The Worship of God

Calvary Baptist Church



November 8, 2026

Love bade me welcome: yet my soul drew back,
Guilty of dust and sin.
But quick-eyed Love, observing me grow slack
From my first entrance in,
Drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning,
If I lacked anything.
"A guest," I answered, "worthy to be here":
Love said, "You shall be he." —George Herbert

Prelude — Brethren We Have Met to Worship (*Mark Hayes, arr*) — Katherine Lowther

Chiming of the Hour

Call to Worship — In This Very Room (*Ron Harris*) — Sanctuary Choir

Opening Prayer and Welcome — Chuck Powell

*Hymn 298 — God Is Here! (*Abbot's Leigh*) — Congregation

(Girls and boys are invited forward as we sing the final verse of this hymn.)

Children's Sermon — Maria Harrington

Appalachian Christmas Box Blessing — Maria Harrington

Song — Simple Gifts (*Mark Hayes, arr.*) — Will Darragh

Scripture Reading — Kristy Hayes
Matthew 5:13-16

A Moment for ***Faith Connects*** — Becky Wills & John Horne, II

Faith Connects Testimony

*Hymn 272 — They'll Know We Are Christians (*St. Brendan's*) — Congregation

Offertory Prayer — Amelia Wisner

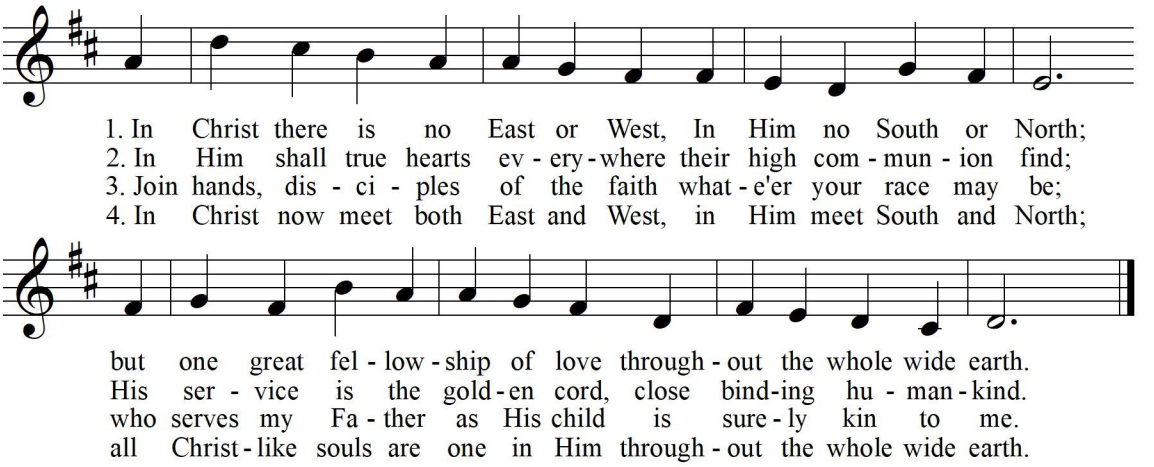
Offertory — Welcome (*poetry by Stephen Starke; music by Jeffrey Blersch*) — Sanctuary Choir

As rebels, Lord, who foolishly have wandered
Far from Your love unfed, unclean, unclothed
Dare we recall Your wealth so rashly squandered,
Dare hope to glean that bounty which we loathed?
Still we return, our contrite words rehearsing
Speech, that within Your warm embrace soon dies;
All our guilt, our shame, our pain reversing
As tears of joy and welcome fill Your eyes.

Sermon **Faith Connects: Welcome** **Monty Stallins**
Romans 15:7

Invitation — Monty Stallins

*Hymn — In Christ There Is No East or West — Congregation



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Announcements — Niki Hays

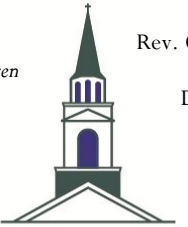
*Benediction — Monty Stallins

*Response 267 — Blest Be the Tie — Congregation and Choir
Verse 1

Postlude — Festival Fanfare — Kevin Raybuck
Charles Callahan

Ministry Staff

Dr. Monty Stallins, *Pastor*
Mrs. Maria Harrington, *Minister to Families with Children*
Mrs. Niki Hays, *Minister to College Students & Adults*
Mrs. Katherine Lowther, *Pianist*



Rev. Chuck Powell, *Minister to Families with Youth & Missions*
Ms. Rebecca Price, *Early Worship Leader*
Dr. Kevin Raybuck, *Minister of Worship Arts and IT*
Mr. Jamie Wright, *Choral Director*

Sunday 11/01/26
Budget Giving $26,786
Budget Divided by 52.....$39,946

Year to Date Totals
Through 9/30/26
Total Receipts.....$1,373,341
Total Expenses.....$1,447,109
Operating Fund.....$157,895

A flower is placed in our sanctuary today in celebration of the birth of Cleo Jade Saulino, born on October 17th to parents Brian and Hilary Saulino, Big Sister Margot and grandparent Kathy Botts.

Sermon Notes:

LIVESTREAM: This service is livestreamed on YouTube and a recording remains available to the public following the original air date. If you prefer to remain out of camera view, please choose seating in the balcony.

RESTROOMS: We have restrooms available in the hallway behind the choir loft, including a Family Restroom that provides access for those with mobility challenges. Additionally, we have restrooms located through the Sanctuary doors in the back and down the stairs. However, these restrooms do not provide access for those with mobility challenges.

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