

MERRY CHRISTMAS!



Calvary Church Celebrates Advent

HOPE, LOVE, JOY & PEACE

Original Watercolor Painting by Sue Charles

WELCOME!

We hope you have been warmly welcomed by the Calvary family. We are a large church but work hard to be a family. Just like a family, there are people of all different ages and stages of life. We all share the common experience of gathering in one of our three main worship services—9:00 & 11:00 am on Sundays, and 6:30 pm on Mondays. Please join us anytime. We are so excited about all that God is doing in and through the ministries of Calvary. For more information about any of our services or ministries, we would love to meet and talk with you personally about them. Join us immediately following this service at our Welcome Gathering in the room beside the east entrance of the lobby. If there is any other way we can serve you, please let us know. We wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas!

BEHIND THE SCENES: Bringing a Painting to Life

If you're wondering where the look of our Christmas staging, bulletin, advent calendar, roll-in, and entire Advent series came from, you don't have to look far... The artist may even be sitting near you in one of our Christmas services this week! Early in September, our Creative Team reached out to Calvary regular-attender and local artist Sue Charles to ask if she would be willing to paint a watercolor for our December series. The concept was "a Christmas city-scene" using King St. of Downtown Lancaster as inspiration. Without hesitation, Sue enthusiastically agreed to tackle the task, and in a matter of weeks, our Creative Team was holding the finished product. Immediately, the process of getting everything "ready for Christmas" began, and using Sue's artwork as the foundation, we created the series look for Advent.

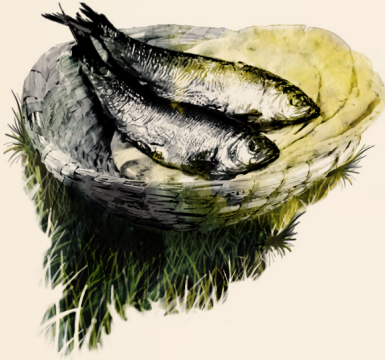
The work didn't stop there though! All through the fall, pre-production and planning was being done in preparation for the construction of our set, and once

the end of November rolled around, our Facilities, AVL, and Creative teams were hard at work out on our stage alongside an amazing crew of volunteers, constructing Sue's Christmas town. Giant frames were built and suspended from the rafters, large, sectioned print-outs of the watercolor were methodically affixed to the frames, and creative, decorative 3D elements were added to make the set come to life. All along the way, Sue continued to be involved, painting supplementary watercolors, consulting with our teams, and helping to create some of those 3D elements.

Although the process began back in the early fall, it was in the two weeks leading up to December 1, and the grand reveal of our Christmas series, that our staging was created – and for that, we say thank you to all of our amazing volunteers! It is our hope that our little Christmas town has allowed you to become fully immersed in the hope, love, joy, and peace of the season as we celebrate the first time Jesus came to earth and look forward to His second coming.

The Gospel of Mark

Follow Me!



JOIN US IN JANUARY!

Follow Me : Gospel of Mark

As the New Year begins at Calvary Church, we will be jumping back into our sermon series in the Gospel of Mark entitled "Follow Me!" In the fall, we worked our way through the first five chapters of Mark. Jesus' authority as the Messiah, the Son of God, was on display for all to see in His teaching, healings, and casting out of demons. Some believed and followed, others questioned and turned against Him. We have been challenged to consider what we believe about Jesus and to follow Him. Join us next week (December 29 & 30) for Mark 6:1-6 as we continue this series. As we work our way through the rest of Mark's Gospel it will be a great on-ramp for the Easter season. Here is the upcoming schedule:

- Dec. 29/30 – Mark 6:1-6
- Jan. 5/6 – Mark 6:1-29
- Jan. 12/13 – Mark 6:30-56
- Jan. 19/20 – Mark 7:1-37
- Jan. 26/27 – Mark 8:1-30
- Feb. 2/3 – Mark 8:27-9:13
- Feb. 9/10 – Mark 9:14-50
- Feb. 16/17 – Mark 10:1-31
- Feb. 23/24 – Mark 10:32-52

PUZZLES

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Pursuing Life in Christ by... **& VALUES**

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- GROWING WITH GOD'S PEOPLE
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