

We Enter into Worship...

Prelude	Chris Holmberg
Welcome and Announcements	
Introit	Choir
	Come, Christians, Join to Sing
Call to Worship	Psalm 150

216 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

1. Praise to the Lord, the Al-might-y, the King of cre-  
2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous-ly  
3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros-per thy work and de-  
4. Praise to the Lord, who with mar-vel-ous wis-dom hath

a- tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy  
reign- eth, shel- ters thee un- der his wings, yea, so  
fend thee! Sure- ly his good- ness and mer- cy here  
made thee, decked thee with health, and with lov- ing hand

health and sal- va- tion! All ye who hear; now to his  
gent- ly sus- tain- eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de-  
dai- ly at- tend thee. Pon- der a- new what the Al-  
guid- ed and stayed thee. How oft in grief hath not he

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tem- ple draw near; join me in glad a- do- ra- tion.  
sires e'er have been grant- ed in what he or- dain- eth?  
might- y will do, if with his love he be- friend thee.  
brought thee re- lief, spread- ing his wings to o'er- shade thee!

5. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
Let the amen sound from his people again;  
gladly fore'er we adore him.

Based on Psalm 103  
Joachim Neander, 1680  
Tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1863; alt. 1990

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LOBE DEN HERREN 14.14.4.7.8.  
*Ernewerten Gesangbuch*, Stralsund, 1665  
Arr. in Johann Crüger, *Praxis Pietatis Melica*, 1668

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

Corporate Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God, we are unworthy to come into your presence, because of our many sins. We would not receive any grace or mercy from you if you dealt with us as we deserve. We have sinned against you and offended your holiness. Yet, O Lord, as we acknowledge our sins and offenses, so also do we acknowledge you to be a merciful God, a loving and favorable Father to all who turn to you. On account of this we humbly implore you, for the sake of Jesus Christ your Son, show mercy to us, and forgive us all our offenses. Forgive the sins of our youth, and the sins of our old age. By your Spirit, O God, take possession of our hearts, so that not only the actions of our lives, but also the words of our mouths, and the smallest thoughts of our minds, may be guided and governed by you. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.**

Adapted from John Knox’s Liturgy of 1560

Silent Confession of Sins

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 Andy Black

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

Luke 18:9-17

**<sup>9</sup>He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: <sup>10</sup>“Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. <sup>11</sup>The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. <sup>12</sup>I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’ <sup>13</sup>But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ <sup>14</sup>I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.” <sup>15</sup>Now they were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them. And when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. <sup>16</sup>But Jesus called them to him, saying, “Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. <sup>17</sup>Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.”**

Anthem

Choir

Everlasting Arms

Pastoral Prayer

PSALM 93

The LORD Reigns over All

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1. <sup>1</sup>The LORD reigns o - ver all; he's robed in maj - es - ty.  
2. The world es - tab - lished stands un - moved, it shall en - dure.  
3. <sup>3</sup>The floods have lift - ed up, LORD, lift - ed up their voice;  
4. <sup>4</sup>The LORD, en - throned on high, more pow - er - ful is he  
5. <sup>5</sup>Your stat - utes, LORD, stand firm; un - chang - ing is your word.

The LORD is robed and wears his belt of strength and dig - ni - ty.  
<sup>2</sup>From ev - er - last - ing you are God, your throne is ev - er sure.  
• the floods have lift - ed up their waves and made a might - y noise.  
than thun - der of the o - cean's waves or break - ers of the sea.  
And ho - li - ness a - dorns your house for - ev - er - more, O LORD.

Sermon

Rev. Pete Scribner

Luke 18:18-30

Things we think will save us:

1.Our “Goodness”

<sup>18</sup> And a ruler asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” <sup>19</sup> And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. <sup>20</sup> You know the commandments: ‘Do not commit adultery, Do not murder, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother.’ ” <sup>21</sup> And he said, “All these I have kept from my youth.” <sup>22</sup> When Jesus heard this, he said to him, “One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” <sup>23</sup> But when he heard these things, he became very sad, for he was extremely rich. <sup>24</sup> Jesus, seeing that he had become sad, said, “How difficult it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup> For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.” <sup>26</sup> Those who heard it said, “Then who can be saved?” <sup>27</sup> But he said, “What is impossible with man is possible with God.” <sup>28</sup> And Peter said, “See, we have left our homes and followed you.” <sup>29</sup> And he said to them, “Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or wife or brothers or parents or children, for the sake of the kingdom of God, <sup>30</sup> who will not receive many times more in this time, and in the age to come eternal life.”

2. Our “Wealth”

3.Our “Ability”

**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.**

## 133 All Glory Be to Christ

To you who boast to - mor - row's gain, tell me what is your life?  
 Let liv - ing wa - ter sat - is - fy the thirst - y with - out price;  
 Be - hold our God shall live with us and be our stead - fast light,

His rule and reign we'll ev - er sing, all glo - ry be to Christ!

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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, just weeks into a new year, we look forward to the day when Christ will make all things new, singing this song, and committing our lives to the glory of Christ alone.

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

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WELCOME to this morning's service of corporate worship!

The Flowers adorning our worship service this morning have been provided by Dorothy Younce in memory of Sam, Steve, and Marsha Younce.

Condolences are offered on behalf of the congregation to Dick & Pat Able at the loss of their daughter, Pam McConnell, as well as to all of Pam's family. Please remember to keep them all in your prayers.

Sunday School - If you have ever thought about trying out Sunday School, next week might be the perfect opportunity. January 25th we will be starting a new class studying Exodus, and we'd love to see you there!

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!

**Meditation for the Week**

Satan will come to test us, and we, like Jesus, are to try to resist him. We must question our motives, knowing how easily we are deceived into justifying our own desires and wants. We must ask: "What is it that the Lord desires of me? What does Scripture teach me about what is pleasing to my heavenly Father?" Like Jesus, we must hide God's word in our hearts so that we might be so aware of our motivations and so conscious of God's good will that we see right through the temptations that the devil, the world around us, and our own sinful natures thrust before us.

Yet even though our calling is to resist the devil so that he will flee from us, we must sorrowfully acknowledge that this is not who we are. We repeatedly yield to these temptations that Jesus resisted.

Thank God, we have a representative, a champion who has faced the devil's worst attacks and has won a great victory for us. Despite our failures in the face of temptation, the Father looks at us through his beloved Son, the One who has overcome the accuser for us. Because we are in Jesus, he looks on us in love. Because we are in Jesus, he does not count our faults against us. Because we are in Jesus, he forgives us. Because we are in Jesus, he lifts us up when we fall. Because we are in Jesus, he strengthens us for each day's struggles. Because we are in Jesus, the day is coming when he will give us complete victory over our enemy, and then we will never fail or fall again.

Jerram Barrs  
*The Heart of Prayer*, p. 139  
Phillipsburg, NJ: P&R Publishing, 2008

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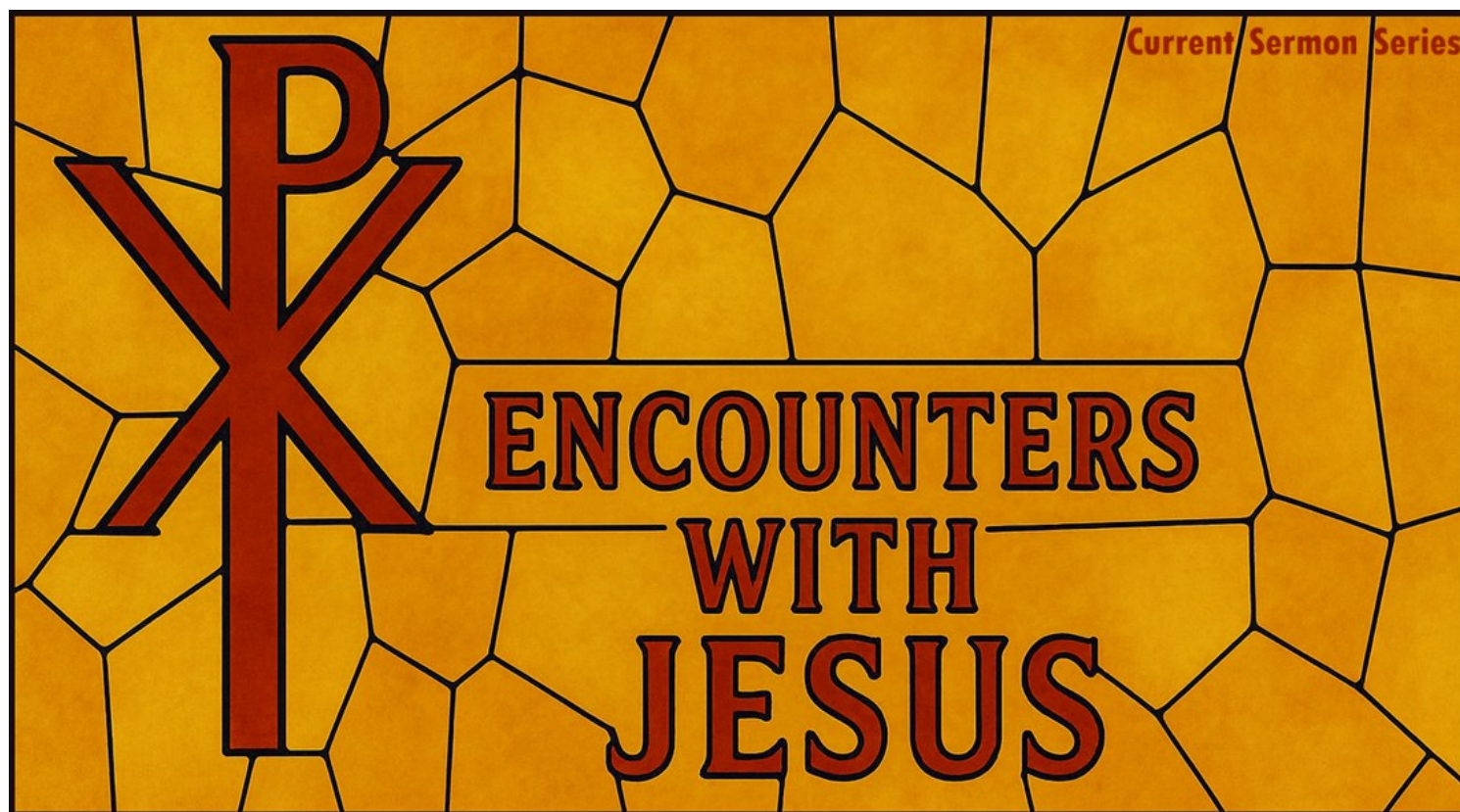
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### This Week at Calvary

<b>Today</b>	9:40	Prayer in Office Conference Room (All Welcome)
	10:00	Worship Service followed by coffee, donuts and fellowship
	11:30	Sunday School
<b>Tuesday</b>	2:00	Tuesdays at Two
<b>Thursday</b>	6:30	Choir Rehearsal
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Office Closed</b>	
<b>Next Sunday</b>	9:40	Prayer in Office Conference Room (All Welcome)
	10:00	Worship Service followed by coffee, donuts and fellowship
	11:30	Sunday School - New class beginning!

As you prepare your hearts throughout the week for next Sunday's service of corporate worship, consider our Meditation for the Week (printed inside the bulletin) and read Luke 18:35-43, which will be next Sunday's 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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