



**March 8, 2026**

**THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT**

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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: MARCH 8–MARCH 14

**Sunday:** John 18:12-27; *Peter's Denial*  
**Monday:** John 14:15-31; *The Promise of the Holy Spirit*  
**Tuesday:** John 15:1-17; *Jesus the True Vine*  
**Wednesday:** John 15:18-16:4a; *The World's Hatred*  
**Thursday:** John 16:4b-15; *The Work of the Spirit*  
**Friday:** John 16:16-24; *Sorrow Will Turn into Joy*  
**Saturday:** John 16:25-33; *Peace for the Disciples*

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.

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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

**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.

PRELUDE "Organ Symphony No.3, Op.28 - IV. Adagio" (1911) Louis Vierne (1870–1937)

INTROIT "Forsaken Once, and Thrice Denied" Lowell Mason (1792–1872)

Forsaken once, and thrice denied,  
the risen Lord gave pardon free,  
stood once again at Peter's side,  
and asked of him, 'Lovest still, thou me?'

How many times with faithless word  
have we denied his holy name,  
how oft forsaken our dear Lord,  
and shrunk when trial came!

Hear when we call thee from the deep,  
still walk beside us on the shore,  
give hands to work, and eyes to weep,  
and hearts to love thee more.

—Cecil Frances Alexander (1875)

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Inside and outside  
The story unfolds  
In dark back rooms and in the public eye  
The story unfolds  
In human hearts and imperial schemes  
The story unfolds  
In probing questions and in flickering shadows  
We watch... and find ourselves undone as the story unfolds.

\*HYMN 361 "O Christ, the Great Foundation" AURELIA

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You, O God, are the Source of Truth, and we confess that sometimes we see the value in a little white lie. Just a bit of strategic bending of facts, crossing our fingers as we give the answer expected of us. And we admit that those have built up more than we can actually handle, and now we find that we are no longer the people we thought we were. Show us the truth of ourselves, and show us the wrong turns we have taken when we thought the ends justified the means. And when we have recognized, forgive us and return us to our truest identity in your image, return us to your way, that we may indeed follow you and give our lives to your kingdom alone. We ask in the name of Jesus who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life for us. Amen.

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*GLORIA "Lenten Gloria" Michael Conley



- 1. Glo - ry to God who is pa - tient. [Glory to God who is patient and kind.]
- 2. Glo - ry to God who for - gives us. [Glory to God who forgives and restores.]
- 3. Glo - ry to God who still hears us. [Glory to God who hears us and answers.]
- 4. Glo - ry to God who de - liv - ers. [Glory to God who delivers and saves us.]



- 5. Glo - ry to God who is guid - ing us. [Glory to God who is guiding and keeping us.]
- 6. Glo - ry to God who is watch - ing us. [Glory to God who protects us from harm.]
- 7. Glo - ry to God who is lov - ing us. [Glory to God who cares for all people.]
- 8. Glo - ry to God who will come a - gain. [Glory to God who has come and will always return.]



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God. 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 18:12–27 (page 880)

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 "When We Are Tempted to Deny Your Son"

Sally Ann Morris

*When we are tempted to deny your Son,  
Because we fear the anger of the world,  
And we are few who bear the insults hurled,  
Your will, O God, be done.*

*When we forget the cross that held your Son,  
And would avoid the burden of this life,  
The cry for justice and an end to strife,  
Your will, O God, be done.*

*When we are tempted to betray you Son,  
Because he leads us in a harder way,  
And makes demands we do not want to pay,  
Your will, O God, be done.*

*When doubt obscures the victory of your Son,  
And faith is weak and all resolve has fled,  
Help us to know him risen from the dead,  
You will, O God, be done.*

—David W. Romig (1965), based on Psalm 22



SERMON "I AM (not)"



\*SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM, RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS, AND AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand  
of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
the holy catholic church;  
the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body;  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*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).*



MINUTE FOR MINISTRY Feed the Hungry



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 "Christ, We See You"

Ken Medema (b. 1943)

*Christ, we see you standing, knocking like a stranger at the door.  
Christ, we hear you calling to us, as you've called your saints before.  
We invite you here among us, hearts are open now to you.  
Come be with us; change, remake us; do what God alone can do.*

*God of all the human family, join us as we gather here.  
Open now the doors of friendship, closed too long by hate and fear.  
'Round this table of abundance, bring the hungry, one and all.  
Let compassion thrive among us as we hear communion's call.*

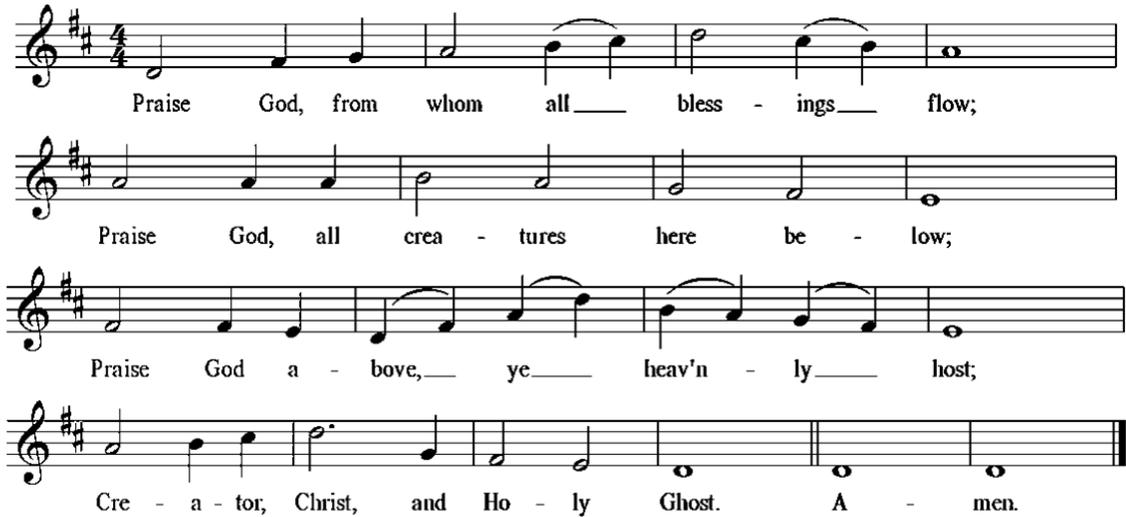
*Spirit, open our eyes to see visions of who we were meant to be.  
Spirit, break and shape us and fill us with the breath of life.*

*God of light, confront our blindness, open vision's doors, we pray.  
From this world of pain and sadness, let us never turn away.  
With the light of understanding, guide our steps in ways of peace  
Till the day of new creation when all want and war shall cease.*

*Spirit, open our eyes...*

♪ \*DOXOLOGY

DUKE STREET



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

🕯️ \*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 264 "At the Name of Jesus"

KING'S WESTON

♪ \*BENEDICTION

♪ \*CHORAL BLESSING "Three-fold Amen"

Michael Conley

♪ POSTLUDE "Fugue on the Kyrie, from *Mass for the Parishes*" (1690)

François Couperin (1668–1733)

*Leading Worship This Morning*

Jennifer Selby Long	Liturgist
Cindy Carroll	Minute for Ministry
Rev. Marcella Auld Glass	Preaching
Rev. Joann H. Lee	Assisting
Michael Conley	Conductor
John Walko	Organist/Pianist
Natalie Ter Agapova	Soloist
Gabrielle Goozée-Nichols	Soloist
Nancy Hall	Soloist
Joachim Luis	Soloist
Jefferson Packer	Soloist
Ben Pattison	Soloist
Michael Villarreal	Soloist
Calvary Chancel Choir	

Rev. Victor is away, returning March 20.

*Next Week in Worship: March 15 at 10am*

**Fourth Sunday in Lent**

**Rev. Joann H. Lee: *Make Good Choices!***

*John 18:28–40* After Pilate examines Jesus, he finds no fault in him. And yet, he offers the crowd a choice any way: release Jesus or Barabbas? The crowd chooses Barabbas, a convicted criminal over Jesus. How do we continue to choose Barabbas over Jesus still today? Come worship with us as we try to make good choices that reflect Christ's love and peace.

*Join us for worship during Lent*

**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

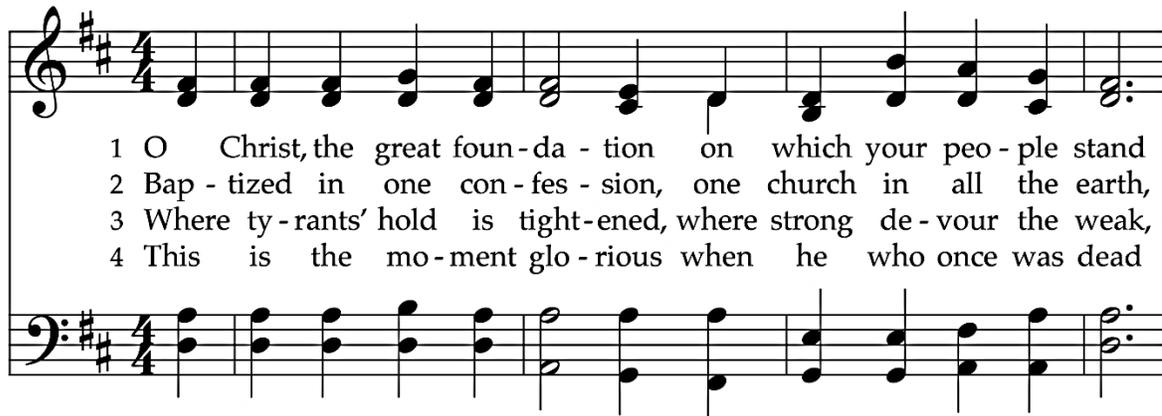
**Good Friday Service:** April 3 at 7pm

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

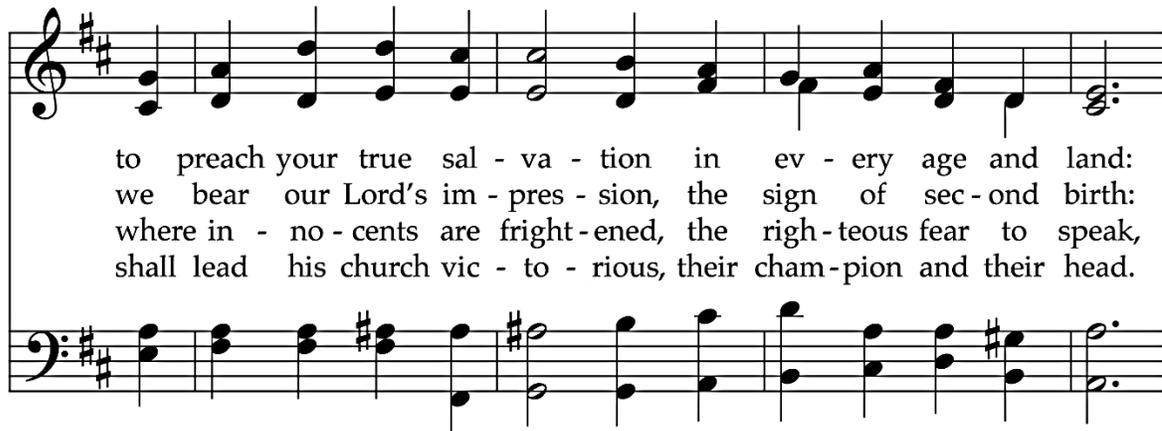
**In Memoriam**

Tim Polk Cooper  
 (1941–2026)

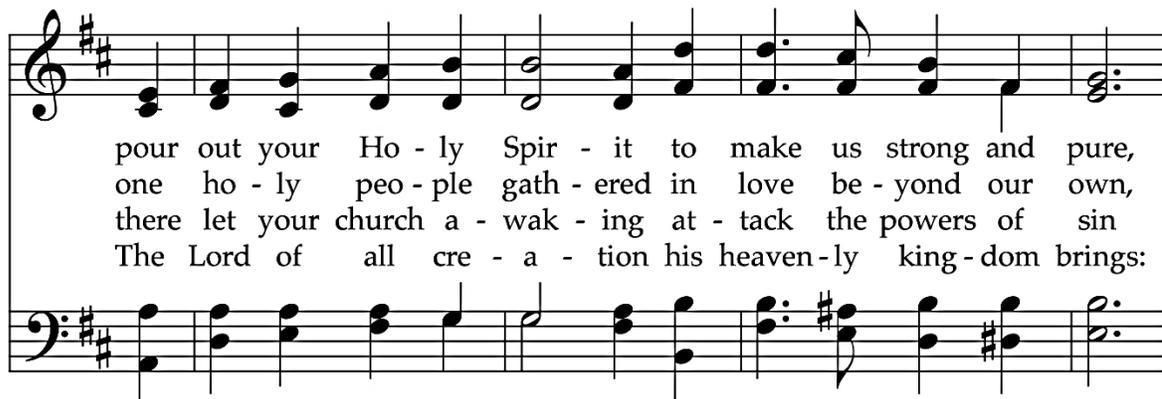




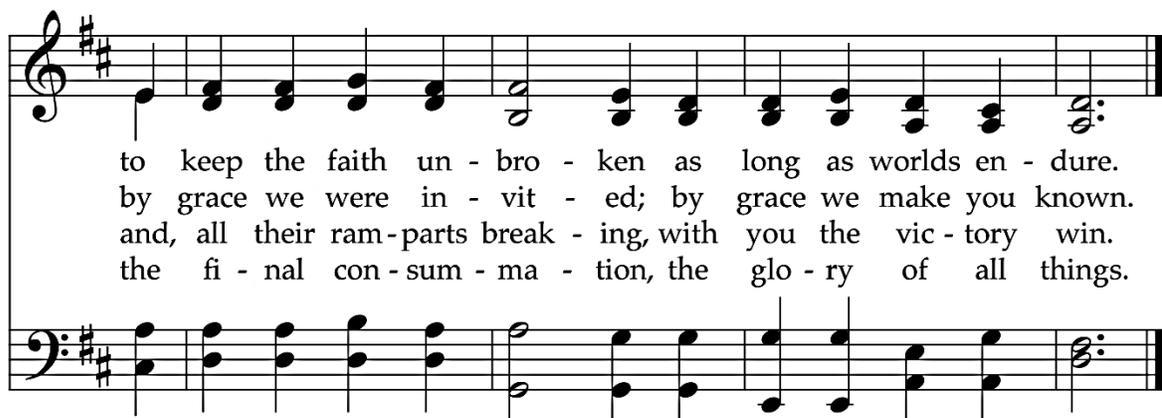
1 O Christ, the great foun - da - tion on which your peo - ple stand  
 2 Bap - tized in one con - fes - sion, one church in all the earth,  
 3 Where ty - rants' hold is tight - ened, where strong de - vour the weak,  
 4 This is the mo - ment glo - rious when he who once was dead



to preach your true sal - va - tion in ev - ery age and land:  
 we bear our Lord's im - pres - sion, the sign of sec - ond birth:  
 where in - no - cents are fright - ened, the righ - teous fear to speak,  
 shall lead his church vic - to - rious, their cham - pion and their head.



pour out your Ho - ly Spir - it to make us strong and pure,  
 one ho - ly peo - ple gath - ered in love be - yond our own,  
 there let your church a - wak - ing at - tack the powers of sin  
 The Lord of all cre - a - tion his heaven - ly king - dom brings:



to keep the faith un - bro - ken as long as worlds en - dure.  
 by grace we were in - vit - ed; by grace we make you known.  
 and, all their ram - parts break - ing, with you the vic - tory win.  
 the fi - nal con - sum - ma - tion, the glo - ry of all things.

The text was written by a leading Chinese educator, author, and editor who chaired the commission that prepared an important ecumenical Chinese hymnal, *Hymns of Universal Praise* (1936). This familiar tune invites comparison of these words with its usual text (see no. 321).

Capo 5: (Am) (G) (Am) (C) (Am) (Dm) (Am)  
 Dm C Dm F Dm Gm Dm

1 At the name of Je - sus ev - ery knee shall bow,  
 2 Hum-bled for a sea - son to re - ceive a name  
 3 Bore it up tri - um - phant, with its hu - man light,  
 4 Chris-tians, this Lord Je - sus shall re - turn a - gain,

(C) (G) (Am) (C) (Dm)  
 F C Dm F Gm

ev - ery tongue con - fess him King of glo - ry now;  
 from the lips of sin - ners un - to whom he came,  
 through all ranks of crea - tures, to the cen - tral height,  
 with his Fa - ther's glo - ry o'er the earth to reign;

(G) (Em) (Am) (G) (D) (G)  
 C Am Dm C G C

'tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure we should call him Lord,  
 faith - ful - ly he bore it spot - less to the last,  
 to the throne of God - head, to the Fa - ther's breast,  
 for all wreaths of em - pire meet up - on his brow,

(Am) (G) (Em) (Dm) (C) (G) (Am)  
 Dm C Am Gm F C Dm

who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y Word.  
 brought it back vic - to - rious, when from death he passed;  
 filled it with the glo - ry of that per - fect rest.  
 and our hearts con - fess him King of glo - ry now.

This may well be a hymn based on a hymn, for scholars say that the passage behind it (Philippians 2:5–11), though not in the style of Greek poetry, shows traits of a communal creedal statement capable of being sung. It is set here to one of the composer's most sonorous tunes.

## Church Night **Lenten Studies**

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

*And we shall be changed*

### **Thursdays in Lent**

**5:30 - 7:30pm**

*An additional group 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 *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.

### **Church Night Dinners**

**March 12** Potluck: bring a "protein-packed dish" (e.g. bean salad, meatballs, hummus, frittata)

**March 19** Potluck: bring an "all-American dish" (e.g. hotdogs, burgers, apple pie)

**March 26** Potluck: bring a dish that "reminds you of home" (e.g. depends on your home!)

**April 2** Maundy Thursday meal provided by Calvary



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



## CELEBRATING DAVID BARNES

After nearly 20 years of employment at Calvary, we are honoring David Barnes as he retires. He began as the first-ever Director of Family Ministries, became Youth Director and, most recently, transitioned to the Facilities team over four years ago. David has been an invaluable member of Calvary staff, as well as making all who enter the building feel welcome and helping Calvary promote its ministries and mission. He is embracing this next phase, saying, "I've been blessed in my relationship with a church that I truly consider home, but there is also the feeling that I should be doing more of God's work in my day-to-day life, so will be taking some time for reflection, discernment, and figuring out what I want to do when I grow up."

**Please join us in celebrating David following worship on Palm Sunday, March 29.**



# GIVE LIGHT TO THE WORLD

2026 ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN

JOIN CALVARY IN MINISTRY: MAKE A PLEDGE FOR 2026

Your giving shines 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](https://calpres.org/give/annual-giving-2026)
- ✦ Complete the pledge card located in the pew rack

Questions about pledging?  
Contact a pastor or Robin Morjikian.



## YOUR GIVING LIGHTS UP THE WORLD!

During Lent, you are invited to participate in a symbolic community mural giving thanks for your participation in the 2026 Annual Giving Campaign. Each lightbulb represents a single pledge, contributing to a larger "illuminated sky" mural located outside the sanctuary.

To participate:

- Stop by the Atrium and take a lightbulb cutout card.
- Write an inspirational word or prayer on it.
- Add your name (optional).
- Stick the lightbulb to the mural.



## WHAT IS PER CAPITA GIVING?

Per Capita is an annual per member apportionment assessed by the General Assembly, our denomination's governing body, which enables all members to share the administrative costs of sharing God's love.

The amount each PC(USA) church contributes is based on its membership as reported to the General Assembly. This is not an optional payment for Calvary Presbyterian Church.

**Calvary's obligation for 2026 is \$29,475  
\$45 for each member**

Your contribution of \$45 for each person in your family who is a member may be paid online at [calpres.org/donate](https://calpres.org/donate) (select "per capita" in the fund drop-down menu) or by check payable to Calvary (drop in the offering plate or mail to the church Attn: per capita and please mark your check, "per capita."). The funds used to pay Calvary's obligation of \$29,475 are taken directly from the church's operating budget. The more per capita contributions received, the less impact on the budget. With thanks and gratitude for your response.

## CALVARY WORSHIP, MUSIC, AND PROGRAM STAFF



The Rev. Marcella Auld Glass, Pastor & Head of Staff  
The Rev. Joann H. Lee, Associate Pastor for Community Formation  
The Rev. Victor H. Floyd, Minister of Spiritual Care  
Michael Conley, Director of Music Ministries  
John Walko, Organist  
Alison Faison, Director of Children & Family Ministries  
Robin Morjikian, Director of Development & Volunteer Ministries  
Jeff Smith, Director of Youth Ministries