

CALVARY

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Christmas Eve *The Feast of the Nativity*

December 24th, 2025

We welcome ALL:
People of Color
Immigrants
LGBTQ+
Drag Queens
Partnered and Single
Differently Abled
Families and Children
Young and Old
Our Unhoused Neighbors
The Alcoholic and Addicted
Believers and Those Questioning Faith
Anyone Who Desires a Spiritual Home.

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God welcomes you for exactly who you are.

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VIII Bishop of Kentucky

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HOLY EUCHARIST

PRELUDE

- THE CALVARY CHOIR -

Gaude et laetare *by Cecilia McDowall*
Adam lay ybounden *by Frank Bowles*
The holly and the ivy *arr. Craig Phillips*
Bethlehem Down *by Peter Warlock*
On Christmas Night *by Philip Ledger*

- THE CALVARY STRINGS -

Judy Wilson,
Rosemary Wilson,
Nicholas Hecht

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

O come, all ye faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

Please stand

ACCLAMATION OF THE NATIVITY

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People *And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

Celebrant The Word became flesh and dwelt among us;

People *And we beheld his glory.*

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

SETTING: E. S. BARNES



1. An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
2. Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;
3. Hymns of glo - ry, songs of praise, Fath - er, un - to thee we raise,



and the moun - tains in re - ply e - cho back their joy - ous strains.
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new born King.
boun - teous source of ev - 'ry joy, let thy praise our tongues em - ploy:

Glo - - - - ri - a in ex-cel-sis De - o,



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY *Please remain standing*

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

A READING FROM ISAIAH

Isaiah 9:2-7

Please be seated.

THE PEOPLE WHO WALKED IN DARKNESS HAVE SEEN A GREAT LIGHT; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

desc. Let the heav'ns re - joice, and the earth be glad!

Choir Let the heav'ns re - joice, and the earth be glad!

- 1 Sing to the [LORD a] new song;*
- sing to the LORD all the [whole] earth.
- 2 Sing to the LORD and [bless] his name;*
- proclaim the good news of his salvation from [day] to day.
- 3 Declare his glory a-[mong] the nations*
- and his wonders a-[mong] all peoples.
- 4 For great is the LORD and greatly [to] be praised;*
- he is more to be feared than [all] gods.

Antiphon

- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, ... [they are] but idols;*
- but it is the LORD who [made] the heavens.
- 6 Oh the majesty and magnificence [of] his presence!*
- Oh the power and the splendor [of] his sanctuary!
- 7 Ascribe to the LORD you families [of] the peoples;*
- ascribe to the LORD [honor] and power.
- 8 Ascribe to the LORD the honor [due] his name;*
- bring offerings and come in-[to] his courts.
- 9 Worship the LORD in the [beauty] of holiness;*
- let the whole earth [tremble] before him.
- 10 Tell it out among the nations: ... "The [LORD] is king!*
- He has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved; ...
- he will judge the [peoples] with equity."

Antiphon

- 11 Let the heavens rejoice, ... and let the earth be glad; ...
- let the sea thunder and [all that] is in it;*
- let the field be joyful and all that [is] therein.
- 12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the [LORD when] he comes,*
- when he comes to [judge] the earth.
- 13 He will judge the [world] with righteousness*
- and the peoples [with] his truth.

Antiphon



OR THE GRACE OF GOD HAS APPEARED, BRINGING SALVATION TO ALL, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People *Thanks be to God.*

SEQUENCE HYMN 87

Hark! the herald angels sing

MENDELSSOHN

THE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

CAST

Mary: Quinn Rhodes
Joseph: Nicholas Hecht
Gabriel: Aurora Koch
Elizabeth: Opal Walton
Angels: Julia Moye, Annie Moye, Salem Minch
Shepherds: Clark Koch
Star: Mabel Walton

Reader The nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to the Gospel writings of Luke and Matthew.



N THE SIXTH MONTH THE ANGEL GABRIEL WAS SENT FROM GOD TO A CITY OF GALILEE NAMED NAZARETH, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Hail, O favored one, the Lord is with you! Do not be afraid, Mary, for you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus."

And behold, your kinswoman Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. For with God nothing will be impossible." And Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All people went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. She gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths, and laid him in a manger because there was no place for them in the Inn.

And in that region, there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. And the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for I am bringing you good news of great joy for all people! To you is born this day in the city of David a savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord: And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward all".

THE SERMON *Please be seated*

The Rev. John Fritchner

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,
 of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
 the only Son of God,
 eternally begotten of the Father,
 God from God, Light from Light,
 true God from true God, begotten, not made,
 of one Being with the Father.
 Through him all things were made.
 For us and for our salvation
 he came down from heaven:
 by the power of the Holy Spirit
 he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
 and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered death and was buried.
 On the third day he rose again
 in accordance with the Scriptures;
 he ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
 dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
 With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
 He has spoken through the Prophets.
 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
 We look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Form III

BCP 387

The Leader and People pray responsively

Leader Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
 People *That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, especially Sean, Presiding Bishop, and Terry, our Bishop;
 priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any illness, grief or trouble,
 especially those on our Calvary Prayer List;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Those for whom our prayers have been requested: David, Zander, Bonnie, Mark, Nick, Sandra, Shelby, Sandy, Phillip, Ruth and family, Ben, John, Michael, Greg, Eva, Bob, and Rusty.

THE PEACE *Please stand*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *Please be seated*

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY *Let there be peace on earth and God rest ye merry gentlemen*

CALVARY
CHILDREN'S CHOIR

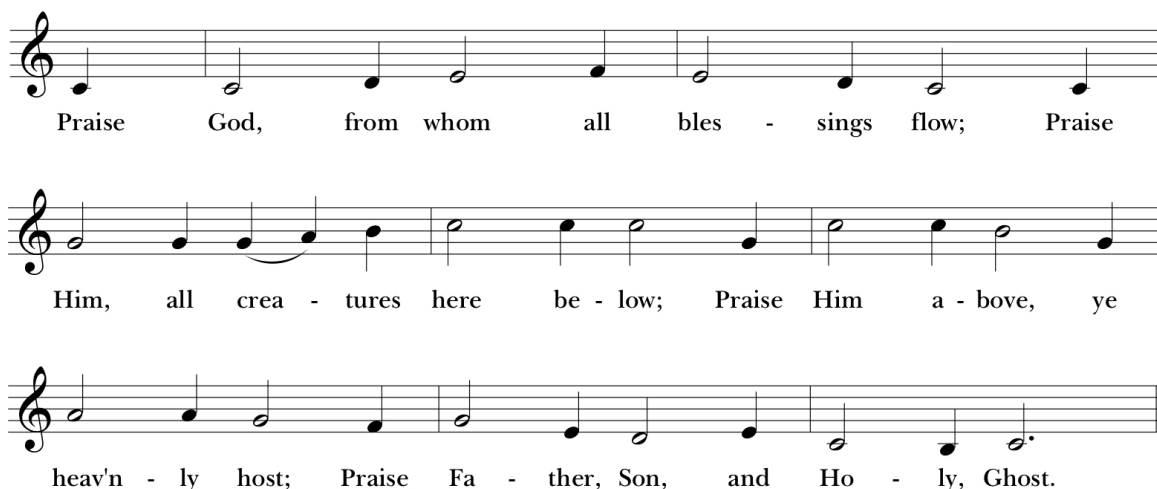
Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me
Let There Be Peace on Earth
The peace that was meant to be
With God as our Father
Children all are we
Let us walk with each other
In perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me
Let this be the moment now.
With ev'ry step I take
Let this be my solemn vow
To take each moment and live
Each moment in peace eternally
Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me

God rest ye merry gentlemen let nothing you dismay
Remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas Day
To save us all from satan's power when we were gone astray
O tidings of comfort and joy!

THE DOXOLOGY *Please stand*

PUER NOBIS



Praise God, from whom all bles - sings flow; Praise
Him, all crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye
heav'n - ly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly, Ghost.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING - PRAYER A
The people remain standing. The Celebrant continues

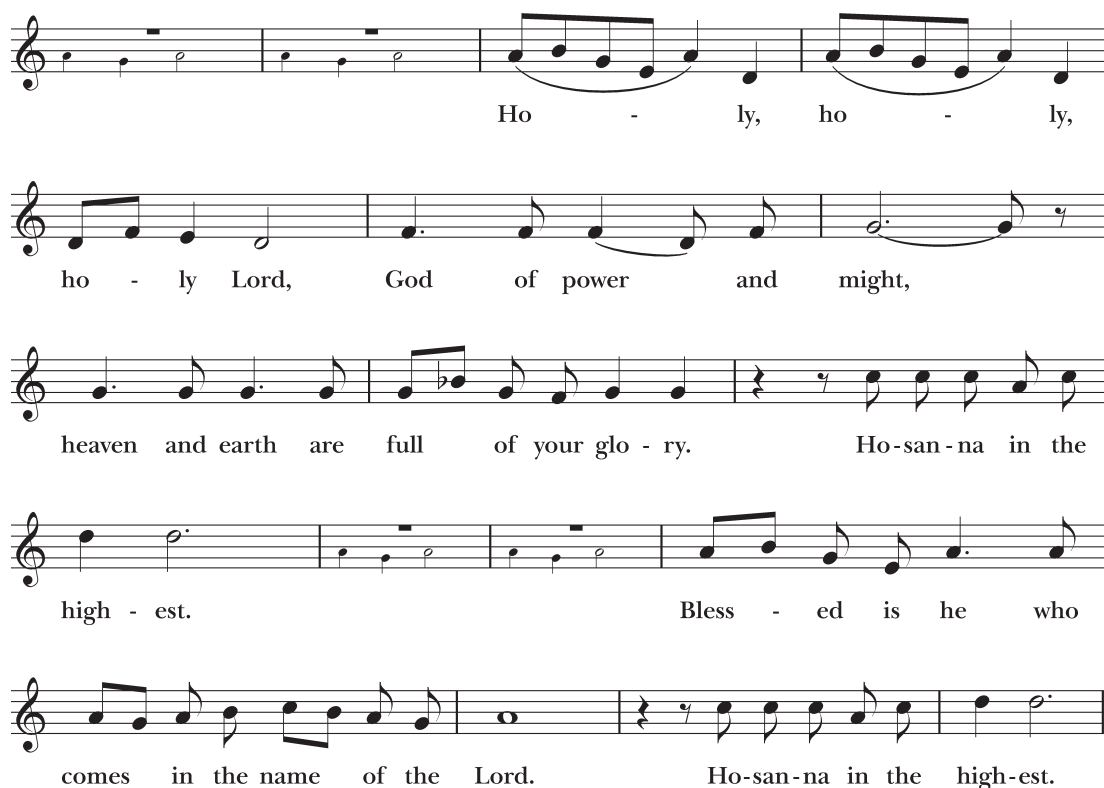
People The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People *We lift them to the Lord.*
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People *It is right to give our thanks and praise.*
Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS S-128

The people stand or kneel



The musical score is written on five staves of music. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

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Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *Amen.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

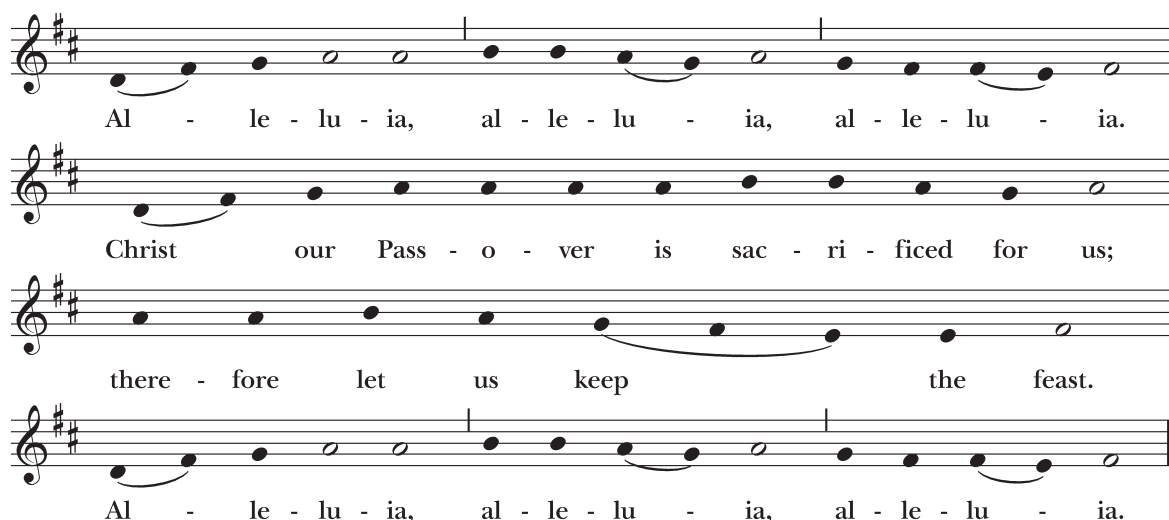
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Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE FRACTION ANTHEM S-154



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THE COMMUNION

COMMUNION ANTHEM

In the Stillness

SALLY BEAMISH

In the stillness of a church Where candles glow,
 In the softness of a fall Of fresh white snow,
 In the brightness of the stars That shine this night,
 In the calmness of a pool Of healing light,
 In the clearness of a choir That softly sings,

In the oneness of a hush Of angels' wings,
 In the mildness of a night By stable bare,
 In the quietness of a lull Near cradle fair,
 There's a patience as we wait For a new morn,
 And the presence of a child Soon to be born.

COMMUNION HYMN 94

While shepherds watched their flocks by night

WINCHESTER OLD

Please stand or kneel

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

CANDLELIGHT HYMN 111

Silent night, holy night

STILLE NACHT

THE BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN 100

Joy to the world

ANTIOCH

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.
 People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

POSTLUDE

Altar flowers given by

The Gray family to the glory of God and in memory of Mr. and Mrs. J. Carter Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. Downey M. Gray, Sr.,
Mr. and Mrs. Downey M. Gray, Jr., and Mr. Downey M. Gray, III.

Poinsettias and greenery given by

Mary & Ben Sanders to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for our family, friends, and many blessings received.

JC Phelps to the glory of God and in memory of Jerry Phelps Jones, John Carl Phelps, and Linda Sullivan.

Grace & Derek Drayer to the glory of God and in memory of Ruth Sigler.

Patricia & Jared Berry to the glory of God and in memory and honor of Dr. John Berry, husband and father.

Judy & Richard Wilson to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for blessings received.

Stephanie & Jonathan Smith to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for Calvary Episcopal Church.

Holly Gray to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for her family.

Carolyn & Don Snow to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for Denise Snow & Zachary Hood,
and our friends at Calvary.

Emily Young & Kathleen Wooldridge to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for family, friends,
and members of Calvary.

Arthur Thomas Blanford to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for Griff, Ben, and Jorri.

Nick & Susan Baker to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for Henry, Samuela, Sophia, Valentina, Sarah,
and Matthew.

Mr. Neil Attwood to the glory of God and in memory of my parents, Jean & Michael Attwood.

The Kharizanov Family to the glory of God and in memory of Anna Weiss.

Robert & Bonnie Dever to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for Calvary Episcopal Church.

Larry Frederiksen & AnneMarie deZeeuw to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for our family.

Lynne and Jerry Lyndrup to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for blessings received.

Mabel Walton to the glory of God and in memory of Grandpa Dave Betz.

Andrew Weinberger to the glory of God and in honor of Graham H. Weinberger -
thankful for a healthy, happy newborn nephew.

Cindy Curry to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the life of David Scott Benson.

TODAY WE WELCOME
The Rev. John Fritchner

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