

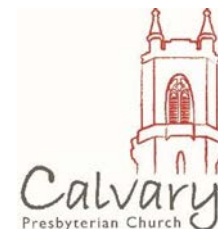
Rally Day



Welcome !!!
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Calvary Presbyterian Church

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT CALVARY!



Wherever you may be on your journey of faith, Calvary Presbyterian Church, a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), welcomes you. We are a community where questions are valued and where faith is experienced as a loving relationship with God and with all people.

Affirming that every person is a unique creation and a child of God, we believe discrimination is incompatible with the Gospel message of Jesus Christ. We believe there is room at the table for people of different views and understandings. We are enriched by many voices and united in one Spirit, the spirit of a God who loves each one of us abundantly and unconditionally.

If you are passing through: we extend God's blessings to you as you continue on your way. If you are seeking a home: we invite you to join with us as we grow in faith and serve Jesus Christ.

Donations

Our giving is an offering to God. All offerings, whether made in the worship service or outside of it, are part of our worship of God and are used to support Calvary's ministry.

Mail pledges and offerings to Calvary Presbyterian Church, 695 School St., Indiana, PA 15701 or, make online donations by going to the "Donate" button on our webpage, calvarychurchpa.com, or use our QR code.



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ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

September 10, 2023 | 11:00 A.M.

(Please use the prelude time to turn your attention to God's presence and help.)

* *As you are able, please stand.*

PRELUDE – Improvisation on a Kyrie

Lani Smith

STRIKING OF THE BELL

WELCOME

MINUTE FOR HOSPITALITY

Jackie Wiley

INTROIT – All the Earth Sing Praise, Alleluia

Antonio Vivaldi

(All stand at the beginning of the Hymn and for the Gathering Prayer.)

* HYMN 12, *sing all together* – Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise, *see page 9*

* GATHERING PRAYER

(All be seated.)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION, *responsively*

**All: We humbly come before you, Creator God,
acknowledging our shortcomings.**

We want to be honest about the ways we hinder our trust in you.

We carry grudges that weigh us down and cause us to lose our way.

**Sometimes our fear blinds us to the goodness in you
and those around us.**

So, in this moment of silence, we lay our confessions before you.

(A time of silence for personal confession.)

Leader: We ask for your forgiveness, O holy God,
and for release from the burden of our mistakes,
through Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON – Kyrie from *Symphony No. 9, Movement II* arr. Jay Rouse

RESPONDING TO GOD'S FORGIVENESS, *responsively*

Leader: Friends, believe the good news!

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen!

(Stand for the singing of the Gloria Patri followed by the Passing of the Peace.)

* GLORIA PATRI, *sing all together*

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.**

* PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST, *responsively*

Leader: May the Peace of Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

(Let us share the peace of Christ.)

(All be seated.)

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 8:22-26

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM – God of Glory, Lord of Love

Mary McDonald

SERMON – Seeing Trees Walk

(All stand.)

* HYMN 451, *sing all together* – Open My Eyes, That I May See, *see page 10*

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, *all together*

**We believe God has created the world of space and time
to be the sphere of God's dealings with humankind.**

**In its beauty and vastness, sublimity and awfulness, order and disorder,
the world reflects to the eye of faith the majesty and mystery of its Creator.**

**We believe life is a gift to be received with gratitude
and a task to be pursued with courage.**

People are free to seek life within the purpose of God:

to develop and protect the resources of nature for the common welfare,

to work for justice and peace in society,

and in other ways to use their creative powers for the fulfillment of human life.

Amen.

-from The Confession of 1967

(All be seated.)

CALL TO OFFERING, *responsively*

Leader: God has shown us the essence of generosity through the diverse creation,
Christ's boundless love, and the eternal gift of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Let's rejoice in the blessings we've received
and our ability to bless others.**

OFFERTORY ANTHEM – Just as I am

arr. Bob Chilcott

(Currently, we are not passing offering plates. Please find the wooden offering box by the door for in-person giving. See page 2 of the bulletin for additional info on how to give. Thank you for your generosity!)

(All stand.)

* PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING AND DOXOLOGY, *sing all together*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him, above ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

(All be seated.)

PRAYERS OF THANKS AND CONCERN

LORD'S PRAYER, *all together*

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

(All Stand.)

* HYMN 772, *sing all together* – Live into Hope, *see page 11*

* BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE – A Sending Forth

arr. Stacey Nordmeyer

* POSTLUDE – Sortie on Hursley

Lani Smith

Flowers this week are to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ralph and Alice McHenry and Peggy and Gene Lepley.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Is your infant, toddler or preschooler hungry or restless? You have options to help settle your child! Rocking chairs are provided at the back of the sanctuary and there is plenty of space to walk with your child at the back also. We offer a professionally staffed nursery that provides a safe place for your child to play, eat, or rest. Quiet age-appropriate activities are provided at the back of the sanctuary as well. The choice is yours! If you have any questions about where anything is or something that you need please speak to an usher or a greeter. They are always happy to help.

Cross Bearer and Beadle Training: Today following church. Pizza will be served!

Coming September 17, Rwanda Fun Fest! Join us for singing at 9:30 a.m., join a Sunday School class at 10:00 a.m., celebrate Partnership Sunday at 11:00 a.m., eat and enjoy stories from our own mission team. Sign up is requested, however not required. All are welcome!

TOP 10 REASONS TO TEACH CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES!

(one per week)

3. You know that our spiritual health is important!

2 Timothy 3:14-17

The Message

¹⁴⁻¹⁷ But don't let it faze you. Stick with what you learned and believed, sure of the integrity of your teachers—why, you took in the sacred Scriptures with your mother's milk! There's nothing like the written Word of God for showing you the way to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. Every part of Scripture is God-breathed and useful one way or another—showing us truth, exposing our rebellion, correcting our mistakes, training us to live God's way. Through the Word we are put together and shaped up for the tasks God has for us.

A sound, systematic, and comprehensive study of the Bible is good for us! It is as important as good nutrition and physical exercise, and it only happens when we study the Bible.

Can you help others to see the importance of spiritual health? You don't have to have it all figured out, you just have to have a willingness to try and to share. If you can do that, you can lead a Christian Education class.

Calvary Invite Cards. Please stop at the table outside the Sanctuary and pick up a few Calvary Invite (business card sized) cards. Keep these in your wallet for those opportunities that spring up to invite someone to Calvary. Just pull out a card and hand it to your guest. They will have all the schedule, contact and website details at their fingertips.

Pick up yours today!

Let's Sing! On September 17, 3:00 p.m. at the Christ Episcopal Church (902 Philadelphia St) the Teti Organ Scholarship Committee invites you to a Festive Hymn-Sing and Early Bachtobertfest featuring Seasonal Refreshments. Come sing favorite hymns played by organists from Indiana's churches and the Teti Committee.

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2023 – 2024 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SCHEDULE, SEPTEMBER – MAY

SUNDAY MORNINGS

Infants and children through kindergarten, Nursery – 9:30 – 12:30 a.m.

A professionally staffed nursery is available for infants and children through kindergarten. An age-appropriate Sunday School lesson is shared with all the children.

Calvary Kids for grades K – 2 and 3 – 5: East Classroom, 10:00 – 10:40 a.m.

All the children in this group gather at the beginning of Sunday School for an awesome Bible story. They then divide into two groups and have fun and engaging activities that relate to the story.

Youth Study Group for grades 6 – 12: Location TBD, 10:00 – 10:40 a.m.

Youth will be exploring their own beliefs and the beliefs of the people of the Presbyterian Church (PCUSA). They will discuss issues of faith, other religions, and application of faith in everyday lives.

Adult Discussion Group: Location TBD, 10:00 – 10:40 a.m.

If you are looking to connect with other adults in a smaller, informal setting, while exploring topics related to your Christian faith, this class is for you!

Corner Café: A class for adults Prayers and Squared Room – 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

The enthusiastic and enlightening discussions of the Corner Café offer meaningful ways to apply our Christian faith to current events in the world today.

Early Bird Study: A class for adults Heritage Room – 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Are you an early riser? Do you have responsibilities that don't allow you to participate in a 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. class? This class is for you! Topics will vary based on participant and leader discussion.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Jr. Youth Group: Children in kindergarten through 5th grade

October, February, & May- 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Children in kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to participate in Jr. Youth activities.

SUNDAY EVENING

Youth Group: Grade 6 – 12, Upper Room – 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays

A time for fellowship, music, fun, learning, and service for youth. This time is driven by the group guided by the adult leaders.

WEEKDAYS

Online Bible Study: A class for adults, Wednesday evening 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

A link to this study will be provided in the bulletin and on the church website.

Women's Bible Study: A class for women, Thursday afternoon 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Calling all women of the church and friends! This study is for you. Topics will focus on women of the Bible and women's issues. This study will be 5 – 8 weeks on a particular topic and will be offered several times a year.

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 12



1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light.

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might:
 In all life thou liv - est, the true life of all.
 Thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight.

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice, like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove;
 We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
 All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

The opening line of this hymn was inspired by the three divine attributes listed in 1 Timothy 1:17 (King James Version), and it continues by considering how God's life exceeds our own finite existence. The text is well set to a Welsh melody shaped by many three-note units.

Open My Eyes, That I May See 451

1 O - pen my eyes, that I may see glimps - es of truth thou hast for me.
 2 O - pen my ears, that I may hear voic - es of truth thou send - est clear.
 3 O - pen my mouth, and let me bear glad - ly the warm truth ev - ery - where.

Place in my hands the won - der - ful key that shall un - clasp and
 And while the wave notes fall on my ear, ev - ery - thing false will
 O - pen my heart, and let me pre - pare love with thy chil - dren

set me free. Si - lent - ly now I wait for thee, read - y, my God, thy
 dis - ap - pear. Si - lent - ly now I wait for thee, read - y, my God, thy
 thus to share. Si - lent - ly now I wait for thee, read - y, my God, thy

will to see. O - pen my eyes; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!
 will to see. O - pen my ears; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!
 will to see. O - pen my heart; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!

The first woman to publish a collection of her own anthems, this author/composer has created in this hymn a sung prayer for illumination. It not only asks God to help us understand Scripture but also prays for the strength and courage to make God's love known to others.

772 Live into Hope

1 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed, of sight re -
 2 Live in - to hope! The blind shall see with in - sight
 3 Live in - to hope of lib - er - ty, the right to
 4 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed from chains of

gained, the end of greed. The op-pressed shall be the
 and with clar - i - ty, re - mov - ing shades of
 speak, the right to be, the right to have one's
 fear or want or greed. God now pro - claims our

first to see the year of God's own ju - bi - lee!
 pride and fear, a vi - sion of our God brought near.
 dai - ly bread, to hear God's word and thus be fed.
 full re - lease to faith and hope and joy and peace.

This text on Luke 4:16-20, the author's first, was written for the United Presbyterian Women's National Meeting in July 1976 because the team planning worship could not find a suitable hymn on that passage. She wrote the words with this vigorous 18th-century tune in mind.