go out to lunch together.

### **Opportunities for Bible Study**

- Sunday Morning Bible Study is a great way to connect with God and with our church family! We have classes for all ages and stages of life at 9:30 am.
- Midweek Bible Study will meet at noon on Wednesdays in the conference room and on Zoom: ([www.bit.ly/cabciblestudy](http://www.bit.ly/cabciblestudy)). Rev. Steven Harris will be leading us through a study of call stories in the Bible.

**Book and Magazine Collection:** The Evelyn Townsend Circle is collecting reading materials for the Roanoke City Jail library and for TAP. Paperback books and magazines will go to Roanoke City Jail and hardback books will go to TAP. Please place your donations in the appropriate box in the foyer.

**Children's Church Leaders:** We have the joy of having so many children as part of our church now that we need more adults to serve as worship hosts and in children's church after the children leave the sanctuary. We would like to have 8 adults total so that everyone needs to serve only once a month. Please let Pastor Melissa know if you would like to experience the joy of being with our children!