

CALVARY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Lord's Day

March 9, 2025



"To know and extend the transforming love of Jesus Christ"

To Our Guests: Thank you so much for joining us today for our service of worship! Calvary Church is a body of believers in Jesus Christ who have come to know that we need Jesus and that we need each other. It is our hope and prayer that during your time with us, you will experience something of the welcoming grace of Jesus.

Pastor Angel Gomez

The Structure of Our Worship Service

Here at Calvary, we see worship as a *dialogue* between God and his people. This is why in each part of our service, our songs, prayers, and confessions come after hearing something about what God says in the Bible. God speaks, we respond. You will notice that in the order of worship there are three headings. These headings are there in order to mark off where each element in the service fits in this overall flow.

God Calls Us and Cleanses Us – In the first movement of the service, God calls us into His presence by His Word, we then respond by singing praise to Him, confessing our sins, and receiving His word of assurance of grace to us in Jesus Christ.

We Respond with Thanks and Prayer – In the second movement of the service, having heard about the mercy that we have received in Jesus Christ, we then express our thanks for salvation by singing, confessing our faith, and then giving to God our requests and offerings.

God Strengthens Us by His Word and Table – The Last movement in the flow of our service prepares us to get up and go out into the world. As we are strengthened by God’s Word and Spirit in the preaching of the Gospel and the celebration of the Lord’s Supper, we then arise as vessels of God’s mercy to offer ourselves in loving service to Him and to our neighbors.

Music

· Calvary’s music style is considered blended as we weave together sacred music from throughout the ages. On a rotating and combined schedule, our orchestra, the church organ or piano, and our praise team provide accompaniment to our congregational singing.

Children

- Coloring pages and worksheets related to the sermon topic can be found in our welcome center inside the colorful bags
- Children of all ages are welcome to accompany their parents in the worship service. We also have a comfortable room adjacent to our Sanctuary with a monitor streaming the service.
- During the sermon, an optional Children’s Worship is offered in room 202 for children age 4 through 1st grade. The children will be walked back to their families before the end of the service. If you need to leave early, you may meet your child in room 202.
- Nursery care is available during the worship service for babies through children age 2 in room 202 of the education building across the driveway.

Sunday School

· Sunday school for all ages; children, youth, and adults, meets at 9:15—10:15 am each Sunday morning.

PRELUDE
WELCOME

GOD CALLS US AND CLEANSSES US



CALL TO WORSHIP
Hebrews 2:6-9

Leader:

"What is man, that you are mindful of him,

All:

or the son of man, that you care for him?

Leader:

You made him for a little while lower than the angels;

All:

you have crowned him with glory and honor, putting everything in subjection under his feet."

Leader:

Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him. But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus,

All:

crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

**HYMN OF APPROACH #296
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!*

**PRAYER OF PRAISE*

**Please stand if you are able*

***SONG OF PRAISE**

Beautiful Savior

Verse

Jesus, beautiful Savior
God of all majesty risen King
(Lamb of God, holy and righteous)
(Blessed Redeemer, bright morning star)

Pre-Chorus

All the heavens shout Your praise
All creation bows to worship You

Chorus

How wonderful, how beautiful
Name above ev'ry name exalted high
How wonderful, how beautiful
Jesus Your name, name above ev'ry name,
Jesus

Bridge

I will sing forever
Jesus I love You
Jesus I love You
(REPEAT)
(CHORUS)

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OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 4:23-26

Lamech said to his wives:

“Adah and Zillah, hear my voice;
you wives of Lamech, listen to what I say:
I have killed a man for wounding me,
a young man for striking me.
If Cain's revenge is sevenfold,
then Lamech's is seventy-sevenfold.”

And Adam knew his wife again, and she bore a son and called his name Seth, for she said, “God has appointed for me another offspring instead of Abel, for Cain killed him.” To Seth also a son was born, and he called his name Enosh. At that time people began to call upon the name of the Lord.

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2:17-21

“And in the last days it shall be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams;
even on my male servants and female servants
in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.
And I will show wonders in the heavens above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke;
the sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day.
And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty and everlasting God, You are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and give more than we desire or deserve. Pour down upon us the abundance of Your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is convicted, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

*SCRIPTURE OF ASSURANCE

Psalm 66:18-20

If I had cherished iniquity in my heart,
the Lord would not have listened.
But truly God has listened;
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.
Blessed be God,
because he has not rejected my prayer
or removed his steadfast love from me!

WE RESPOND WITH THANKS AND PRAYER



*SONG OF THANKS

Grace

Verse 1

Your grace that leads this sinner home
From death to life forever
And sings the song of righteousness
By blood and not by merit

Verse 2

Your grace that reaches far and wide
To every tribe and nation
Has called my heart to enter in
The joy of Your salvation

Chorus

By grace I am redeemed
By grace I am restored
And now I freely walk into
The arms of Christ my Lord

Verse 3

Your grace that I cannot explain
Not by my earthly wisdom
The prince of life without a stain
Was traded for this sinner

Verse 4

Let praise rise up and overflow
My song resound forever
For grace will see me welcomed home
To walk beside my Savior

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*CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed (Trinity Hymnal p. 845)

PASTORAL PRAYER

Psalm 138 (p. 521 in the church Bibles)

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY #731

Following the Doxology, children ages 4 to 1st grade are invited to the Narthex for our optional Children's Worship. For more information, see p. 2. This week, "Lenten Puzzle."

GOD STRENGTHENS US BY HIS WORD & TABLE



SERMON TEXT

Matthew 6:7-15 (*p. 811 in the church Bibles*)

SERMON

A Praying Life

Pastor Steve Carter

I. Bad prayer

II. Jesus' prayer

III. Jesus' people

Main message: Pray with and for others, Jesus' way.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Who should come to the Lord's table?

Those who are displeased with themselves because of their sins, but who nevertheless trust that their sins are pardoned and that their remaining weakness is covered by the suffering and death of Christ, and who also desire more and more to strengthen their faith and to live a better life. (*Heidelberg catechism, Question 81*)

*HYMN OF RESPONSE #353

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

*BENEDICTION AND POSTLUDE

The prayer team is ready in the lounge to pray with anyone who desires prayer.

The pastors and elders would also be glad to pray with you.

CALVARY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- If you are visiting this morning, we would love to meet you over lunch today!
- **Deacon's Offering:** In response to the mercy of Christ, we collect an offering every second Sunday to support the work of the deacons who minister to those in need, to the sick, to the friendless, and to any who may be in distress. Offering baskets for this purpose are in the Welcome Center.
- **Congregation Lunch—Today following the worship service.** We will have a number of different chili recipes along with side dishes and dessert. All are welcome to stay!
- **Ordination and Installation service for Drew Freed, TODAY at 6:00 pm.** (This will be in lieu of the regular 4:00 service.)
- **New Website is live:** check out the new website and enjoy all the pictures of our church family! Consider using the website as a tool to invite people to join us for worship and special events, and keep up with the church calendar on the "events" page. The address is the same, *calvary-wg.org*
- **Last Call—The Deacons are sponsoring a Personal Hygiene Product and Paper Product Drive to benefit the Willow Grove Baptist Food Pantry, from February 2 through March 9. Please place your contributions in the labelled tote in the narthex.** (*More info is linked in Friday's email.*)

Here are the things needed:

Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Bar Soap, Body Wash, Shampoo, Lotion, Deodorant, Feminine Hygiene (tampons, sanitary pads), Paper Towels, Toilet Paper, Tissues

If you prefer to donate food, the Pantry needs:

Peanut Butter, Jelly, Canned chicken / tuna, Canned pasta / chili / beef stew, Cereal, Oatmeal, Pasta Sauce, Dry Pasta

- **Online prayer meeting: each Wed at 7 PM.** The Zoom link is in the *Calvary Connections* email each Friday, or you can join via a phone call. Contact: Pennye Goodman, 267-304-4016
- **To be added to Friday's *Calvary Connections* newsletter email list,** contact Becky in the office.
- **Financial Update as of February 28:** Giving: \$58,933 (Budgeted \$93,831), Other Income: \$23,761.87; Expenses \$106,310

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COMMUNITY GROUPS

New people are welcome to attend any of these groups!

- **1st & 3rd MONDAYS 7:15 pm.** This group of couples and singles meets in the **Sanctuary Lounge** and they are studying the **book of John**. Contact: Ed Barnes, (edwinbarnes1947@gmail.com)
- **2nd & 4th MONDAYS 7:15 pm:** This group of couples and singles meets in the **Sanctuary Lounge** and they are studying the book of Genesis. Contact: Rick Tyson (revrwtyson@gmail.com)
- **2nd & 4th TUESDAYS:** This is a family-friendly, group of couples and singles who meet at the Oliver's home in Abington. The 2nd Tues, 6—8:30 pm begins with a meal before our study (Gospel of John); The 4th Tues, 7—8:30 pm is for Bible study. Contact: andyoliver4133@gmail.com
- **WEDNESDAYS at 8 AM: Men's Breakfast Fellowship** at Lancers Diner, 858 Easton Rd, Horsham.
- **2nd WEDNESDAYS 1-2 PM** in the Atrium—**The Encouragers** meet monthly to pray and make gift bags to encourage many within our church and community.
- **THURSDAYS 10:00—11:30 am: Women's Bible Study**, this group begins in the fellowship hall and they are studying Ruth and Esther. Contact: Susan Fitzwater (SusanFitzh2o@gmail.com)
- **SATURDAY MORNINGS 7:30 am:** Men's Bible study in the atrium/library. Contact: David Solivan (dsolivan55@gmail.com)
- **Youth Group: SUNDAYS 5—7 PM** in gym. Contact: Darren Bacon (djbacon44@yahoo.com)
- **Young Adult Group, 2nd & 4th SUNDAYS 5-7 pm:** This group meets in the Sanctuary Lounge for devotionals, prayer, and fellowship. Contact Drew (dfreed@calvary-wg.org)



OUR VISION

“To know and extend the transforming love of Jesus Christ”

OUR MISSION

“Living in awe of the love of Jesus Christ by:

Proclaiming his glory in worship;

Experiencing his love in community;

Extending his compassionate Lordship:

In ourselves;

In our homes;

In our church body;

In our community;

And in our world.