

The Lord’s Day

Liturgy for Corporate Worship

January 19, 2025

Prelude

Chris Holmberg

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

Choir

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Call to Worship

Revelation 1:8

Opening Hymn

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Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Corporate Prayer of Confession & Silent Confession

Heavenly Father, you have made us as precious to you as Jesus is. You have made us as righteous as him by nailing our sin to his cross. You have pardoned us through his penalty; purchased us with his sacrifice; cleansed us with his blood; and now you assure us that we are treasured in your heart. Despite this amazing love we turn from you: Our hearts wander into selfishness; we neglect those who are hurting; we excuse our own unforgiveness; and we live as though you do not care. Forgive us, we pray. Humble our hearts through your mercy and make living for Jesus our joy. Displace our love for sin with greater love for Christ, then help us to be in life what you have already made us for eternity: a holy people in Christ alone. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Colossians 2:13-14

The Gloria Patri

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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 Dedication

Elder Sam Winegarden

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

Colossians 1:15-20

Anthem

Choir

No, Not One!

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon Hymn

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Rock of Ages

Sermon

Rev. Pete Scribner

Ephesians 1:3-10

Closing Hymn

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In Christ Alone

Benediction

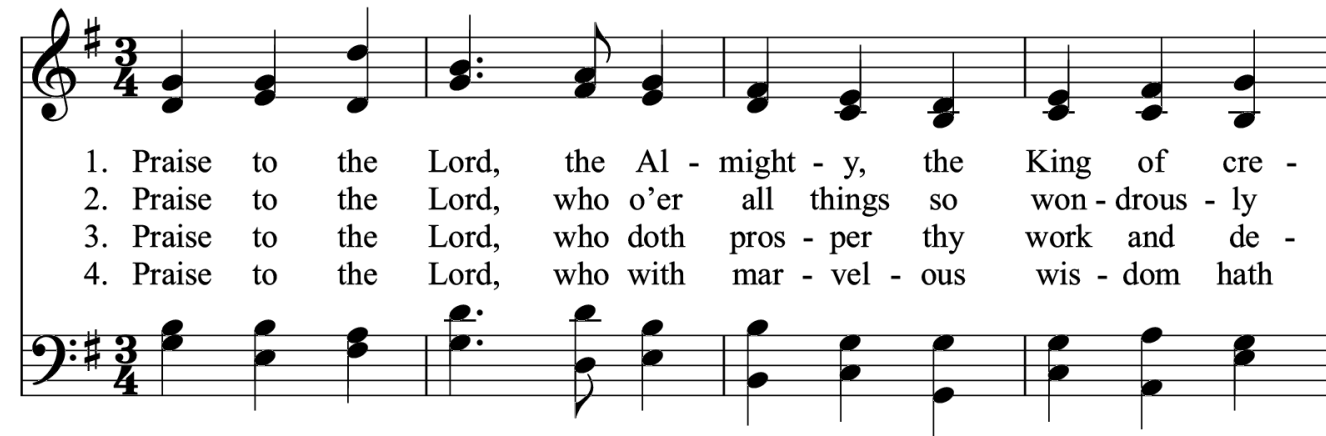
Parting Hymn
God be with you till we meet again; By his counsels guide, uphold you, with his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again. Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus’ feet; Till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.

Postlude

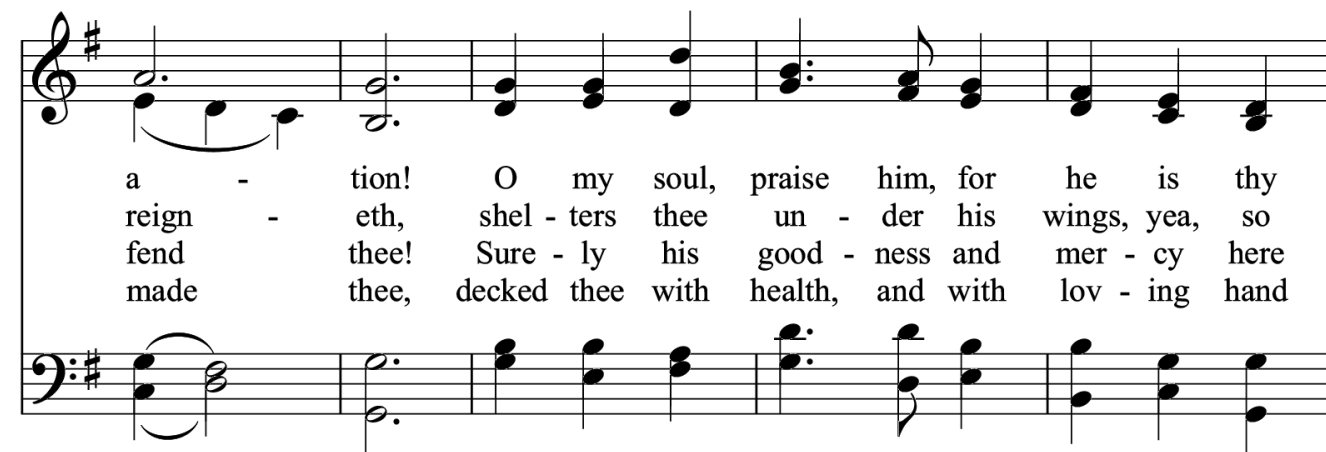
Our Prayer of Confession is adapted from a prayer by Bryan Chapell.

Featured Element of Worship: Green Paraments

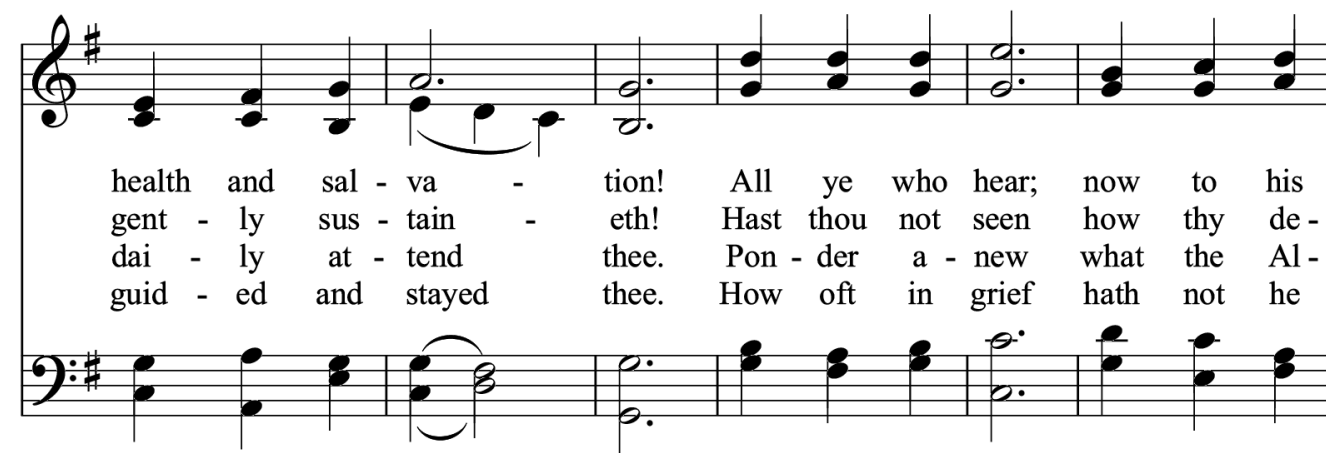
You may have noticed that in addition to the Christmas decorations no longer adorning our sanctuary, the paraments on the pulpit, lectern and communion table have changed from the white that we had during Christmas and Epiphany to the green that we currently see. We use various liturgical colors to point us to different acts in the life of Christ and to remind us of different seasons in the life of the Church. Green is used during what is called “Ordinary Time” and, as a result, it is the most commonly used color in the liturgical calendar. The color green signifies growth, and this current season traditionally continues the theme established on the day of Epiphany, namely that Jesus is not just King of the Jews, but is King of kings and Lord of lords, the Sovereign of all creation. The people of God therefore are to take the message of the Gospel to all the world, rejoicing that Christ Jesus as the Lamb of God has “ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, and (has) made them a kingdom and priests to our God.” (Revelation 5:9-10, ESV)



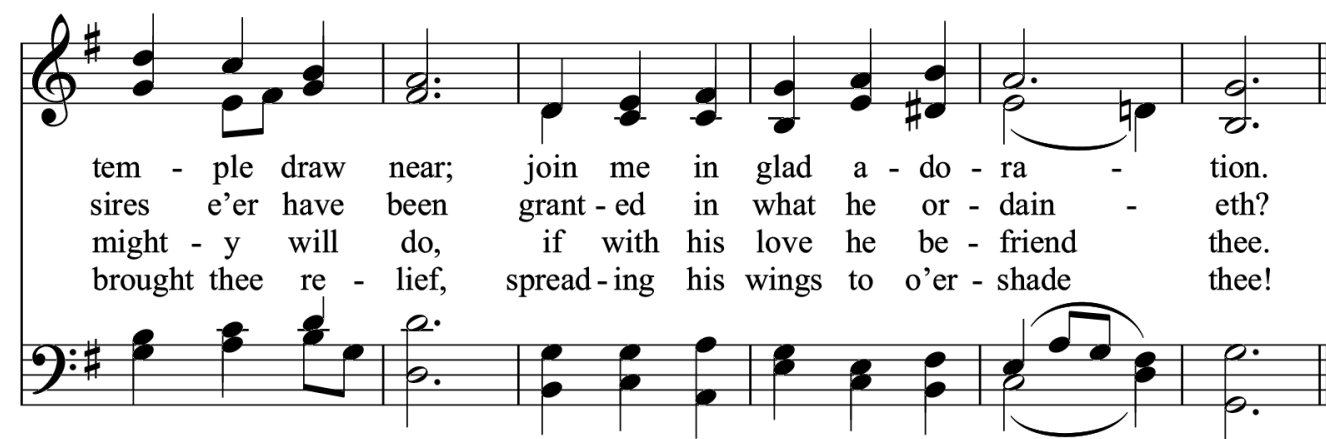
1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won - drous - ly
 3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy work and de -
 4. Praise to the Lord, who with mar - vel - ous wis - dom hath



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



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!

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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

Unison Scripture Reading...Colossians 1:15-20

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶ For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷ And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

No, Not One!

There's not a friend like the lowly Jesus—
No, not one! No, not one!
None else could heal all our soul's diseases—
No, not one! No, not one!

Jesus knows all about our struggles;
He will guide till the day is done.
There's not a friend like the lowly Jesus—
No, not one! No, not one!

There's not an hour that he is not near us—
No, not one! No, not one!
No night so dark but his love can cheer us—
No, not one! No, not one!

Jesus knows all about our struggles;
He will guide till the day is done.
There's not a friend like the lowly Jesus—
No, not one! No, not one!

Was e'er a gift like the Savior given?
No, not one! No, not one!
Will he refuse us a home in heaven?
No, not one! No, not one!

Jesus knows all about our struggles;
He will guide till the day is done,
There's not a friend like the Lowly Jesus—
No, not one! No, not one!

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Music by George C. Hugg
Arr: Jack Schrader
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1. Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;
2. Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de - mands;
3. Noth - ing in my hand I bring, sim - ply to thy cross I cling;
4. While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,

let the wa - ter and the blood, from thy riv - en side which flowed,
could my zeal no re - spite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,
na - ked, come to thee for dress; help - less, look to thee for grace;
when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg - ment throne,

be of sin the dou - ble cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
all for sin could not a - tone; thou must save, and thou a - lone.
foul, I to the Foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

Augustus M. Toplady, 1776
Alt. Thomas Cotterill, 1815

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Thomas Hastings, 1830

Sermon...Ephesians 1:3-10

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, he is my light, my strength, my
2. In Christ a - lone! Who took on flesh, full - ness of God in help - less
3. There in the ground his bod - y lay, light of the world by dark - ness
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death: this is the pow'r of Christ in

song; this cor - ner - stone, this sol - id ground, firm through the
babe! This gift of love and righ - teous - ness, scorned by the
slain; then burst - ing forth in glo - rious day, up from the
me. From life's first cry to fin - al breath, Je - sus com -

fierc - est drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace,
ones he came to save. 'Til on that cross as Je - sus died,
grave he rose a - gain! And as he stands in vic - to - ry,
mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,

when fears are stilled, when striv - ings cease! My com - for -
the wrath of God was sat - is - fied; for ev - 'ry
sin's curse has lost its grip on me; for I am
can ev - er pluck me from his hand; 'til he re -

ter, my all in all— here in the love of Christ I stand.
sin on him was laid— here in the death of Christ I live.
his and he is mine— bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.
turns or calls me home— here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

WELCOME to this morning’s service of corporate worship!

The Flowers adorning our worship this morning have been provided by Jim and Chris Campbell in celebration of Chris’s 65th birthday today!

The Flower Chart for 2025 is now posted in the Fellowship Hall on the bulletin board. Each week, the flowers on the Communion Table are sponsored by individuals who wish to celebrate an occasion or honor someone’s memory. There are two vases, and you may sponsor one or both for \$15 each. After the worship service, sponsors are free to either take their flowers with them, or leave them for the deacons to deliver to someone who is homebound or in the hospital.

Prayer: Please remember these members who have recently been hospitalized:

- Roberta Eisinger
- Pat Fournier
- Mary Winegarden

Prayer Chain: If you have joys or concerns that you would like to share with others so they might pray for you, or if you would like to be involved in praying for your church family, please call Rev. Scribner either at the church (810-736-4100) or on his cell phone (618-795-4319).

Tuesdays at Two: Join us each Tuesday afternoon for a time of study, prayer, and discipleship. This week, our time will be spent on a brief devotional and then praying with and for one another. Beginning January 28th, we will incorporate a study of John Bunyan’s *Pilgrim’s Progress*, with a short Ligonier video each week by Derek Thomas, followed by discussion and application. If you need a copy of the book, please see Rev. Scribner, because we do have extra that you can use.

Men’s Fellowship Breakfast: Our next breakfast will be Saturday, February 1st at 9am. All boys and men are welcome, and feel free to bring a friend or family member too! So that we can be sure to have enough food, please let us know if you are planning on attending, either by calling the office or by signing up (there is a signup sheet on the office desk).

<u>This Week at Calvary</u>		
Today	9:40	Prayer in Office Conference Room (All Welcome)
	10:00	Worship Service followed by coffee, donuts and fellowship
	11:30	Sunday School
Tuesday	2:00	Tuesdays at Two
	6:00	Diaconate
Thursday	6:30	Choir Rehearsal
Friday		Office Closed
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	11:30	Sunday School

<u>Church Staff</u>	
Pastor	Pete Scribner
Director of Music	Susan Lechota
Music Minister	Chris Holmberg
Custodian	Vicky Haughey

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

Let us consider the justice of God in forgiving sins. All of God's elect are sinners. How can God be just, then, if he allows them to go unpunished, seeing he did not spare the angels who sinned, nor Adam when he sinned at the first? The answer is in the union between Christ and the church. Because Christ represents him for all their sins so they are all freely and graciously pardoned (see Romans 3:24-26). At the cross, God's holiness and justice meet with his grace and mercy. This is the glory which delights the hearts and satisfies the souls of all who believe. How wonderful for them to see God rejoicing in his justice and yet at the same time showing mercy by giving them everlasting salvation! In the enjoyment of this glorious truth let me live, and in this faith let me die.

John Owen (1616-1683)
From *The Glory of Christ*



Next week's sermon will be cover Ephesians 1:11-14. In addition to spending some time considering our Meditation of the Week, please read through this passage in your devotional times to prepare your heart for next week's service.

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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