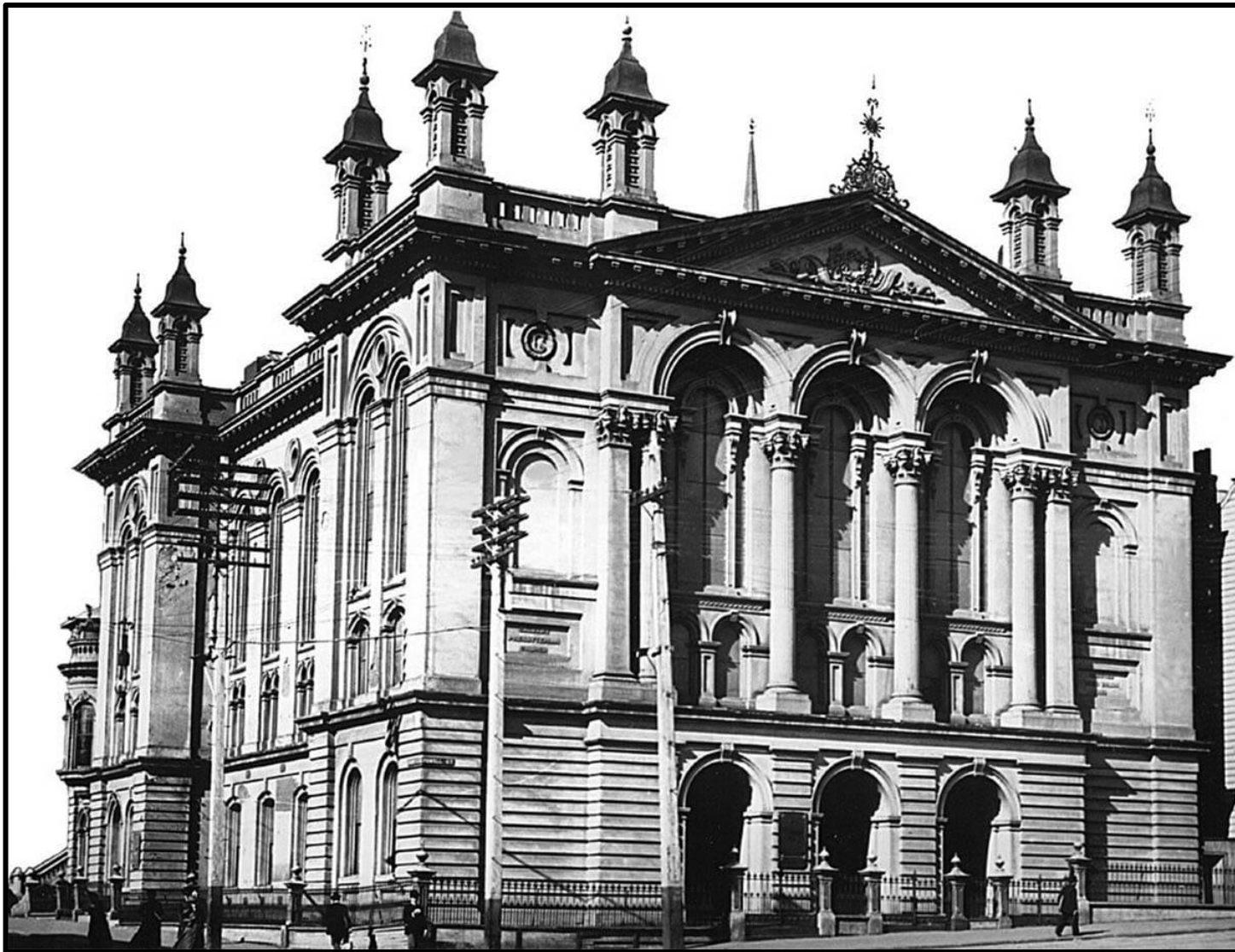




Calvary Presbyterian Church at Bush Street, 1869

REMEMBERING THE FUTURE

October 18, 2026

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WELCOME

OUR VISION IS TO AMPLIFY A MESSAGE OF LOVE AND JUSTICE THROUGH A GROWING CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY FULLY ALIVE TO ITS CALLING — TRANSFORMING SAN FRANCISCO AND THE WORLD.

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

October 18–October 24

Sunday: Joshua 24:1-15 [16-26]; *Joshua Serves God*

Monday: 1 Samuel 16:1-13; *David Is Anointed by Samuel*

Tuesday: 1 Samuel 17:1-11; *David and Goliath, part 1*

Wednesday: 1 Samuel 17:12-30; *David and Goliath, part 2*

Thursday: 1 Samuel 17:31-54; *David and Goliath, part 3*

Friday: 2 Samuel 11:1-13; *King David Abuses His Power*

Saturday: 2 Samuel 11:14-27; *David's Sins Spiral out of Control*

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. Please inquire at the Front Desk.



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PRAYER REQUESTS

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



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🎵 **PRELUDE** "Prélude Op.69, No. 7 - 'Il était une fois...' (Once Upon a Time...)" Joseph Jongen (1873-1953)
"God's Time Is Best", BWV 106 Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

🎵 **INTROIT** "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" ST. ANNE, arr. Michael Conley

<i>O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come, Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home.</i>	<i>Before the hills in order stood Or Earth received its frame, From everlasting thou art God, To endless years the same.</i>
<i>Under the shadow of thy throne Thy saints have dwelt secure; Sufficient is thine arm alone, And our defense is sure.</i>	<i>O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come, Be thou our guard while troubles last And our eternal home.</i>

—Isaac Watts, 1719

👂 **WELCOME**

🔊 **CALL TO WORSHIP**

We are pulled in many directions.

Many duties and tasks seek to lay claim on our lives.

This day, in this place, let service to God be your choice.

This day, in this place, we open our hearts and spirits to God.

Blessed be the God of creation who has called us here.

Praise be to God who sustains and nurtures our lives. Amen.

🎵 ***HYMN 401** "Here in This Place"

GATHER US IN

👂 ***CALL TO CONFESSION**

🕯 ***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Gracious God, You have chosen us for a purpose: that we might bear lasting fruit to heal your hurting world. You call us to walk humbly before you and to share in the struggle with the least of these, yet often we do not live up to this call. When our eyes become so fixed on priorities of our own making, that we fail to look for Jesus in the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked, the sick and the imprisoned, forgive us. When we praise you with our lips yet fail to reach out to others with acts of loving and caring, justice and mercy, forgive us, gracious God, and bring us back into the fullness of our covenant with you and one another. Amen.

👂 ***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

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

GOLDEN GATE, Michael Conley





*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

Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept your Word. Silence in us any voices but your own, so that we may hear your Word and also do it; through Christ our Lord. Amen.



SCRIPTURE Joshua 24:1-15 (page 187)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Claire Elizabeth, child of Jessica & Alex G.

HYMN 486 "Child of Blessing, Child of Promise"

KINGDOM

Following the Baptism, 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 remain in worship with their families.



ANTHEM "God Wouldn't Bring You This Far to Leave You"

Tom Trenney

God wouldn't bring you this far to leave you.

God wouldn't bring you this far to let you go.

*No height nor depth nor anything else can separate us
from the love that God will show.*

*My God delivered Daniel from the lion's den
and Jonah from the belly of a whale!*

God led the Hebrew people to their freedom in the end.

God's love for us will never ever fail!

Young David slayed Goliath.

Miriam walked across the sea.

The walls of Jericho came tumblin' down.

Queen Esther saved her people.

Paul and Silas were set free.

Take up your cross! One day you'll wear a crown!

God will not leave you. The Lord will not leave you wherever you Go!



SERMON "Remembering the Future"



*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH excerpted from the Belhar Confession

We believe

that God has revealed God's self as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people;

that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor and the wronged;

that God calls the church to follow him in this, for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry;

that God frees the prisoner and restores sight to the blind;

that God supports the downtrodden, protects the stranger, helps orphans and widows and blocks the path of the ungodly;

that for God pure and undefiled religion is to visit the orphans and the widows in their suffering;

that God wishes to teach the church to do what is good and to seek the right;

that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need, which implies, among other things, that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream;

that the church as the possession of God must stand where the Lord stands, namely against injustice and with the wronged; that in following Christ the church must witness against all the powerful and privileged who selfishly seek their own interests and thus control and harm others. Therefore, we reject any ideology which would legitimate forms of injustice and any doctrine which is unwilling to resist such an ideology in the name of the gospel.

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 Annual Giving

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.

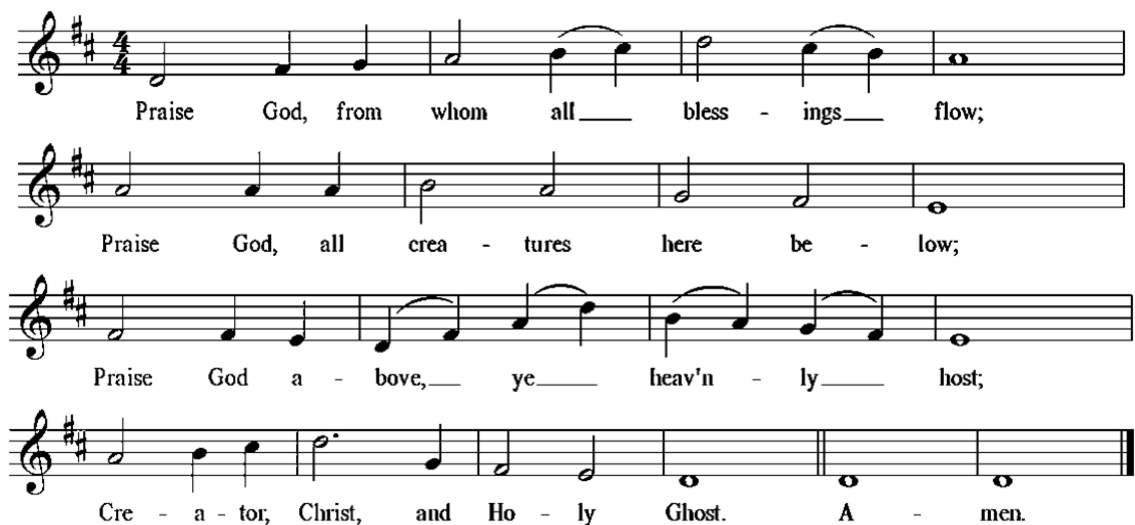
OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Hope for All Tomorrows"

Mark Hayes

*If you seek me with all your heart, you will find me.
When you call on me and come to me in prayer, I will hear you. You will prosper.
For I know the plans I have for you,
plans for your good and not for harm,
to give you a future with hope for all your tomorrows.
—Herb Frombach (from Jeremiah 29:11-13)*

*DOXOLOGY

DUKE STREET



Praise God, from whom all _____ bless - ings _____ flow;
Praise God, all crea - tures here be - low;
Praise God a - bove, _____ ye _____ heav'n - ly _____ 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 309 "Come, Great God of All the Ages" (verses 1, 2, & 4)

ABBOT'S LEIGH

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BLESSING "Amen"

Fernando Allen

POSTLUDE "Psalm 19 - The Heavens Declare the Glory of God"

Benedetto Marcello (1686-1739)

Leading Worship This Morning

Jen Chamberlain	<i>Liturgist</i>
Susan Hempstead	<i>Minute for Ministry</i>
Rev. Dr. Joanne Whitt	<i>Preaching</i>
Rev. Joann H. Lee	<i>Assisting</i>
Rev. Victor H. Floyd	<i>Assisting</i>
Michael Conley	<i>Conductor</i>
John Walko	<i>Organist/Pianist</i>
Natalie Ter Agapova	<i>Soloist</i>
Victoria Belova	<i>Soloist</i>
Gabrielle Goozée-Nichols	<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	

Pastor Marcella is away from Calvary on sabbatical, returning November 2.

Next Week in Worship October 25 at 10am

Rev. Dr. Joanne Whitt: *David's Folly*

2 Samuel 11:1-5, 26-27; 12:1-9 The prophet Samuel warned the people Israel: Kings are takers. The king will take your sons, your daughters, your fields, your produce, your servants, your herds, your flocks. Power doesn't always corrupt; corruption is a byproduct when a person in power is arrogant instead of grateful. King David forgot to be grateful. He forgot who he was, whose he was, and how he got there. But as it turns out, God can accomplish God's purposes even through a flawed character like David.

Welcoming The Rev. Dr. Joanne Whitt

The Rev. Dr. Joanne Whitt is Dean of San Francisco Theological Seminary, the Presbyterian Church (USA) seminary in San Anselmo, California, where she teaches preaching. She served as the pastor/head of staff of First Presbyterian Church of San Anselmo for nearly 15 years, and prior to that, she served as an associate pastor here at Calvary. Before attending seminary, she was a trial lawyer for 15 years. Joanne lives in Richmond, California, is married and has three adult children.



The flowers this morning are donated by Paul and Linda Vermeulen in memory of our father Isaac Vermeulen.

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
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