

Liturgy for Corporate Worship		
The Lord’s Day	January 26, 2025	
Prelude	Chris Holmberg	
Welcome and Announcements		
Introit	Choir	
Festive Praise		
Call to Worship	1 Timothy 1:17	
Opening Hymn	224	
Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise		
Corporate Prayer of Confession & Silent Confession		
Behold, Lord, we are empty vessels that need to be filled; our Lord, fill us. We are weak in the faith; strengthen us. We are cold in love; warm us and make us fervent, that our love may go out to our neighbor. We do not have a strong and firm faith—at times we doubt and are unable to trust you altogether; o Lord, help us. Strengthen our faith and our trust in you, for in you we have sealed the treasure of all we have. We are poor; you are rich and came to be merciful to the poor. We are sinners; you are upright. With us, there is an abundance of sin; in you is the fullness of righteousness. Therefore we will remain with you, of whom we can receive, but to whom we may not give. Amen.		
Assurance of Forgiveness	Jude 1:24	
The Doxology	567	
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 Bob Daily	
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	1 Peter 1:3-9	
Anthem	Choir	
	For God So Loved the World	
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon Hymn	388*	
	He Will Hold Me Fast	
Sermon	Rev. Pete Scribner	
	Ephesians 1:11-14	
Closing Hymn	406*	
	Christ, the Sure and Steady Anchor	
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

* - *Hymns of Grace*

Today’s Prayer of Confession is adapted from a prayer by Martin Luther.

Featured Element of Worship: *Unison Scripture Reading*

It is our conviction at Calvary that the word of God, as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him. As such, our worship services should be filled with Scripture. We begin our service with a Biblical Call to Worship, we end it with a Biblical Benediction, and in between we turn to the Scriptures repeatedly.

One of the points at which we look to God’s word is our Unison Scripture Reading. This reading is designed to support and inform the sermon text which will be read and preached upon later in the service. It is introduced by the Elder in Worship, and then as a congregation we stand out of respect for God’s word and read it together, thereby putting the word of God on our very lips. As we do so, may it not merely be on our lips, but may God also write its truth upon our hearts.

1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3. Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
 all praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
 thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

Unison Scripture Reading...1 Peter 1:3-9

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷ so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ⁸ Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, ⁹ obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

(Anthem)

For God So Loved the World

For God so loved the world,
He gave His priceless pearl.
For God so loved the world,
He gave His only Son.

Love came that none should die.
Christ came, a sacrifice,
That whosoever believeth in Him,
Would have eternal life,
Would have eternal life.

For God so loved the world,
He gave His only Son.
For God so loved the world.

For God sent not His Son into the world
to condemn the world,
But that the world through Him might live.

For God so loved the world,
He gave His priceless pearl
For God so loved the world,
He gave His only Son.

Christ came, a sacrifice,
That whosoever believeth in Him,
Would have eternal life,
Would have eternal life.

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388 He Will Hold Me Fast

1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
2. Those He saves are His de - light, Christ will hold me fast;
3. For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;

When the tempt - er would pre - vail, He will hold me fast.
Pre - cious in His ho - ly sight, He will hold me fast.
Jus - tice has been sat - is - fied; He will hold me fast.

I could nev - er keep my hold Through life's fear - ful path;
He'll not let my soul be lost; His prom - is - es shall last;
Raised with Him to end - less life, He will hold me fast

For my love is of - ten cold; He must hold me fast.
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.
'Till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last!

He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;

For my Sav - ior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

Sermon...Ephesians 1:11-14

¹¹ In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, ¹² so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

♦ We have an inheritance

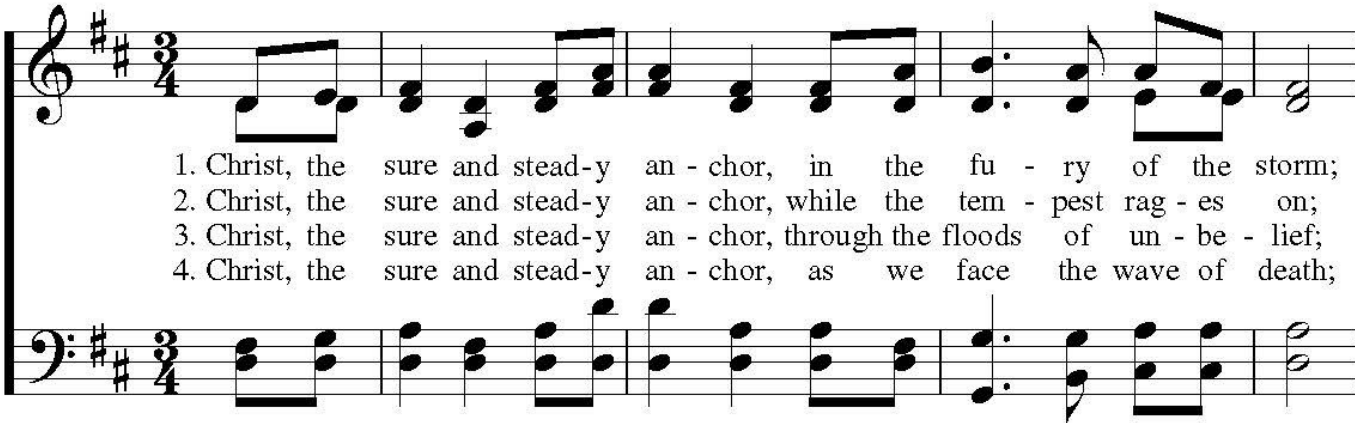
♦ We have a hope

♦ We have a purpose

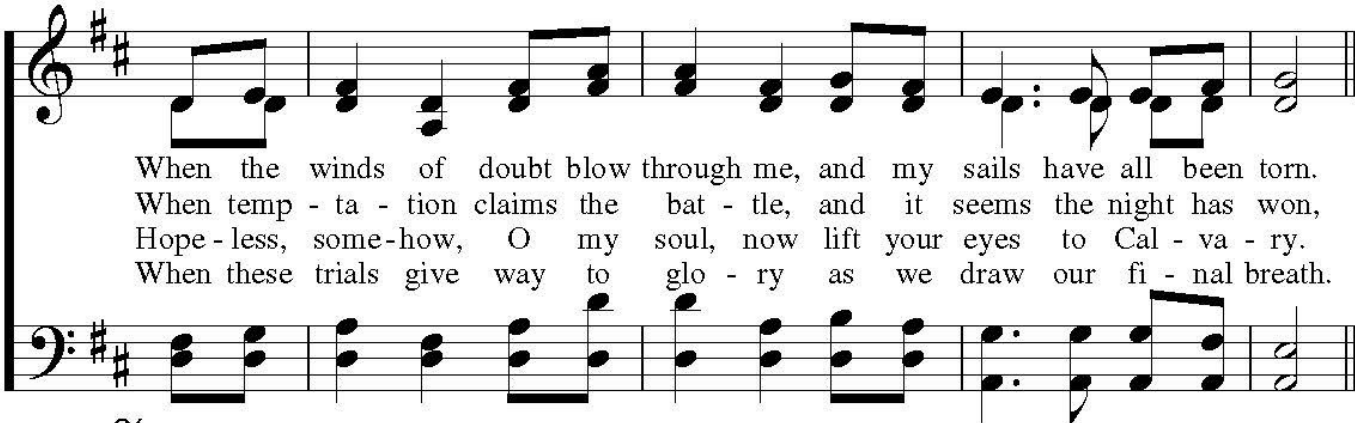
♦ We have a message

♦ We have a guarantee

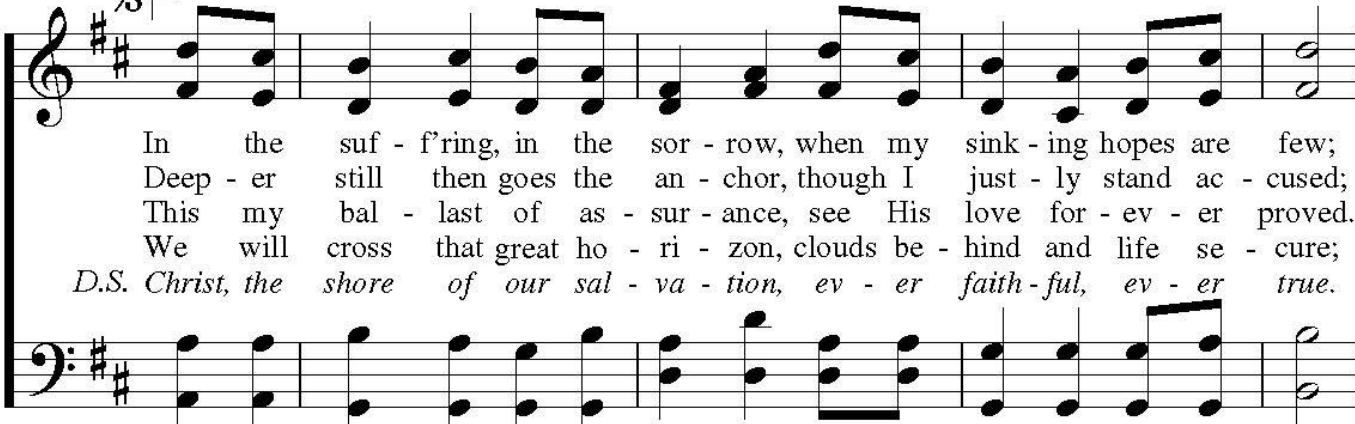
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1. Christ, the sure and stead-y an - chor, in the fu - ry of the storm;
2. Christ, the sure and stead-y an - chor, while the tem - pest rag - es on;
3. Christ, the sure and stead-y an - chor, through the floods of un - be - lief;
4. Christ, the sure and stead-y an - chor, as we face the wave of death;



When the winds of doubt blow through me, and my sails have all been torn.
When temp - ta - tion claims the bat - tle, and it seems the night has won,
Hope - less, some-how, O my soul, now lift your eyes to Cal - va - ry.
When these trials give way to glo - ry as we draw our fi - nal breath.



In the suf - f'ring, in the sor - row, when my sink - ing hopes are few;
Deep - er still then goes the an - chor, though I just - ly stand ac - cused;
This my bal - last of as - sur - ance, see His love for - ev - er proved.
We will cross that great ho - ri - zon, clouds be - hind and life se - cure;
D.S. Christ, the shore of our sal - va - tion, ev - er faith - ful, ev - er true.



D.S. for refrain
I will hold fast to the an - chor. It shall nev - er be re - moved.
I will hold fast to the an - chor. It shall nev - er be re - moved.
I will hold fast to the an - chor. It shall nev - er be re - moved.
And the calm will be the bet - ter for the storms that we en - dure.
We will hold fast to the an - chor. It shall nev - er be re - moved.

WELCOME to this morning’s service of corporate worship!

The Flowers adorning our worship this morning have been provided by Mark and Kim Freeman in celebration of their daughter Caitlin’s birthday on January 27th, and by Vivian Hall to the glory of God.

Tuesdays at Two: Join us each Tuesday afternoon for a time of study, prayer, and discipleship. 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 extras 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).

Prayer: Please remember these members in your prayers who are currently recovering from recently having been hospitalized:

Roberta Eisinger (Wellbridge-Grand Blanc)

Pat Fournier (Wellbridge-Fenton)

Mary Winegarden (Home)

Prayer Chain: If you have prayer requests or would like to be involved with praying for your church family, please do not hesitate to reach out to Rev. Scribner at 618-795-4319.

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 also consider what kind of love it is –

1. Eternal

It was fixed on us before the foundation of the world. Before we had done the least good, his thoughts were upon us, his delight was in us, and the Son rejoiced in the thoughts of fulfilling his Father’s delight in him, Prov. 8:30. The delight of the Father in the Son is not so much his absolute delight in him as the express image of himself and the brightness of his glory. In the Son he might behold all his own excellence and perfection. But it is with regard to the Son’s love and his delight in the sons of men. So the order of the words requires us to understand it: “I was his delight daily,” and, “My delights were with the sons of men” (Prov. 8:30-31). That is, his delight was in thoughts of kindness and redemption for them, and in that he was his Father’s delight. From eternity he laid in his own heart a design for our happiness. The very thought of this is enough to make all that is within us leap for joy, like the babe in the womb of Elizabeth. A sense of it will prostrate our soul in humble, holy reverence, and make us rejoice before him with trembling.

2. Free

He loves us because he wants to. It is his will. There was and is nothing in us for which we should be loved. If we did deserve his love, it would lower its valuation. Things of debt are seldom a matter for thankfulness. But what exists eternally, prior to our being, is necessarily free as they relate to our well-being. This gives his love life and being. It is the reason for it, and it sets a price on it, Rom. 9:11; Eph. 1:3, 4; Titus 3:5; James 1:18.

3. Unchangeable

Though we change every day, his love does not change. If any kind of provocation could turn it away, it has long since ceased to do so. Its unchangeableness is what prompts the Father to that infinite patience and forbearance without which we would die or perish, 2Pet. 3:9, and which he exercises towards us.

4. Distinguishing

He has not loved the whole world: “Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated” (Rom. 9:13). Why should he fix his love on us, and pass by millions whose nature is the same as ours? Why should he let us share in that love, and all its fruits, which most of the great and wise men of the world are excluded from?

Let the soul frequently focus on the love of the Father and these considerations. All of them are soul-conquering and endearing.

John Owen (1616-1683)
Excerpt from *Communion with God*

This Week at Calvary

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
Thursday	6:30	Choir Rehearsal
Friday		Office Closed
Saturday	9:00	Men's Fellowship Breakfast
Next Sunday	9:40	Prayer in Office Conference Room (All Welcome)
	10:00	Worship Service with communion followed by coffee, donuts & fellowship
	11:30	Sunday School

Next week's sermon text is Ephesians 1:15-23. In addition to our Meditation for the Week, spend time in this text throughout the week as you prepare your heart for worship, and for coming to the Lord's Table.



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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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