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December 2022

The Way of Love—Rev. Dr. Lee F. Shafer, Rector

Dear friends,

In a sermon several weeks ago, I mentioned Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's 2018 Invitation to Practice the Way of Love for the Episcopal Church. (I have included that invitation below.) After the sermon I was asked to publish the words of pattern for the Rule of Life for the Way of Love. The words are these: **TURN:** Pause, listen and choose to follow Jesus; **LEARN:** Reflect on Scripture each day, especially on the life and teaching of Jesus; **PRAY:** Dwell intentionally with God each day; **WORSHIP:** Gather in community weekly to thank, praise and dwell with God; **BLESS:** Share faith and unselfishly give and serve; **GO:** Cross boundaries and listen deeply; **REST:** receive the gift of God's grace, peace, and restoration.

The Way of Love is a rule of faith that is meant to be practiced over and over, realizing that we may be stronger in one area than another and with practice comes improvement. I urge you to Google *The Way of Love Episcopal* to find much more information along with many other resources for beginning or refreshing your knowledge of how we are called to live The Way of Love as the Episcopal branch of the Jesus movement.

In this time of year where we come together in thanksgiving and celebration of the re-incarnation of the embodiment of Love in our world and we begin to ponder what New Year's resolutions we might engage for 2023 I urge us to consider the practice of the Way of Love.

Every blessing now and in the coming New Year!

Yours in Christ,

Lee+



THE WAY OF LOVE

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The Vestry Voice—Meg Scharre, Vestry Secretary

The Vestry met October 25 and November 22, 2022. Items of note include:

Stewardship

- The Stewardship campaign ended successfully with a lunch on October 23. Many thanks to the committee members for their work on the campaign.

Parish Life

- A reception was held November 6 to welcome Bishop White and those who were baptized or confirmed. Many thanks to all who donated their time and talent to make this reception a success.

Outreach

- Calvary partnered with Central Louisville Community Ministries (CLCM) to give out a total of 300 turkeys along with ingredients for side dishes for Thanksgiving to people who had signed up. The cost was shared by Calvary and CLCM, along with a generous donation from Bishop White. The turkey give-away was a great success.
- The food pantry continues to donate groceries to an increasing number of recipients. Donations of food or money are greatly appreciated.

Community Grants

- The Vestry voted to donate \$4,000 to the Episcopal Relief and Development Fund with directive that the money go to help flood victims in Eastern Kentucky. This sum will come from the Community Grants budget.

Welcome and Evangelism

- Radio ads will be aired on NPR and a post card campaign will be conducted during December to welcome visitors to Calvary's services at Christmas.

Property

- The tuckpointing project on the north side of the exterior of the church has been completed. Tuckpointing on the south side will begin in March. The Property Committee has received estimates for the repair and painting of the damaged plaster in the Nave, in the Choir and elsewhere in the building. A timetable for this work can be estimated once the 2023 Budget has been developed.
- The new playset has been installed in the garden.

Financials

	October	Year to Date
Revenues	\$ 40,886.83	\$ 514,043.27
Expenses	\$ 45,957.57	\$ 446,841.51
Net operating revenue/expense	\$ (5,070.74)	\$ 67,201.76



Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love—*Beverly Haverstock, Senior Warden*

As we await the celebration of the birth of Jesus in this season of Advent, I am struck by the enormity of the influence of the teachings of this God-man, this son of God, Jesus Christ, whom Mark proclaims as the bearer of the good news: “Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God”—Mark 1:14.

From the time of his magical, mystical, miraculous birth, which we now anticipate during the season of Advent, Jesus was destined to save the world by his teachings showing us the way to salvation and eternal life. This baby Jesus grows up to fulfill the Old Testament prophecies and to be a living testament of God’s power and love. Paul writes in his letter to the Ephesians, “God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come”—Ephesians 1:20-21.



At Calvary, Jesus’ teachings are messaged front and center every Sunday on the very front of our church bulletin: “We welcome ALL... God welcomes you for exactly who you are.” In this holy season of Advent, we are grateful for the leadership of our Rector, Lee+, who emphasizes the message of a loving and welcoming God as brought to us through the good news teachings of Jesus Christ; bringing the challenge to us to welcome ALL.

Finally, as we light the Advent candles this year, may the messages they represent—Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love—reside with you in this season and throughout the year to come.

With blessings,

Beverly



Advent Activity—*Callie Hausman , Christian Education Director*

We kicked off the season of Advent on November 27, the 1st Sunday of Advent. We offered an Advent Event in Frazier Hall which consisted of the following:

- Putting together a festive jar of Hot Chocolate to give teachers, friends, etc.
- Creating an adorable ornament with each child's handprint.
- Greenery and candles were available for advent wreaths.
- Painting pins,
- Coloring Advent Calendars, and
- Beading bracelets in Christmas colored beads

It was a festive and fun-filled morning!



Links to several Advent studies and calendars, and a Reverse Advent Calendar are included below and will be available on the Calvary website soon.

We also started the season using a creche in Children's Worship after listening to the Scripture of how Mary met the angel Gabriel, and how Mary visited her cousin, Elizabeth. Thank you to Burnell and Don Esbenshade for sharing their Creche for the children to arrange each week leading up to Christmas. Going deeper into the story of the Birth of Christ may enhance our understanding of Christmas.

The Second Sunday of Advent you can expect a visit from St. Nicholas, who just might bring some treats (oranges, candy canes, and gold-covered chocolate coins)! We will hear the story of St. Nicholas and why he was "Sainted". Are there any similarities between Santa Claus and St. Nicholas? Join us and discover something new about St. Nicholas!

Since All Saints Sunday some of the children have been rehearsing Christmas Carols, led by Katie Cook, to sing at the Christmas Eve service. It is not too late to start now! We will continue rehearsals every Sunday until Christmas Eve. Please join us! Rehearsals take place in the Choir Loft on the 2nd floor from 10:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

Class and Children's Worship will continue in December until the 18th, the 4th Sunday of Advent. Class and Children's Worship will resume on January 8.

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Advent is a time to prepare ourselves for Christmas and the birth of Christ. With so many ways to observe this time and bring focus to each day, we can choose which activities suit each of us best. Sometimes it might be as simple as lighting the advent wreath each day until December 25 when we add the white Christ Candle in the middle of the wreath. For several opportunities to reflect, pray, or sit quietly, please choose one or more below:

<https://episcopalmigrationministries.org/advent-2021/>

<https://media.episcopalchurch.org/podcasts/show/prophetic-voices-preaching-and-teaching-beloved-community/> (Please use the Day of Advent rather than the date on this calendar.)

<https://www.livingcompass.org/advent>

<https://buildfaith.org/adult-formation-advent-resources-for-2022>

We wish all of you a peaceful and blessed Advent and a joyful and Holy Christmas!

Callie Hausman
Director of Christian Education



Mark your calendars now to attend the Annual Meeting on **January 22nd, 2023**.

We will be filling 4 positions on the Vestry, and the following individuals have agreed to stand for election.

Donna Duvall
Jamie Hendon
Louisa Henson
Derek Ingram
Larry Reining
Deborah Stewart
Andrew Weinbarger

Be on the lookout for profiles in a special Connection issue in early January!

Music Matters—*Jacob Cook, Director of Music*

Thank you for your support and attendance at the joint Messiah Sing-along with Christ Church Cathedral and St. Matthews Episcopal. It was a very successful afternoon, and I'd like to thank our choir and section leaders for their hard work putting it all together. Additionally, we collected 91 canned items for the food ministry! Thank you to all who donated.

We have two special events coming up that I hope you will put on your calendars. First, on December 18th at 4:00 we will have a service of Advent Lessons and Carols. We will be singing music by Benjamin Britten, Arvo Pärt, Richard Lloyd, Grayston Ives, and Elizabeth Poston. The lessons will be focused on Isaiah's prophecy of the coming Messiah, the annunciation of the angel Gabriel, and the proclamation of John the Baptist that Jesus is the Messiah. Congregational hymns and the anthems will be interspersed with the lessons. This lessons and carols service should serve as an excellent beginning to the week of Christmas.

The second event is the Christmas Eve service at 4:00. It will begin with an extended prelude at 3:30 featuring our choir, some of our instrumental musicians organized by Judy Wilson, and organ music provided by Organist Emerita Margaret Dickinson. One of the things I'm most excited about on Christmas Eve will be the participation of our reestablished Calvary Children's Choir. Katie Cook has been preparing them for this service with the help of Cori and Callie during the children's Sunday morning class. They will be singing two songs during the offertory, and I'm very excited to have young people serving in music.

Advent and Christmas are always special times, and I think this year at Calvary will be no different. I look forward to sharing the season with you all through music.

Jacob



Children's Choir

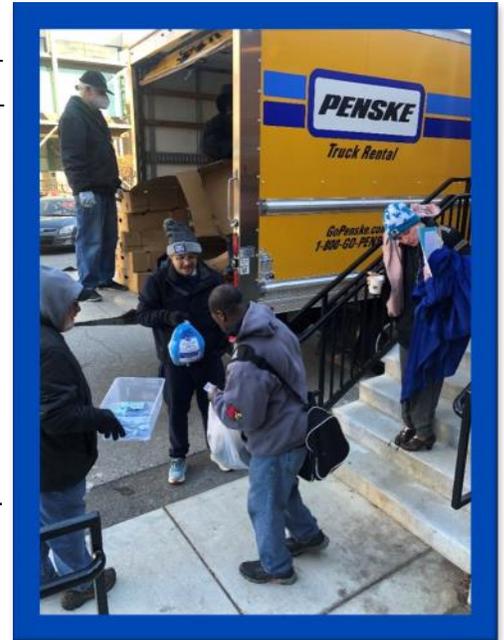


Messiah sing-along on November 27



The Great Turkey Giveaway—*Margaret Dickinson*

On November 18, with the temperature below freezing and a strong wind blowing, CLCM and Calvary combined to provide **300 turkeys** to those in need in our neighborhood. CLCM director Linette Lowe had it all organized beautifully, with volunteers galore handling distribution, registration, bagging, hospitality, and questions with grace, efficiency and sympathy. Our Rector Lee, Joan Wempe, Joseph Reese, Taylor Howell, Margaret D and Larry Davis served as Calvary volunteers in yet another cooperative venture with CLCM and the Unitarians that began intensifying at the advent of Covid. Larry Davis deserves special kudos for his considerable work in getting the turkeys to Calvary parking lot, where they were distributed directly out of the rental truck. Condiments for the Thanksgiving meals continue to be distributed in the daily food bags from Calvary, where numbers now have escalated to an average morning session of more than 80 clients (record 97!). As you read this report, the turkeys will have been served and Thanksgiving Day will be over. But hunger and need is NOT over! Please remember our clients in need and know that a Turkey is just the beginning of our quest to do something about hunger outside the walls of Calvary.



Overflowing Bookshelves?

Guests of our Food Pantry enjoy finding a book in our small collection. We are in need of new stock.

We will be delighted to accept gently used:

- children's books
- mysteries
- science fiction / fantasy
- westerns

Just leave them on the table at coffee hour and we will see that they are placed in the hands of someone who will appreciate them!



REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

EACH DAY ADD AN ITEM TO A BOX.
ON CHRISTMAS EVE DONATE THE CONTENTS TO A
FOOD BANK.

- December 1 - box of cereal
- December 2 - peanut butter
- December 3 - stuffing mix
- December 4 - boxed potatoes
- December 5 - macaroni and cheese
- December 6 - canned fruit
- December 7 - canned tomatoes
- December 8 - canned tuna
- December 9 - dessert mix
- December 10 - jar of applesauce
- December 11 - canned sweet potatoes
- December 12 - cranberry sauce
- December 13 - canned beans
- December 14 - box of crackers
- December 15 - package of rice
- December 16 - package of oatmeal
- December 17 - package pasta
- December 18 - spaghetti sauce
- December 19 - chicken noodle soup
- December 20 - tomato soup
- December 21 - can corn
- December 22 - can mixed vegetables
- December 23 - can carrots
- December 24 - can green beans

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Bishop's Visit: Baptism and Confirmations

Calvary was pleased to welcome Bishop White on Sunday November 6th. Bishop White welcomed Alexandra Mason through Holy Baptism. And Calvary received several confirmands, including Alec Vivian, Cori Vivian, Jimmy Craft, Jacob Middleton, and Kallee Mahurin.

Pictured at right is Ally Mason with her family (photobombed by our very own bishop!)

The hospitality committee, with the able supervision of Louisa Henson, provided a lovely reception to celebrate our new members.



Parish Life

Parish Life has had a fairly busy time recently - the wonderful picnic hosted by the Stewardship Committee and many volunteers who brought side dishes. Likewise the Bishop's and confirmands' Reception that was soon after. So much good food provided by volunteers - a lovely event. Not to mention all those who volunteered to help with set-up and clean-up for both events.

We've had much success in getting people to sign up to host the coffee hour. Now as we head into Advent season and Christmas we hope we can continue to have people sign up. It's a busy time of year for everyone; at least we have a pretty good stash of snacks that have been donated to have on hand for those Sundays when no one has signed up. We'll gladly take any donations of snacks you may wish to bring.

Happy holidays to all and thanks for your help with the big events and with coffee hour!

Respectfully submitted,

Pattie Davidson and James Moody

SAVE THE DATE!

The Calvary Welcome Committee is sponsoring a chili luncheon on **January 15th** after the 10:30 service. Please mark your calendars now and plan to attend! We will be posting flyers inviting our weekly clients to come for a hot meal and meet those of us they don't see during the week.

We are looking for at least 8 volunteers to bring a crockpot of their favorite chili to share. If you can help with set up, clean up, donating condiments/crackers, or making chili, please contact Derek Ingram (derekinghram@gmail.com) or Mary Redden (mary@parts123.com).



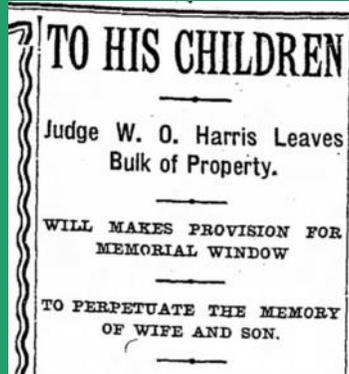
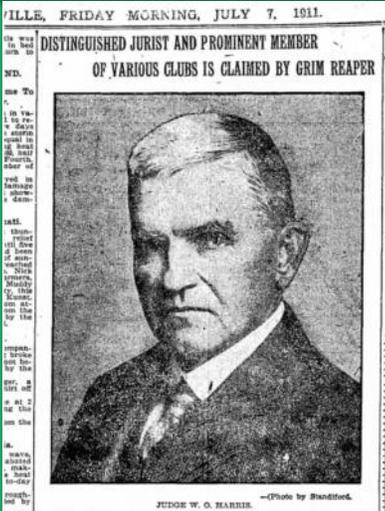
Calvary's Windows 10: The Ascension Window—Jonathan Smith

(Editor's note: this is the tenth in a series of articles on the treasured stained glass windows of Calvary, treating them in chronological order. Correction on the previous article: the Vestry rule in 1910 was that a memorial window had to cost at least \$500, not \$5,000)



The Ascension window above the altar is the third and final Tiffany Studios window at Calvary, designed, like the other two, by Frederick Wilson. Dedicated on Ascension Day, 1912, it was given posthumously by Judge Willis Overton Harris in memory of his wife Caroline, who had died in 1898, and his son Valentine, a bright high school junior tragically cut down by appendicitis in 1900. Judge Harris died in early July, 1911, and his will specified such a memorial, leaving \$3,000 to pay for it.

But where should the new window go? At this point, Wilson had designed two windows in the transepts (Charity and Good Shepherd), while the windows opposite these two remained “blank.” Surely Wilson must have had plans to fill all four of those spaces as memorial opportunities arose. But



Judge Harris's Obituary, and the report on his will, leaving the window.



The window's dedication



Cave Hill graves of Valentine, Willis, and Caroline Harris



perhaps Judge Harris's gift allowed for, or his prestige justified, something grander?

As the apse was bricked in during the initial construction (ca. 1870), spaces were delineated in the brick for five windows above the altar, an expansion of architect



Redin's design for St. James Pewee Valley (shown at right). But (for whatever

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reason) the parish turned in a different design direction, first enclosing the apse in wooden paneling tapering up to the very top; then Mrs. T. C. Middleton, as a memorial for her husband, donated three very tall Victor Nehlig paintings (copies) for the three spaces to the immediate left and right and above the altar, depicting the birth, crucifixion, and ascension of Jesus. Appropriate to the Church's name, as well as the order of the narrative, the Crucifixion painting was in the center, above the altar. (The nativity and crucifixion paintings are still there, but moved away from their central positions, and so faded and soiled that they may be hard to notice.) No doubt the paintings were quite striking when new, but, after the extension of the building in 1889, the church would have had the odd imbalance of ample stained-glass light in the nave, but relative darkness in the sanctuary (especially as candle smoke darkened the paintings), which seems liturgically backwards.

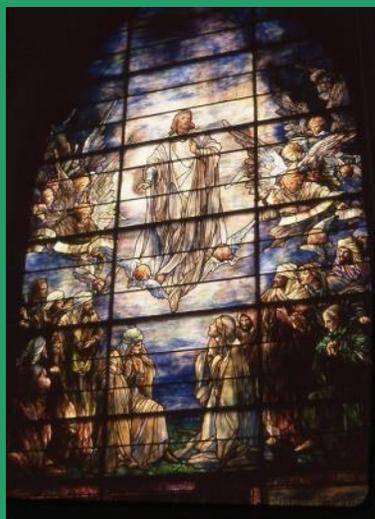
On July 5, 1911 (coincidentally close to Judge Harris's death), a parishioner offered to pay for cleaning the Nehlig paintings, but was put off by the Vestry "in view of a memorial window or windows being placed in the Chancel." The Crucifixion painting, at least, would be cleaned the following year, probably during the process of moving, since by then Tiffany workmen were busy carving out the elaborate tracery for the Harris window. (The very shallow-arched window spaces in the brick were clearly not meant to indicate the actual shape of any windows.)

The same logic that placed the Crucifixion painting above the altar would seem to suggest a window with that theme. But Crucifixion windows are relatively rare in the Tiffany collection, and there's no evidence that Wilson ever designed one. However, by 1912, it is documented that he had designed at least twenty-three Ascension windows, most of them bearing a clear kinship with the one in Calvary.

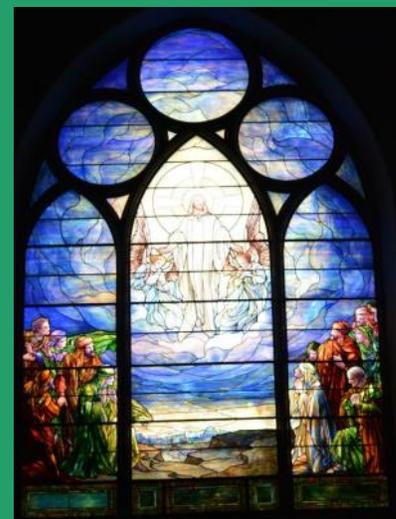
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Staunton, VA, 1897



Harrisburg, PA, 1903



Topeka, KS, 1911

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The windows vary in shape, but the same common elements appear in all: central and obviously above, Jesus ascending to Heaven, attended by two or more angels; his followers have accompanied him to the Mount of Olives, east of Jerusalem on the road to Bethany, and Wilson conveniently parts this group so that the distant Jerusalem, the road back to it that the followers are instructed to take, and a bright western sunset can all be shown in small space. In Acts I, the group of followers consists of the eleven remaining disciples plus Mary (Jesus' mother) and "Jesus' brothers," who could add up to four in number. Adding additional ambiguity, this earliest group of Christians has been described earlier as including "the women" who followed Jesus. All of Wilson's Ascension windows have a number of people on the ground that is approximately twelve, though you may come up with eleven or thirteen or some other number each time you count. Mary is usually identifiable, most often (as in the Calvary version) at the front of the group on the right; and usually (as at Calvary) there are other women in the group as well.

Calvary Junior Warden Will Cary has a special affinity for the Ascension Window, having created the fine painting of it that currently hangs in the Rector's study. He has recently begun the process of having experts examine the window to determine how it should be cleaned and restored to the grandeur and subtlety of Tiffany *favrite* glass. In the process of his own examination, he discovered that, sometime after the addition of the Parish Hall cut off much of the light to the window, a fluorescent light was installed to keep it permanently back-lit. That light has long since expired, leaving only an unreliable rectangle of available sunlight to move about on the window. While this often has the symbolic effect of putting Christ in the light and the people on earth in darkness, it will no doubt be better when we can see the whole window again!

Next in the series: The Bolling Memorial Window



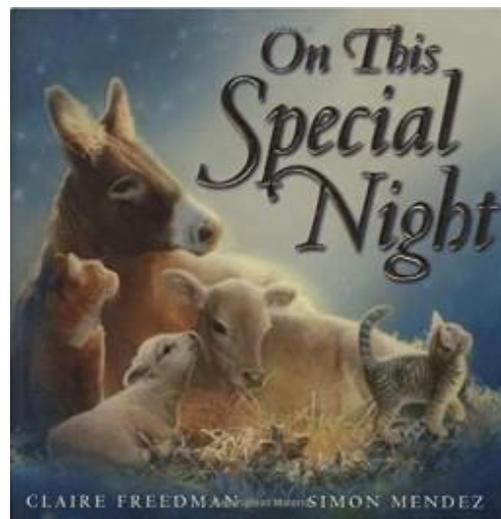
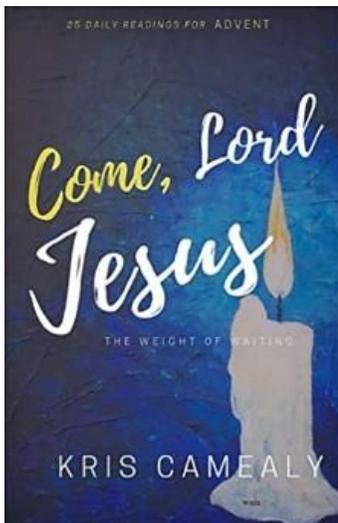
Some Wilson views of Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives. The Calvary version is at the bottom.



Details: Angel and Mary at the front of the crowd

Great Advent Reads—*Mary Redden*

Come, Lord Jesus: The Weight of Waiting, by Kris Camealy, is a devotional that offers a daily reading, a reflection, a prayer, and a reflective question or two for contemplation. Originally conceived for use during Advent, it is a companion for anyone in a season of waiting: for a diagnosis, for closure, for an answer. The book is a quiet invitation to sit with the **weight** of waiting, recounting the faithfulness of God and the hope of Christmas, and preparing us to welcome Jesus into the world, into our own hearts, and into our everyday lives.



On This Special Night, by Claire Freedman and Simon Mendez, is a beautifully illustrated book of Christmas Eve from the animals' perspective – particularly a mother cat and her kitten, who welcome a tired donkey who has borne a very special burden, a flock of sheep that have been herded away from their fields, and even camels seeking shelter far from their desert home. A beautiful holiday story tradition for any families with young children or for cat lovers of any age.



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—please share with the children in your life

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The First Christmas By Marian Swinger

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It never snows at Christmas in that dry and dusty land.
 Instead of freezing blizzards, there are palms and drifting sands,
 And years ago, a stable and a most unusual star
 And three wise men who followed it, by camel, not by car,
 While sleepy on the quiet hills, a shepherd gave a cry.
 He'd seen a crowd of angels in the silent starlit sky.
 In the stable, ox and ass stood very still and calm
 And gazed upon the baby, safe and snug in Mary's arms.
 And Joseph, lost in shadows, face lit by an oil lamp's glow
 Stood wondering, that first Christmas Day, two thousand years
 ago.



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All about Angels

Find these words in the puzzle.

Angels come from **HEAVEN** to bring a
MESSAGE from **GOD**.

CHERUBIM, **SERAPHIM**, and
ARCHANGELS are kinds of angels.

GABRIEL and **MICHAEL** are two angels
 who are mentioned in the Bible.

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