

DOUBTING AS FAITH

April 12, 2026

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

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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: APRIL 12–APRIL 18

- Sunday:** John 20:19-31; *Thomas*
- Monday:** Acts 6:1-7; *Seven Chosen to Serve*
- Tuesday:** Acts 6:8-15; *The Arrest of Stephen*
- Wednesday:** Acts 7:1-22; *Stephen's Speech to the Council*
- Thursday:** Acts 7:23-43; *Stephen's Speech to the Council*
- Friday:** Acts 7:44-53; *Stephen's Speech to the Council*
- Saturday:** Acts 7:54-8:1; *The Stoning of Stephen*

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.



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.

Rev. Marcella Auld Glass Rev. Joann H. Lee

Rev. Victor H. Floyd Michael Conley

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
Terry Milby, Deacon Co-Moderator
Jared Waterman, Deacon Co-Moderator
Rev. Victor Floyd, Minister of Spiritual Care

REQUESTS

🎵 **PRELUDE** "Aria, Op. 51" (1943)

Flor Peeters (1903–1986)

🎵 **INTROIT** "O Sons and Daughters"

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
When Thomas first the tidings heard
that some had seen the risen Lord,
He doubted the disciples' word.*

○ FILII ET FILIAE, 15th cent. French melody
*"My pierced side, O Thomas, see,
and look upon my hands, my feet;
not faithless but believing be."
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

👂 **WELCOME**

🔊 **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Faith never comes easy. Thomas, a faithful disciple of Jesus, doubted the post-Resurrection appearance and needed to see Jesus for himself.

How we are like Thomas! We sometimes think we need to see in order to believe!

How blessed are the ones who, never having seen, yet have come to believe.

Open our hearts, Lord, this day to have faith in you, that, although we have not seen the risen Christ, we may believe.

Let us worship God with our doubts and with our faith.

Our doubts are welcome here in this house of worship!

🎵 ***HYMN 257** "The Risen Christ"

WOODLANDS

👂 ***CALL TO CONFESSION**

🕯 ***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

We confess that we far too often want proof for everything, O Lord. We want proof that someone loves us; we want proof that we can trust in others; we want proof that everything in life is going to turn out all right. It is easy for us to point our finger at Thomas who was honest about his fears. But Jesus said to him, just as he says to us, "Peace, be still. Do not doubt but believe!" Lord, forgive our unbelief! Forgive the many times when we think and act in ways which are hurtful and mean. Heal our wounds. Bind up our spirits in the cords of your compassion. Help us to fully place our trust in you, with our whole hearts, and minds, and spirits, and souls. For we ask this in your name, Amen.

👂 ***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

🎵 ***GLORIA: HYMN 246** "Christ Is Alive!" (verse 5)

TRURO

**Christ is alive, and comes to bring
good news to this and every age,
fill earth and sky and ocean ring
with joy, with justice, love, and praise. Amen.**

🕊 ***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**

Holy God, you bring us light in times of darkness; you bring us truth in times of doubt. Your way is beyond our capacity, and yet you call us and provide for us and guide us. May these words from scripture today illumine our lives and our very selves, so that we might live more faithfully.

📖 **SCRIPTURE** John 20:19–31 (page 883)

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 aged infant to 5th 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 "I Believe"

Mark A. Miller

*I believe in the sun,
Even when it's not shining.
I believe in love,
Even when I don't feel it.
I believe in God,
Even when God is silent.
—author unknown**

*This text was found inscribed on a cellar wall in Cologne, Germany, where Jews hid during the Holocaust.

 SERMON "Doubting as Faith"

 RECEPTION OF CONFIRMANDS

Owen William Barry
Franklin Bewley
Warren Andres Co
Gretchen E. Gauck
Harris Matthew Griffith
Flynn Helen Hughes
William Langdon Thompson

 SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Warren Co, child of Desi & Laura Co

 MINUTE FOR MISSION Growth & Community Engagement

 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 "I Believe in God Almighty"

Benjamin Brody

*I believe in God Almighty, Author of all things that be,
Maker of the earth and heavens, Keeper of the sky and sea.
I believe in God's Son, Jesus, now for us both Lord and Christ,
Of the Spirit and of Mary born to bring abundant life.*

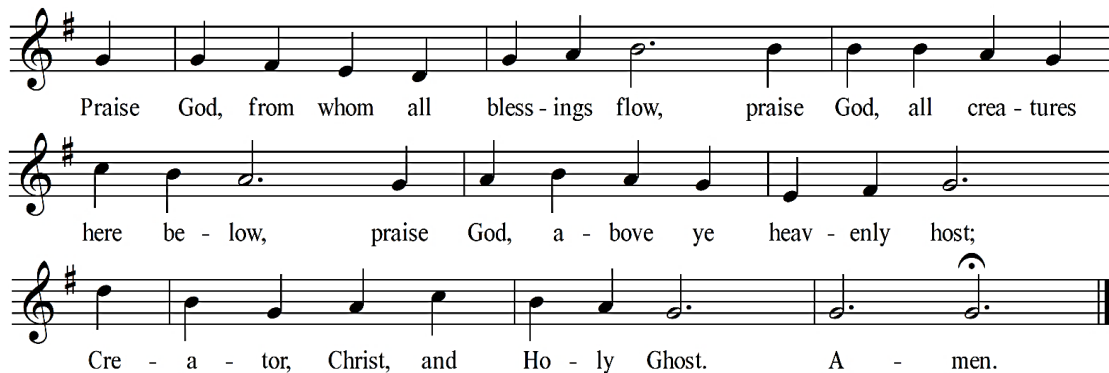
*I believe that Jesus suffered, scourged and scorned and crucified;
taken from the cross, was buried--true life there had truly died.
I believe that on the third day Christ was raised up from the grave,
then ascended to God's right hand. He will come to judge and save.*

*I believe in God's own Spirit, bonding all the saints within
one Church, catholic and holy, where forgiveness frees from sin;
in the body's resurrection, for the breaking of death's chain
gives life that's everlasting. This the faith that I have claimed.*

*Glory be to God Almighty. Glory be to Christ the Son.
Glory to the Holy Spirit. Ever three and ever one. I believe!
—Sylvia Dunstan*

 *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

In your mercy, **hear our 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 817** "We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight"

DUNLAP'S CREEK



***BENEDICTION**



***CHORAL BLESSING** "Alleluia"

Jacques Berthier



POSTLUDE "Toccata on *O filii et filiae* (O Sons and Daughters)" (1932)

Lynnwood Farnam (1885–1930)

Leading Worship This Morning

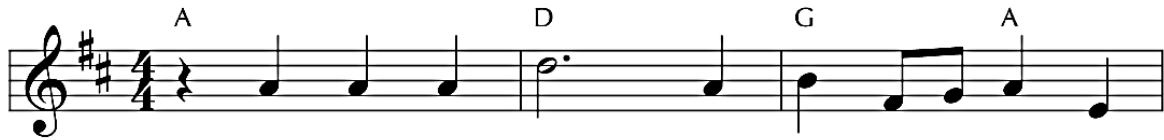
William Thompson	<i>Liturgist</i>
Franklin Bewley	<i>Liturgist</i>
Harris Griffith	<i>Liturgist</i>
Gretchen Gauck	<i>Liturgist</i>
Warren Co	<i>Liturgist</i>
Brian Bone	<i>Minute for Ministry</i>
Rev. Joann H. Lee	<i>Preaching</i>
Rev. Victor H. Floyd	<i>Assisting</i>
Jeff Smith	<i>Children's Meditation</i>
Michael Conley	<i>Conductor</i>
John Walko	<i>Organist/Pianist</i>
Natalie Ter Agapova	<i>Soloist</i>
Gabrielle Goozée-Nichols	<i>Soloist</i>
Nancy Hall	<i>Soloist</i>
Jason Harvey	<i>Soloist</i>
Joachim Luis	<i>Soloist</i>
Jefferson Packer	<i>Soloist</i>
Ben Pattison	<i>Soloist</i>
Michael Villarreal	<i>Soloist</i>
Calvary Chancel Choir	

Next Week in Worship: April 19 at 10am

Rev. Marcella Auld Glass: Second Acts

Acts 9:1–19a Paul's conversion is one of the most dramatic stories in scripture. But if you had told 20-year-old Paul that 2000 years later we would know him as the most prolific writer about Jesus, he would not have believed it. What a second act! Do we give people space to live their second acts? Or do we decide that what we already know of them is all we need to know?

Rev. Marci is away, returning April 14.



1 The ris - en Christ, who walks on wound - ed
 2 The ris - en Christ, who stands with wound - ed
 3 The ris - en Christ, who breaks with wound - ed
 4 May we, Christ's bod - y, walk and serve and



feet from gar - den tomb through dark - ened cit - y
 side, breathes out his Spir - it on them to a -
 hand the bread for those who fail to un - der -
 stand with the op - pressed in this and ev - ery



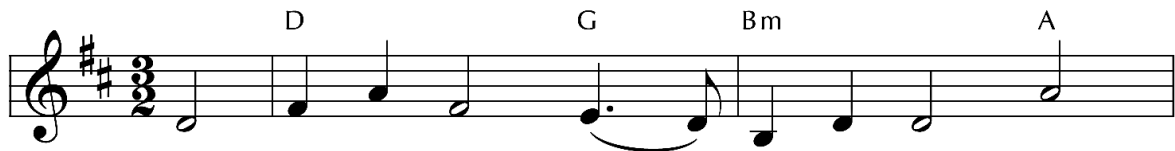
street, un - locks the door of grief, de - spair, and fear, and
 bide whose faith still wa - vers, who dare not be - lieve; new
 stand, re - veals him - self, de - spite their lin - gering tears, en -
 land, till all are blessed and can a bless - ing be, re -



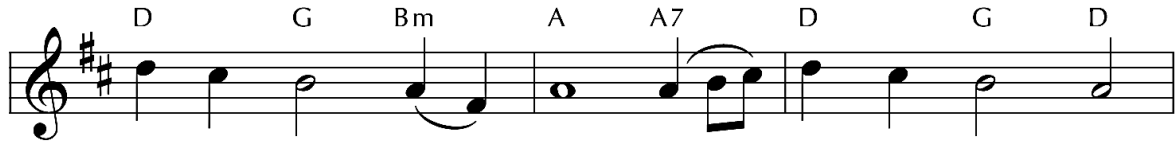
speaks a word of peace to all who hear.
 grace, new strength, new pur - pose they re - ceive.
 flames their hearts, then quick - ly dis - ap - pears.
 stored in Christ to true hu - man - i - ty.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This perceptive hymn centers on Christ's post-Resurrection appearances described in John 20:19-29 and Luke 24:13-48. The first three stanzas are shaped by the wounded body parts: feet, side, hand; the fourth prays for such woundedness in the witness of Christ's body, the Church.



1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with
 2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor
 3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
 4 And when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as
 fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise
 may our faith a - bound to call on you when
 realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you



none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
 we re - joice and cry, "My Lord and God!"
 you are near and seek where you are found.
 as you are, with full and end - less sight.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

The opening line here is essentially a quotation of 2 Corinthians 5:7, but that affirmation is fleshed out by references to the appearance of the risen Christ to Thomas (John 20:19-29). The shape note tune, named for a stream in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, adds resolution to the words.



GET INVOLVED AT CALVARY!

Over the last month, members of the various church committees have shared 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 have been speaking in worship and available to visit with you 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 you learn more about volunteer opportunities and ways to get involved, four of the five Strategic Committees have been spotlighted during worship and Coffee Hour.

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.

March 22: Worship & Music

Crafting transformative worship that leads people to experience awe and wonder.

March 29: Mission & Care

Responding to Christ's words in Matthew 25, we answer the call to help our neighbors—feeding, healing, visiting, and advocating for equality. Everything we do is rooted in prayer, mercy, justice, and lovingkindness.

TODAY: Growth & Community Engagement

To invite and inspire all who are living, or exploring, a life of faith to belong, give, and grow with Calvary—building community rooted in connection, kindness, generosity, and hope.

CALVARY MUSIC & ART PRESENTS

VIVE LA FRANCE!



French masterworks for chorus, organ, and orchestra

REQUIEM - GABRIEL FAURÉ

ORGAN CONCERTO - FRANCIS POULENC

PSAUME 24 - LILI BOULANGER

DEXTERA DOMINI - CÉSAR FRANCK

**THE FILLMORE CHOIR
& ORCHESTRA**

JOHN R. S. WALKO, ORGAN

MICHAEL CONLEY, CONDUCTOR



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Contribute to the Special Offering: One Great Hour of Sharing March 29-April 12

Serve the most vulnerable around the world, offering aid to people lacking access to life's basic necessities.

Through One Great Hour of Sharing, Presbyterians join with millions of other Christians to draw the Church closer through ministries of compassion for the most vulnerable around the world. Typically received during the season of Lent, our gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing support ministries of disaster response, sustainable food resources to the hungry, refugee assistance and resettlement, and climate change. Special offering envelopes are available in the pew racks beginning today.

Ways to contribute:

- Donate online directly to the Presbyterian Church USA at pcusa.org/donate/og999999-one-great-hour-sharing
- Donate online to Calvary at calpres.org/donate and the funds will be sent to PCUSA (select: *One Great Hour of Sharing* in the Fund dropdown menu)
- Place a check in the offering plate, payable to Calvary, note: OGHS on the memo line

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
- ✦ Complete the pledge card mailed to you or use one located in the pew rack

Questions about pledging?
Contact a pastor or Robin Morjikian.



The congregation has pledged over \$1,342,884 for **Giving Light to the World**, our 2026 pledge campaign. We are over 93% towards our goal! Thank you!

Your pledge supports Calvary worship services, music ministries, outreach to those in need, fellowship and education for all ages, and so much more.

To help our church meet its \$1.45 million pledge goal, please make your pledge today!



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
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Robin Morjikian, Director of Development & Volunteer Ministries
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