We Enter into Worship...

Anon., ca. 1757

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Chris Holmberg Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Introit Jim Armbrust

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

Call to Worship



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Felice de Giardini, 1769

We Meet with God through Prayer, Scripture & Song...

Corporate Prayer of Confession

O, Heavenly Father, you tell us in your word that our responsibility as creatures is simple: We are to love you with all that we are and love our neighbor as ourselves. In this, we have failed miserably. Do not rebuke us in your anger, we pray, nor discipline us in your wrath. For your arrows have sunk into us, and your hand has come down on us. There is no soundness in our flesh because of your indignation; there is no health in our bones because of our sin. For our iniquities have gone over our heads; they weigh like burdens too heavy for us. Forgive our sins, pardon our iniquities, and restore our communion with you, we ask through our Blessed Lord Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, and is now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, who by your grace tasted death for everyone. Amen.

(Based upon Matthew 22, Psalm 38 and Hebrews 3)

Silent Confession of Sins

Assurance of Forgiveness

Psalm 116:5

The Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Elder Randy Heidtman

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. 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.

Unison Scripture Reading

2 Chronicles 6:36-42

³⁶ "If they sin against you—for there is no one who does not sin—and you are angry with them and give them to an enemy, so that they are carried away captive to a land far or near, ³⁷ yet if they turn their heart in the land to which they have been carried captive, and repent and plead with you in the land of their captivity, saying, 'We have sinned and have acted perversely and wickedly,' ³⁸ if they repent with all their heart and with all their soul in the land of their captivity to which they were carried captive, and pray toward their land, which you gave to their fathers, the city that you have chosen and the house that I have built for your name, ³⁹ then hear from heaven your dwelling place their prayer and their pleas, and maintain their cause and forgive your people who have sinned against you. ⁴⁰ Now, O my God, let your eyes be open and your ears attentive to the prayer of this place.

⁴¹ "And now arise, O Lord God, and go to your resting place, you and the ark of your might.

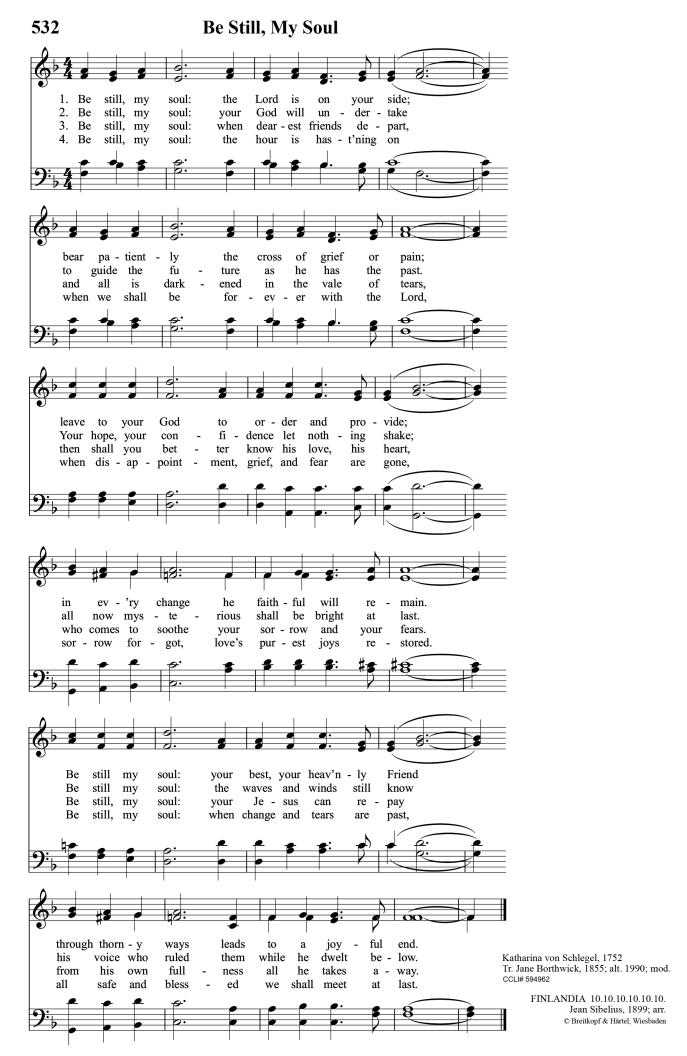
Let your priests, O Lord God, be clothed with salvation, and let your saints rejoice in your goodness.

⁴² O Lord God, do not turn away the face of your anointed one! Remember your steadfast love for David your servant."

Musical Offering

Jim and Jonathan Armbrust Firm Foundation (He Won't)

Pastoral Prayer



Rev. Pete Scribner

1. A Heart for God (1-7)

Sermon Notes

A Song of Ascents.

¹Remember, O Lord, in David's favor, all the hardships he endured,

Psalm 132

- ² how he swore to the Lord and vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob,
- ³ "I will not enter my house or get into my bed,
- ⁴ I will not give sleep to my eyes or slumber to my eyelids,
- ⁵ until I find a place for the Lord, a dwelling place for the Mighty One of Jacob."
- ⁶ Behold, we heard of it in Ephrathah; we found it in the fields of Jaar.
- ⁷ "Let us go to his dwelling place; let us worship at his footstool!"
- ⁸ Arise, O Lord, and go to your resting place, you and the ark of your might.
- ⁹Let your priests be clothed with righteousness, and let your saints shout for joy.
- ¹⁰For the sake of your servant David, do not turn away the face of your anointed one.
- ¹¹ The Lord swore to David a sure oath from which he will not turn back: "One of the sons of your body I will set on your throne.
- ¹² If your sons keep my covenant and my testimonies that I shall teach them, their sons also forever shall sit on your throne."
- ¹³ For the Lord has chosen Zion; he has desired it for his dwelling place:
- ¹⁴ "This is my resting place forever; here I will dwell, for I have desired it.
- ¹⁵I will abundantly bless her provisions; I will satisfy her poor with bread.
- ¹⁶ Her priests I will clothe with salvation, and her saints will shout for joy.
- ¹⁷ There I will make a horn to sprout for David; I have prepared a lamp for my anointed.
- ¹⁸ His enemies I will clothe with shame, but on him his crown will shine."

2. A Prayer to God (8-10)

3. A Confidence in God (11-18)

We Respond to the Word of God Preached...

Statement of Faith Apostles' Creed I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.







We Depart into the World...

Benediction

Parting Hymn

God be with you till we meet again; By his counsels guide, uphold you, with his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again. Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet; Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet again.

Postlude

Following our service of corporate worship, please join us in the Fellowship Hall for coffee, donuts & fellowship, then for Sunday School in our education wing.

WELCOME to this morning's service of corporate worship!

<u>The Flowers</u> adorning our worship service this morning have been provided by Dorothy Heidtman in loving memory of Richard (Dick) Heidtman, for his loving service to God, Calvary, and the EPC.

<u>Condolences</u> are offered on behalf of the congregation to Lois Tebo and the the entire Tebo family at the death of Lois's mom. Please be sure to keep the Tebos in your prayers, even as we mourn with them.

<u>Tuesdays at Two</u>: Join us Tuesday afternoon as we begin a new study on the work of Christ, incorporating a video series by R.C. Sproul followed by a time of discussion. All are welcome to join us on Tuesdays at Two!

<u>Prayer Chain</u> - Please contact Rev. Scribner (618-795-4319) if you have a prayer request or would like to serve the congregation at Calvary by being a part of our prayer chain.

Our Musical Offering this morning is provided by friends of Calvary, Jim Armbrust and his son Jonathan Armbrust.

Jim formerly served as the Director of Music for Genesee Schools where he was responsible for the vocal and instrumental curriculum for the entire district. Jim retired from Genesee Schools but missed teaching so much that he is now teaching elementary music and beginning band, as well as Junior and Senior High Band at Dryden Schools. He also runs an annual workshop for our choir and every so often blesses us with his musical talents in our service of corporate worship.

Jonathan will be a sophomore at Genesee Christian this fall. He runs cross country and plays on the golf team. Jonathan's biggest passion is drama. He has performed in four different shows in the last six months, so the stage is his second home! He is honored to sing at Calvary and with his dad!

Offerings are received each week in the wooden donation box in the Narthex. We have placed it there as a convenience for our members and friends. If you are visiting us this Sunday, please feel no pressure to make any donation. We are glad to have you simply be our guest today, and invite you to join us for a donut and coffee in the Fellowship Hall after worship!

This Week at Calvary

Today	9:40	Prayer in Office Conference Room (All Welcome)
	10:00	Worship Service followed by coffee, donuts & fellowship
	11:30	Sunday School
Monday		Office Closed
Tuesday	2:00	Tuesdays at Two
Next Sunday 9:40		Prayer in Office Conference Room (All Welcome)
10:00		Worship Service followed by coffee, donuts & fellowship
11:30		Sunday School

Church Staff

Pastor	Pete Scribner
Director of Music	Susan Lechota
Music Minister	Chris Holmberg
Custodian	Vicky Haughey

Featured Element of Worship: All Glory Be to Christ

Auld Lang Syne is a Scots-language poem written by Robert Burns in 1788. Paired with its familiar tune, it is traditionally sung at the stroke of midnight on New Year's Eve, bidding farewell to the year that has past. In 2011, Dustin Kensrue borrowed the tune and penned new lyrics that acknowledge God's faithfulness in the past, and point us to the day when all his promises will be fulfilled. This resulting work was the song, All Glory Be to Christ.

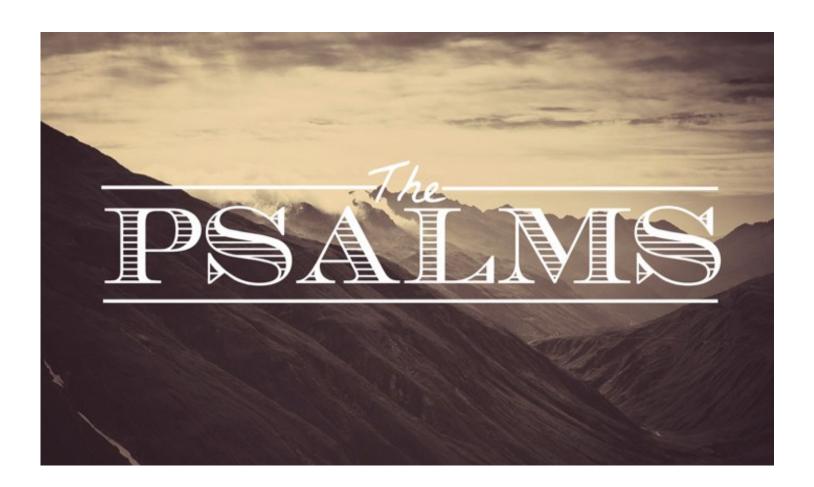
Alluding to Psalm 127:1 and Proverbs 27:1, this song reminds us that all our best efforts and plans are hopeless apart from the Lord. We can have every confidence though that HE is faithful and true, and that HE will ultimately accomplish HIS purposes. Echoing the Lord's Prayer, therefore, we proclaim that our contentment is found in Christ alone: in his provision, in the doing of his will, and ultimately in the coming of his Kingdom. So this morning, as we prepare to embark upon a new year (and look forward to the day when Christ makes all things new!) we sing this song, committing our lives to the glory of Christ alone.

Meditation for the Week

Christ instructs his followers to remember that, in this world, they may be said to be in the midst of a forest, surrounded by innumerable robbers, and are not only unarmed and exposed as a prey, but are aware that the cause of death is contained in themselves, so that, relying on the guardianship of God alone, they may walk without alarm. In short, our salvation is certain, because it is in the hand of God; for our faith is weak, and we are too prone to waver. But God, who has taken us under his protection, is sufficiently powerful to scatter, with his breath alone, all the forces of our adversaries. It is of great importance for us to turn our eye to this, that the fear of temptations may not dismay us; for Christ even intended to point out the way in which sheep are made to live at ease in the midst of wolves.

John Calvin Commentary on John 10:28

This week, as you prepare your heart for our next gathering for corporate worship, consider our Meditation for the Week (printed above), and be sure to familiarize yourself with Psalm 20 (which will be our sermon text).



Calvary Presbyterian Church

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Our Mission - We exist to know, worship, serve, and enjoy the one true God.

Our Vision - We seek to love God completely, love others selflessly, and everywhere proclaim Christ: crucified, risen, and reigning forever.

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