

## Grace-Calvary Episcopal Church



This church remains today virtually unchanged from the day in 1842 when it was dedicated. On that day of dedication, the Bishop of Georgia called it "...a very neat wooden building, with a tower and bell, prettily located, and a credit to the village." Those words are true to this day. It was built in the Greek-Revival style with tall pillars and portico at the front and the interior retains the original box pews with doors. The tall windows each contain 84 small panes, most of which, are the original wavy glass. The balcony contains the oldest working pipe organ in Georgia.

The church is always unlocked. Warm, interior images can be made any afternoon as the light is softened by the trees on the west side of the building. You might notice the box near the door for contributions used for the church's maintenance.

From the square in Clarkesville drive (or walk) south one block to E. Green Street. Turn left and find the church three blocks on the right. GPS coordinates: 34°36'58.1"N 83°31'23.5"W

Interesting fact: A very detailed and readable history of Grace-Calvary Church can be found here. <http://grace-calvary.org/church-history/> It is interesting to note that the history of Grace-Calvary Church - its ups and downs throughout varying economic times, the civil war, and the preservation of the building - closely parallels that of the village of Clarkesville.

