



**MAKE GOOD CHOICES!**

**March 15, 2026**

**FOURTH 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).



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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

### DAILY LECTIONARY: MARCH 15–MARCH 21

**Sunday:** John 18:28-40; *Jesus and Pilate*  
**Monday:** Psalm 145:10-13; *All God's Works Give Thanks*  
**Tuesday:** Isaiah 45:18-19; *Lord Speaks the Truth*  
**Wednesday:** Amos 5:6-13; *Hate for the One Who Speaks Truth*  
**Thursday:** John 17:1-19; *Jesus Prays for His Disciples*  
**Friday:** John 17:20-26; *Jesus Prays for His Disciples*  
**Saturday:** John 18:1-11; *The Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus*

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.

♪ PRELUDE "Schübler Chorale No. 3 - *Wer nur den lieben Gott lässt walten*" Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)  
(If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee), BWV 647 (1747)

♪ INTROIT "Come, Said Jesus' Sacred Voice" Daniel Belknap (1771–1815)  
*Come, said Jesus' sacred voice,  
Come and make my paths your choice.  
I will guide you to your home,  
Weary pilgrim, hither come.*  
*Thou who, houseless, sole, forlorn,  
Long hast borne the proud world's scorn,  
Long hast roamed the barren waste,  
Weary pilgrim, hither haste.*  
*Ye who, tossed on beds of pain,  
Seek for ease, but seek in vain;  
Ye, by fiercer anguish torn,  
In remorse for guilt who mourn.*  
*Hither come, for here is found  
Balm that flows for every wound,  
Peace that ever shall endure,  
Rest eternal, sacred, sure.*

—Anna Barbauld, 1792

👂 WELCOME

🔊 CALL TO WORSHIP

God's kingdom is not of this world.  
**It is built on different foundations, made of different stuff, follows different ways.**  
As we worship, form us today in the norms of your kingdom  
**that we might in turn re-form the systems of this world.**  
We worship a God who is good.  
Here in this place, we gather to worship and choose God's ways.

♪ \*HYMN 816 "If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee" WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT

👂 \*CALL TO CONFESSION

🕯️ \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**You are a God of justice, and we confess that our justice does not live up to yours. We look on in horror when the system is misused, and yet we also long for the easy way to get what we want. We confess we are complicit in injustice, and that we have benefitted from the mingling of our faith with the powers of this world. We admit that sometimes we have twisted the truth for our own ends, and sometimes we wouldn't know truth if it stood in front of our faces. Forgive us and transform us. We ask in the name of the One who is Truth, Jesus the Christ. 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**

Gracious God, may your word be a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path. Help us to choose you in every part of our lives, and grant us the wisdom and courage to do so as we read your word. Amen.



**SCRIPTURE** John 18: 28–40 (page 881)

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 “Wondrous Love”**

American folk hymn, arr. Richard Walters

*What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this, that caused the Lord of bliss  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul.*

*When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,  
when I was sinking down, O my soul!  
When I was sinking down beneath God’s righteous frown,  
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul,  
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.*



**SERMON “Make Good Choices!”**



**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** The Scots Confession: 1560

We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust. Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible; one in substance and yet distinct in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. By whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible, to have been created, to be retained in their being, and to be ruled and guided by God’s inscrutable providence for such end as God’s eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed, and to the manifestation of God’s own glory.

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** Faith Formation



**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 “Agnus Dei”**

Jim Stanton

*Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, grant us peace.*



**\*DOXOLOGY**

OLD HUNDRETH

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow, praise God, all crea - tures  
here be - low, praise God, a - bove ye heav - enly host;  
Cre - a - tor, Christ, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.



**\*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 686 "God of Our Life"

♪ \*BENEDICTION

♪ \*CHORAL BLESSING "Amen"

Fernando Allen

♪ POSTLUDE "Messe du Premier Ton: II - *Agnus Dei*" (1688)

André Raison (c. 1640–1719)

### Leading Worship This Morning

Bill Goodson	Liturgist
Priscilla Dwyer	Minute for Ministry
Rev. Joann H. Lee	Preaching
Rev. Marcella Auld Glass	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
Jefferson Packer	Soloist
Ben Pattison	Soloist
Michael Villarreal	Soloist
Calvary Chancel Choir	

### Next Week in Worship: March 22 at 10am

**Fifth Sunday in Lent**  
**Rev. Marcella Auld Glass: *No King But the Emperor***

*John 19:1-16a* In this passage from John's gospel, we're reminded that while the occupying Roman government murdered Jesus, they did so with the encouragement of Jesus' own people. What does this story have to say for how we live together, how we acknowledge our mistakes, and how we are called to be faithful today?

### Join us for worship during Lent

**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

The Calvary family congratulates  
 Tripp Mickle and Amana Bell,  
 who welcomed twins on March 9!



Rev. Victor is away,  
 returning March 20.

## GET INVOLVED AT CALVARY!



Over the next month, members of the various church committees will be sharing opportunities for involvement. We know lives are busy, so we have many different ways to engage. Do you want to coordinate volunteers from the comfort of your email? Are you more interested in planning events or providing hospitality at Calvary? Do you want to help with children, youth, or adult education programming? Maybe you want to serve food at a church meal or serve as usher or liturgist in worship? You may also volunteer with one of our Matthew 25 partners to feed or advocate for our neighbors. Representatives from each committee will be speaking in worship in the coming weeks and then you can visit with them after worship in the atrium. We hope you'll get connected to a committee so we can more effectively administer the many programs and ministries at the church and better live into the vision God is dreaming for us.

To help individuals learn more about volunteer opportunities and ways to get involved, four of the five Strategic Committees will be spotlighted during worship and coffee hour on selected Sundays. The Committees decided on the following schedule:

#### March 15: Faith Formation

We serve and enrich the community by deepening our faith and deepening our relationships as a community. We seek to know and love God and to know and love our neighbor, so that we are nurtured and inspired for the work of transformation in the world.

Through education and fellowship, our faith grows at every stage of life—from babies to seniors!

#### March 22: Worship & Music

#### March 29: Mission & Care

#### April 12: Growth & Community Engagement

1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee, with hope - ful  
 2 On - ly be still, and wait God's lei - sure in cheer - ful  
 3 Sing, pray, and swerve not from God's ways, but do thine

heart through all thy ways, God will give strength, what - e'er be -  
 hope, with heart con - tent to take what - e'er thy Keep - er's  
 own part faith - ful - ly. Trust the rich prom - is - es of

tide thee, to bear thee through the e - vil days. Who trusts in  
 plea - sure and all - dis - cern - ing love hath sent. No doubt our  
 grace; so shall they be ful - filled in thee. God nev - er

God's un - chang - ing love builds on the rock that nought can move.  
 in - most wants are clear to One who holds us al - ways dear.  
 yet for - sook at need the soul se - cured by trust in - deed.

This hymn is a testimony of experience. The original seven-stanza German text (based on Psalm 55:22) and its tune were created by the author/composer at the age of twenty in thanksgiving for finding employment many weeks after being left almost penniless following a robbery.

1 God of our life, through all the cir-cling years, we trust in thee.  
 2 God of the past, our times are in thy hand. With us a-bide.  
 3 God of the com-ing years, through paths un-known we fol-low thee.

In all the past, through all our hopes and fears, thy hand we see.  
 Lead us by faith to hope's true prom-ised land. Be thou our guide.  
 When we are strong, Lord, leave us not a-lone. Our ref-uge be.

With each new day, when morn-ing lifts the veil,  
 With thee to bless, the dark-ness shines as light,  
 Be thou for us in life our dai-ly bread,

we own thy mer-cies, Lord, which nev-er fail.  
 and faith's fair vi-sion chang-es in-to sight.  
 our heart's true home when all our years have sped.

This text was created for the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, by its pastor. He wrote these words especially for this tune, originally composed for John Henry Newman's text "Lead, Kindly Light."

# 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 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  
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