

We Enter into Worship...

PreludeChris Holmberg

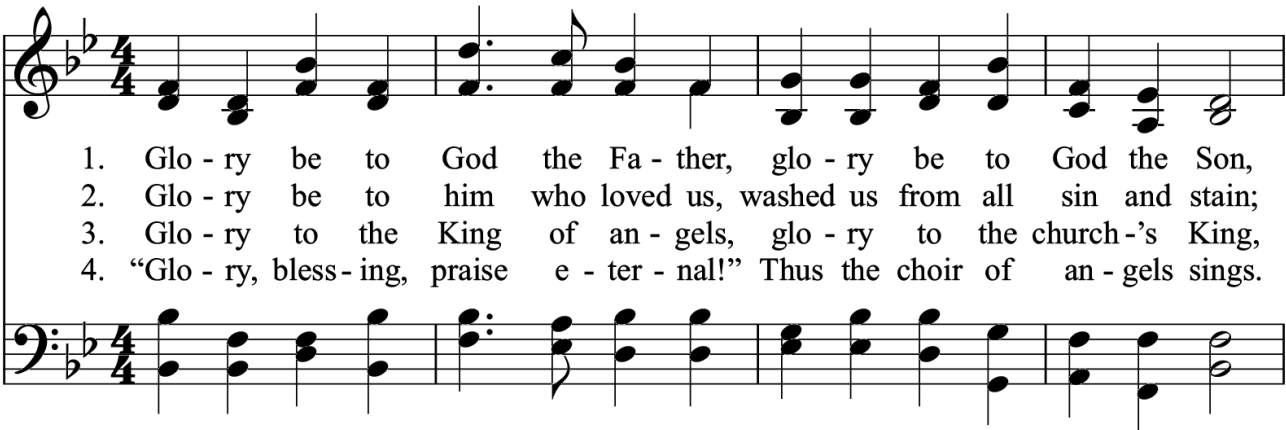
Welcome and Announcements

IntroitChoir

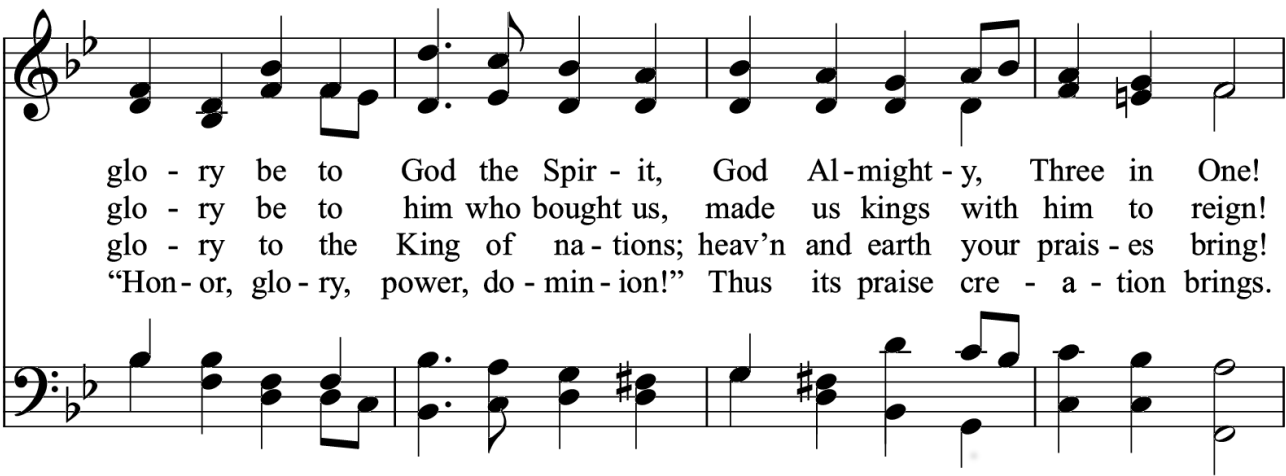
Festive Praise

Call to WorshipEphesians 3:20-21

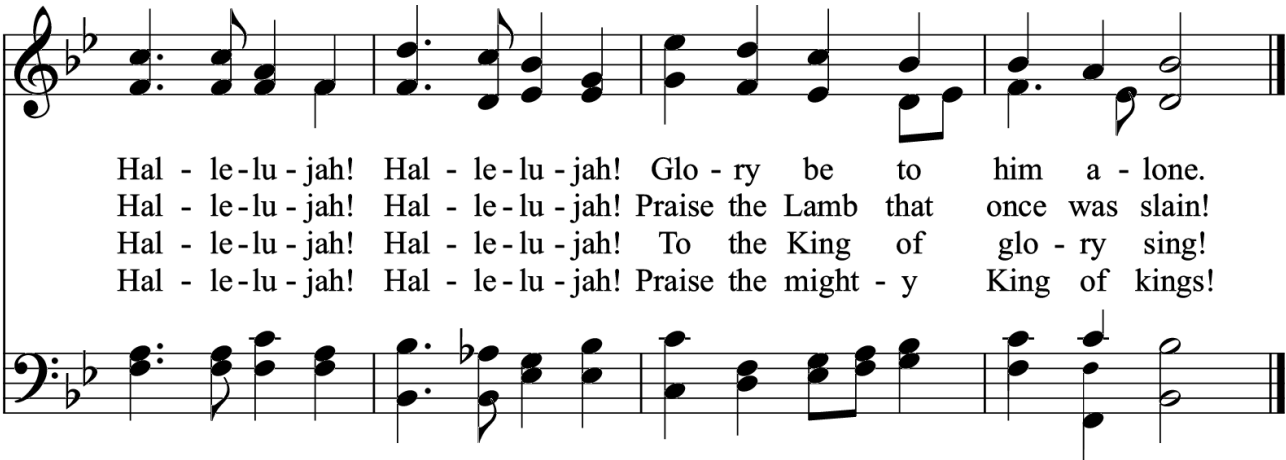
Glory Be to God the Father213



1. Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther, glo - ry be to God the Son,
2. Glo - ry be to him who loved us, washed us from all sin and stain;
3. Glo - ry to the King of an - gels, glo - ry to the church -'s King,
4. "Glo - ry, bless - ing, praise e - ter - nal!" Thus the choir of an - gels sings.



glo - ry be to God the Spir - it, God Al - might - y, Three in One!
glo - ry be to him who bought us, made us kings with him to reign!
glo - ry to the King of na - tions; heav'n and earth your prais - es bring!
"Hon - or, glo - ry, power, do - min - ion!" Thus its praise cre - a - tion brings.



Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Glo - ry be to him a - lone.
Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Praise the Lamb that once was slain!
Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! To the King of glo - ry sing!
Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Praise the might - y King of kings!

Horatius Bonar, 1808–1889; alt.
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Henry Smart, 1867

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

Corporate Prayer of Confession

O Eternal God and King of all creation, who has granted us to arrive at this hour, forgive us the sins that we have committed in thought, word, and deed; and cleanse, O Lord, our humble souls from all defilement of flesh and spirit. Grant us, O Lord, to pass the moments of this day and the sleep of this coming night in peace, that when we rise from our beds we may please your most holy name all the days of our lives and conquer our flesh and the fleshless foes that war with us. And deliver us, O Lord, from vain and frivolous thoughts, and from evil desires that defile us. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

(based on a 4th century Christian prayer)

Silent Confession of Sins

Assurance of ForgivenessIsaiah 1:18

The Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

Prayer of DedicationElder Chris Holmberg

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.

- ¹ Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.
- ² And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:
- ³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- ⁴ “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
- ⁵ “Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
- ⁶ “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.
- ⁷ “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.
- ⁸ “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
- ⁹ “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.
- ¹⁰ “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- ¹¹ “Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.
- ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Anthem

Choir

How Can I Keep from Singing?

Pastoral Prayer

41 **Blest Is the One Who Helps the Weak**

1. ¹Blest is the one who helps the weak and poor; God will de -
2. You will not hand him o - ver to his foes, nor give him
3. ⁴I said, “O LORD, be gra - cious un - to me; heal me, be -
4. ⁶He comes to me with e - vil in his heart; when he goes
5. ⁸They say, “A dead - ly thing on him is poured; he will not

liv - er him in times of strife. ²Sure - ly the LORD will
o - ver to their e - vil will. ³When on his sick - bed,
• cause a - gainst you I have sinned.” ⁵En - e - mies speak with
out, he spreads his emp - ty lies. ⁷All of my foes who
rise a - gain and leave his bed.” ⁹E - ven my close friend

• mal - ice when they say, “When will he die, his name be brought to end?”
hate me whis - per low, plot - ting the worst that e - vil minds de - vise.
turned his back on me— he, whom I trust - ed and who shared my bread.

6. ¹⁰But you, O LORD, be gracious unto me.
Raise me again, their malice to requite.
7. ¹²You hold me fast in my integrity;
you set me in your presence evermore.
- ¹¹O’er me my foes will not in triumph shout—
by this I know that in me you delight.
- ¹³Bless Isr’el’s God, the LORD, from age to age!
Amen. Amen. Forever praise the LORD!

Sermon

Rev. Pete Scribner

Psalm 41

To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David.

- ¹ Blessed is the one who considers the poor!
In the day of trouble the Lord delivers him;
² the Lord protects him and keeps him alive;
he is called blessed in the land;
you do not give him up to the will of his enemies.
³ The Lord sustains him on his sickbed;
in his illness you restore him to full health.
⁴ As for me, I said, "O Lord, be gracious to me;
heal me, for I have sinned against you!"
⁵ My enemies say of me in malice,
"When will he die, and his name perish?"
⁶ And when one comes to see me, he utters empty words,
while his heart gathers iniquity;
when he goes out, he tells it abroad.
⁷ All who hate me whisper together about me;
they imagine the worst for me.
⁸ They say, "A deadly thing is poured out on him;
he will not rise again from where he lies."
⁹ Even my close friend in whom I trusted,
who ate my bread, has lifted his heel against me.
¹⁰ But you, O Lord, be gracious to me,
and raise me up, that I may repay them!
¹¹ By this I know that you delight in me:
my enemy will not shout in triumph over me.
¹² But you have upheld me because of my integrity,
and set me in your presence forever.
¹³ Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
from everlasting to everlasting!
Amen and Amen.

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.

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling 465

1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n to earth come down:
2. Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry trou - bled breast;
3. Come, Al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy life re - ceive;
4. Fin - ish, then, thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less let us be:

fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy faith - ful mer - cies crown:
let us all in thee in - her - it, let us find the prom - ised rest:
sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er - more thy tem - ples leave.
let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect - ly re - stored in thee;

(continued on next page)

Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion, pure, un - bound - ed love thou art;
take a - way the love of sin - ning; Al - pha and O - me - ga be;
Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, serve thee as thy hosts a - bove,
changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, 'til in heav'n we take our place,

vis - it us with thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
End of faith, as its Be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
pray and praise thee with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
'til we cast our crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

Charles Wesley, 1747
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John Zundel, 1870; alt.

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, God be with you till we meet again.

Postlude

Following our service of corporate worship, please join us for lunch at our church picnic at the pavilion between our ballfields.

WELCOME to this morning’s service of corporate worship!

The Flowers adorning our worship service this morning have been provided by Jim & Karen Hayden in celebration of their 44th anniversary!

Featured Element of Worship: The Apostles’ Creed

The Apostles’ Creed dates back to the early centuries of the church, when it often served as a statement of faith for those being baptized. In the words of Zacharius Ursinus, it “signifies a brief and summary form of the Christian faith, which distinguishes the church and her members from the various sects.” In other words, if you are to set out those things that differentiate Christianity from all other religions, including monotheistic ones (for example, Judaism and Islam), the Apostles’ Creed would provide an excellent summary of those doctrines unique to Christianity. The creed sets forth the doctrine of the Trinity. It sets forth the basic economy of redemption—the Father is the creator of all things, Jesus is the only Savior, and the Holy Spirit is the one who gives us faith and then unites us to Christ. The creed also affirms the basic historical facts of the gospel—our Lord’s virgin birth, His suffering, death, and bodily resurrection. Furthermore, the creed affirms Jesus’ descent into hell (which Reformed believers traditionally understand to refer to Jesus’ suffering the wrath of God upon the cross), His bodily resurrection, and His ascent into heaven where Jesus now rules over all until He returns at the end of the age to judge the world and raise the dead.

Next, the creed affirms the person and work of the Holy Spirit, the existence of a “holy” (those whose only hope of heaven is in the redemptive work of Jesus Christ) and “catholic” church, a reference to the universal church (the body of Christ) that will exist from the time it was founded until Jesus returns. The creed affirms the communion of saints (the fellowship of justified sinners with the risen Christ), the forgiveness of sins (Christ’s work in fulfilling all righteousness and dying for the sins of His people), the resurrection of the body at the end of the age (as Jesus was raised bodily on the third day, so will we when He returns) and life everlasting (new heavens and earth).

(Based on a post by Rev. Kim Riddlebarger)

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 at our church picnic after worship!

Meditation for the Week

It is apparent that Christ and believers cannot be anything but delighted in their mutual fellowship and communion. (In it are)...

Safety - “His banner over me was love,” (Song 2:4). The banner is an emblem of safety and protection. It is a sign of the presence of a host. Soldiers in an army encamp under their banner in security. So did the children of Israel in the wilderness. Every tribe kept their camps under their own standard. It is also a token of success and victory, (Ps. 20:5). Christ has a banner for his saints, and that banner is love. All their protection comes from his love, and they want all the protection his love can give them. This safeguards them from hell, death, and all their enemies. Whatever presses on them must pass through the banner of the love of the Lord Jesus. They have, then, great spiritual safety. This is another adornment of their communion with him.

Comfort – Support and consolation: (Song 2:6), “His left hand is under my head, and his right hand embraces me.” Here, Christ has the posture of a most tender friend towards one in sickness and sadness. The soul faints with love. There are spiritual longings for the enjoyment of his presence. And Christ comes in with his embraces. He nourishes and cherishes his church, (Eph. 5:29; Isa. 63:9). The “hand under the head,” is support, sustaining grace, in pressure and difficulties. The “hand that embraces,” or the hand upon the heart, is joy and consolation. In both, Christ is rejoicing, as the “bridegroom rejoices over the bride,” (Isa. 62:5). To lie in the arms of Christ’s love this way, under a perpetual influence of support and refreshment, is certainly to hold communion with him. And so, in verse 7, the spouse is most earnest to continue his fellowship, charging all to be still so that her Beloved will not be disturbed, or provoked to depart. In brief, this whole book is filled with the description of the communion that exists between the Lord Christ and his saints.

John Owen
Of Communion with God
Part 2, Chapter 1

This Week at Calvary

Today	9:40	Prayer in Office Conference Room (All Welcome)
	10:00	Worship Service followed by Church Picnic
		No Sunday School today
Tuesday	2:00	Tuesdays at Two
Thursday & Friday		Office Closed
Next Sunday	9:40	Prayer in Office Conference Room (All Welcome)
	10:00	Worship Service followed by coffee, donuts & fellowship
	11:30	Sunday School

As you prepare your heart for our next corporate worship gathering this week, consider our Meditation for the Week (printed inside the bulletin), and be sure to familiarize yourself with Psalm 91 (which will be our sermon text).

Church Staff

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Pete Scribner
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Chris Holmberg
Vicky Haughey

Church Picnic: Stay after church today and be a part of our annual church picnic! Join us in the pavilion as we enjoy time with one another gathered around the picnic tables, sharing in food, fun & fellowship!



Calvary Presbyterian Church

September 21, 2025



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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