



# BLINDED BY THE LIGHT

February 15, 2026

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# WELCOME

Our mission is to nurture and inspire  
our faith community to transform lives for Christ.

## *Deeper Connection, Rooted in Community*

Thank you for joining us in worship at Calvary. We recognize that our community and the world suffer from disconnection, division, and a loss of meaning. We seek to respond to those challenges by cultivating a spiritual home where people grow in faith, find belonging, and engage in Christ-centered transformation that reaches beyond our walls, out into the world.

We envision a church where people

- Seek to know God and be on the lookout for awe and wonder
- Speak and live the values God has given us
- Serve and enrich the community around us
- Invite others to walk with us as we follow Jesus

It matters that you are here. Our witness to the world is strengthened when we can build community across our differences and with the unique gifts each person offers. Worship, at its root, is participatory. Your voice, in prayer and song, joins with the voices of others, as an offering to God. "Liturgy"—the words we say together in worship—means "the work of the people." Thankful for the privilege of doing the work together, building deeper connections, rooted in community.



**For early and non-readers,** icons are included in the left margin throughout the bulletin.



**\*The asterisk indicates rising in body or spirit.**

**Assisted listening devices** are available at the Front Desk, and **large print hymnals** are located in the Narthex (Sanctuary entry).



## **DAILY LECTIONARY: FEBRUARY 15–FEBRUARY 21**

**Sunday:** John 9:1-41; *The Man Born Blind (Transfiguration)*

**Monday:** Psalm 27:1-4; *Triumphant Song of Confidence*

**Tuesday:** Matthew 11:25-27; *God Reveals Hidden Things*

**Wednesday:** John 10:1-18; *The Good Shepherd*

**Thursday:** John 10:19-42; *Jesus Is Rejected by the Jews*

**Friday:** Isaiah 2:5-10; *House of Jacob Walks in the Light*

**Saturday:** Isaiah 9:2-7; *A Great Light*

If you could use a new study Bible, we have some for sale. This is the updated version of the New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) that we have in the pews. Available for \$25 after worship.

**Notice of Filming:** Most of Calvary's worship services are livestreamed on our YouTube channel and Facebook page. While most of the footage will feature worship leaders, video of the congregation may also appear. If you have concerns, please contact the church office.

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## PRAYER

Prayer boxes are located in the Narthex (Sanctuary entry) and at the Front Desk. The Deacons and Pastors honor confidentiality and pray for each request.

### **Calvary Deacons**

**Prayer, Essential Errands, Spiritual Support**

Helen Huckleberry, Deacon Co-Moderator

Terry Milby, Deacon Co-Moderator

Rev. Victor Floyd, Minister of Spiritual Care

## REQUESTS

🎵 **PRELUDE** "Deep River/Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child" trad. Spirituals, arr. Jerome Lenk

🎵 **INTROIT** "O Taste and See" Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)  
*O taste and see how gracious the Lord is: blest is the one that trusteth in God.*  
—Psalm 34:8

*This arrangement was written in 2024 for our cellist, Emil Miland, by Jerome Lenk, Music Director at Mission Dolores Basilica.*

👂 **WELCOME**

🔊 **CALL TO WORSHIP**

In Jesus, God comes close enough to heal us,  
is powerful enough to reveal God's glory:

**He is the Light of the world.**

Setting us on the path to new life, seeking us out to reveal himself:

**He is the Light of the world.**

Healer and prophet, teacher and Word made flesh:

**He is the Light of the world.**

🎵 **\*HYMN 263** "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

CORONATION

👂 **\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

🕯 **\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

You are a God who refuses to stay in the box we have built for you,  
a God who breaks the rules we create, and so opens to us a new world of abundant life.  
We confess that we want you to stay within the confines of what we understand,  
and we admit that when we can't figure it out we are quick to get defensive and turn away in a huff.  
Forgive us when we can't live with the discomfort of unknowing.  
We confess that we like to think we've got you under control,  
and we admit that we like this world that works for us.  
Forgive us when we ignore or silence others who try to tell a different story.  
Teach us to say we don't know, and to listen when you speak in unexpected voices.  
Teach us to see your light shining and to follow into your kingdom life.  
We ask in the name of the One who is the Light of the world, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

👂 **\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

🎵 **\*GLORIA** "Glory to the God Above"

GOLDEN GATE, Michael Conley

Glo-ry to the God a-bove, and to the Son, the Lord of  
Love, Glo-ry to the Spi-rit, Three in One, Glo-ry to God through whom all good things come.  
As it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and for-ev-er shall be. A -  
men, a - men, a - men, a - men!

🕊 **\*THE PEACE**

The Peace of Christ be with you!

**And also with you!**

*The congregation is invited to share a sign of peace.*

🕯 **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

God of Courage, be in our speaking. Be also in our listening, and speak to our souls' deep understanding.  
In Christ's name we pray. Amen.





SCRIPTURE John 9:1-41 (page 871)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



## CHILDREN'S MEDITATION

Children are invited to come up front for the Children's Meditation. Following the Children's Meditation, children ages infant to 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to walk with their parents down to the Lower Level Sunday Studio and Childcare space. Children may also sit with their families during worship.



## ANTHEM "Amazing Grace"

*Amazing grace, how sweet the sound  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
was blind, but now I see.*

*'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed!*

Early American Melody, arr. Bruce Stevenson

*Through many dangers, toils and snares  
I have already come:  
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.*

*And when this flesh and heart shall fail,  
and mortal life shall cease:  
I shall possess, within the veil,  
a life of joy and peace.*

—John Newton (1779)



## SERMON "Blinded by the Light"



### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Written by Calvary's Session

We confirm the 1934 Declaration of Barmen, which took a stand against the mistaken concept that the gospels might be rewritten as a political accommodation to an authoritarian government, and we affirm:

"Jesus Christ, as he is attested for us in Holy Scripture, is the one Word of God which we have to hear and which we have to trust and obey in life and in death.

**We reject the false doctrine, as though the church could and would have to acknowledge as a source of its proclamation, apart from and besides this one Word of God."** (Barmen 8.11-12)

We confess that Christianity today in the United States is being aligned with a message of power, cruelty, racism, and national identity that is at odds with the Gospel of Jesus, who instructed his followers to lead as servants (Matthew 20:26). **We reject the co-opting of the Gospel to serve the agendas of white supremacy, authoritarianism, militarism, state sponsored cruelty, or the innate superiority of any racial or ethnic group.**

Because Jesus told us in Matthew 25, *"I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me,"* **we seek to follow Jesus' instructions and seek to feed, house, and care for our neighbors, regardless of their immigration status.**

Because the Book of Genesis (1:26-27) tells us that humanity was created in the very image of God (*imago dei*), we believe it is sin to deny or diminish the humanity of any of our neighbors. **Regardless of race, creed, sexual orientation, gender identity, or citizenship status, the image of God lives in each of us and each person is worth our concern, love, and protection.**

Because the Book of Exodus tells us that God instructed the people of God to care for foreigners who lived among them (Exodus 22:21) and because Jesus himself fled to another country to escape political violence (Matthew 2: 13-15), **we take seriously our call to be a church that offers welcome and sanctuary for our immigrant neighbors. We remember that our ancestors were once immigrants in a foreign land and that a foreign country welcomed Jesus as an infant.**

Jesus said, "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." (John 13:35) We believe loving one another is the true measure of our faith.

**We commit to loving each other. When love is difficult, we commit to seeking repair. When love becomes a hollow sentiment, we commit to honoring its sacred origin. "We love because God first loved us".** (1 John 4:19)

Therefore, we commit to:

- Listen to, and stand with, the most vulnerable and harmed communities;
- Use our energy, imagination, love, resources, and privilege to enact change born of partnership and accompaniment;
- Use our platforms and voices to counter the rhetoric of hatred and fear;
- Engage honestly with those who hold different points of view by working to seek common ground in our shared humanity; and
- Do everything with mercy, kindness, humility, and love.

Following the Affirmation of Faith, Youth (grades 6th-12th) may meet in the 2nd floor lounge area, called The S.P.O.T. (Spiritual, Passionate, Open-minded, Transformative).



## OFFERING

*The ushers will be walking down the aisles with offering plates if you'd like to pass your contribution toward either aisle as they walk by. You may also place your offering in the boxes at the back of the sanctuary.*



## OFFERTORY ANTHEM & DOXOLOGY "Doxology for a New Day"

Mark Miller

*You are God, we are Your children, formed by love, we are Your own.  
You are God, we are Your children, Holy One, Your heart our home.*

*From all that dwell below the skies, let the Creator's praise arise,  
let the Redeemer's name be sung, through every land by every tongue.  
Eternal are your mercies, Lord, eternal truth attends Your word.  
Your praise shall sound from shore to shore, till suns shall rise and set no more.*

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below.  
Praise God above, the heavenly host. Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*(Congregation joins.)*

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Praise God, all creatures here below.  
Praise God above, the heavenly host.  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.*

*(Choir continues.)*



## \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION



## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**



## \*HYMN 846 "Fight the Good Fight"

DUKE STREET



## \*BENEDICTION



## \*CHORAL BLESSING "Hallelujah, We Sing Your Praises!"

South African song



## POSTLUDE "Postlude on DUKE STREET"

David Cherwien (b. 1957)

### *Leading Worship This Morning*

Priscilla Dwyer	Liturgist
Rev. Marcella Auld Glass	Preaching
Rev. Joann H. Lee	Assisting
Rev. Victor H. Floyd	Assisting
Jeff Smith	Children's Meditation
Michael Conley	Conductor
John Walko	Organist/Pianist
Natalie Ter Agapova	Soloist
Gabrielle Goozée-Nichols	Soloist
Nancy Hall	Soloist
Joachim Luis	Soloist
Emil Miland	Soloist
Jefferson Packer	Soloist
Ben Pattison	Soloist
Michael Villarreal	Soloist
Calvary Chancel Choir	

### *Next Week in Worship: February 22 at 10am*

#### **Rev. Marcella Auld Glass: *Living, Dying, Rising***

*John 11:1-44* The rhythm of living, dying, and rising is the story of our faith, and the rhythm of our lives. We worship a man who rose from the dead. After he had lived. And after he died. As we enter the season of Lent, we'll focus on the story of Lazarus, and see how living, dying, and rising affected him and his community.

### *Calvary Presbyterian Church Annual Meeting Sunday March 1*

If you are a member of Calvary, please join us for a congregational meeting on Sunday, March 1, following worship, to briefly review 2025 highlights and approve other organizational business. The meeting will follow the Sunday worship service, and will be livestreamed only for viewing.

*Descant*



4 O that with yon - der sa - cred throng we at his feet may fall!

1 All hail the power of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;  
 2 Ye cho - sen seed of Is - rael's race, ye ran - somed from the fall,  
 3 Let ev - ery kin - dred, ev - ery tribe on this ter - res - trial ball  
 4 O that with yon - der sa - cred throng we at his feet may fall!

We'll join the song, and crown him Lord of all!

bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!  
 hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!  
 to him all maj - es - ty as - cribe, and crown him Lord of all!  
 We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song, and crown him Lord of all!

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Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!  
 Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!  
 To him all maj - es - ty as - cribe, and crown him Lord of all!  
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This 18th-century text celebrating the sovereignty of Christ has been through several expansions and contractions before reaching its present form. It is set here to the oldest American hymn tune in continuous use since first published in 1793, which was written for it.

TEXT: Stanzas 1-3, Edward Perronet, 1779, 1780; stanzas 2-3, alt. John Rippon, 1787; stanza 4, John Rippon, 1787

MUSIC: Oliver Holden, 1793; desc. Michael E. Young, 1979

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1 Fight the good fight with all thy might.  
 2 Run the straight race through God's good grace;  
 3 Cast care a - side; lean on thy guide.  
 4 Faint not nor fear: God's arms are near.

Christ is thy strength and Christ thy right.  
 lift up thine eyes, and seek Christ's face.  
 God's bound-less mer - cy will pro - vide.  
 God chang - eth not, and thou art dear.

Lay hold on life, and it shall be  
 Life with its way be - fore us lies;  
 Trust, and thy trust - ing soul shall prove  
 On - ly be - lieve, and thou shalt see

thy joy and crown e - ter - nal - ly.  
 Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.  
 Christ is its life, and Christ its love.  
 that Christ is all in all to thee.

The opening phrase here (based on 1 Timothy 6:12) is not a military image but an athletic one, from a Greek verb meaning "struggle" or "grapple" or "wrestle." The sports context continues in later stanzas reflecting the experience of a runner (recalling Hebrews 12:1-2).



## Church Night **Lenten Studies**

### **Handel's Messiah in Lent**

*And we shall be changed*

**Starting February 26**

**Thursdays in Lent • 5:30 – 7:30pm**

*Additional groups will be offered on Sundays at 11:30am for those who cannot make it on Thursday. We encourage everyone, however, to attend Thursday nights whenever possible!*

**All ages welcome!**

This Lenten Season, our "Church Night" Lenten Bible Study is for both the biblical seeker and the music lover. We will explore the scriptural texts of **Handel's Messiah** for Lent. While the first part of the Messiah is about the birth of Jesus, this musical journey is well-suited for Lent because it was originally written as an Easter offering, with its second and third parts focusing on Christ's Passion, death, resurrection, and ascension, making its themes of sacrifice, redemption, and glory ideal for the Lenten journey towards Easter.

Lenten Studies this year will be the focus of Church Nights which will be held on Thursdays of Lent from 5:30 – 7:30pm. Mark your calendars for **2/26, 3/5, 3/12, 3/19, 3/26, 4/2**. Childcare provided for infants & toddlers, and special Lenten programming offered for youth and children.

This lenten journey will culminate with sections of Handel's Messiah presented in worship, with our Chancel Choir, soloists, and orchestra, on Palm Sunday, Good Friday, and Easter.

*Join us for worship during Lent*

**First Sunday in Lent:** February 22 at 10am

**Second Sunday in Lent:** March 1 at 10am

**Third Sunday in Lent:** March 8 at 10am

**Fourth Sunday in Lent:** March 15 at 10am

**Fifth Sunday in Lent:** March 22 at 10am

**Palm Sunday:** March 29 at 10am

**Maundy Thursday Church Night:** April 2 at 5:30pm

**Good Friday Service:** April 3 at 7pm

**Easter Sunday Services:** April 5 at 7am & 10am

For more information and to register for Lenten Studies, scan the QR code or visit [calpres.org/events](http://calpres.org/events).



## **GIVE LIGHT TO THE WORLD**

**2026 ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN**

**JOIN CALVARY IN MINISTRY  
MAKE A PLEDGE FOR 2026**

Stewardship is more than meeting a budget—it's about shining Christ's love and light in the world.

Pledging is easy:

- ✦ Use the QR code to pledge online
- ✦ Visit [calpres.org/give/annual-giving-2026](http://calpres.org/give/annual-giving-2026)
- ✦ Complete the pledge card located in the pew rack



**Questions about pledging?  
Contact a pastor or Robin Morjikian.**

### **Information Session:**

**Understanding Calvary's Financial Health  
Sunday, February 22 at 11:30am**

You're invited to join David Foster, Chief Administrative Officer, and Robin Morjikian, Director of Development & Volunteer Ministries, for an information session on the financial life of our church. We'll share highlights from the 2025 financial results, review the 2026 budget, discuss stewardship and giving, and how your generosity supports Calvary's ministries and programs.

The congregation has pledged over \$1,172,893 for **Giving Light to the World**, our 2026 pledge campaign. We are over 82% towards our goal! Thank you!

Your pledge supports Calvary worship services, music ministries, outreach to those in need, and so much more. To help our church meet its \$1.42 million goal, please make your pledge today!