Prelude Chris Holmberg

Welcome and Announcements

Introit Choir

Come, Let Us Sing

Call to Worship Psalm 92:1-2



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

Corporate Prayer of Confession & Silent Confession

Eternal and Almighty Father, we acknowledge and confess before your holy majesty, that we are poor sinners; conceived and born in guilt and in corruption, prone to evil, unable of ourselves to do any good; who, because of our depravity, transgress without end your holy commandments. Therefore we have drawn upon ourselves, by your just sentence, condemnation and death. But, O Lord, with heartfelt sorrow we repent and deplore our offences! We condemn ourselves and our evil ways, with true penitence beseeching that your grace may relieve our distress. Be pleased then to have compassion upon us, O most gracious God, Father of all mercies, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord. And, in removing our guilt and our pollution, grant us the daily increase of the grace of your Holy Spirit; that, acknowledging from our inmost hearts our own unrighteousness, we may be touched with sorrow that shall work true repentance; and that your Spirit, mortifying all sin within us, may produce the fruits of holiness and righteousness well-pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(adapted from John Calvin's Form of Church Prayers at Geneva)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Acts 10:43

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 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.

Anthem Choir

DARWALL 6.6.6.6.8.8. John Darwall, 1770

¹⁸ For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest ¹⁹ and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. ²⁰ For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned." ²¹ Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear." ²² But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³ and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴ and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

²⁵ See that you do not refuse him who is speaking. For if they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, much less will we escape if we reject him who warns from heaven. ²⁶ At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens." ²⁷ This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of things that are shaken—that is, things that have been made—in order that the things that cannot be shaken may remain. 28 Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, 29 for our God is a consuming fire.

Meditation for the Week

Jesus' kingdom is a spiritual one. Does that mean that while we must respect and fear earthly powers, we can afford to ignore Jesus' spiritual authority? If Jesus' rule is merely spiritual, does that mean it has nothing to do with people who don't choose to be religious?

James M. Boice replies: "Nothing is farther from the truth, for when we say that Christ's kingdom is not of this world, what we are really saying is that Christ's kingdom is of heaven and therefore has an even greater claim over us than do the earthly kingdoms we know so well...Over these is Christ, and we flout his kingship not merely at the peril of our fortune and lives but at the peril of our eternal souls."

Reformed Expository Commentary, Hebrews by Richard Phillips



- 5. Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne, it shall be thy royal throne.
- 6. Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure-store. Take my self, and I will be ever, only, all for thee, ever, only, all for thee.

We Hear the Word of God Preached... Sermon Notes

Sermon Rev. Pete Scribner
Psalm 97

¹ The Lord reigns, let the earth rejoice;

let the many coastlands be glad!

² Clouds and thick darkness are all around him;

righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.

³ Fire goes before him

and burns up his adversaries all around.

⁴ His lightnings light up the world;

the earth sees and trembles.

⁵ The mountains melt like wax before the Lord,

before the Lord of all the earth.

⁶ The heavens proclaim his righteousness,

and all the peoples see his glory.

⁷ All worshipers of images are put to shame,

who make their boast in worthless idols;

worship him, all you gods!

⁸ Zion hears and is glad,

and the daughters of Judah rejoice,

because of your judgments, O Lord.

⁹ For you, O Lord, are most high over all the earth;

you are exalted far above all gods.

¹⁰ O you who love the Lord, hate evil!

He preserves the lives of his saints;

he delivers them from the hand of the wicked.

¹¹ Light is sown for the righteous,

and joy for the upright in heart.

¹² Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name!

The Lord Reigns!

• The Scope of His Reign

• The Results of His Reign

We Respond to the Word of God Preached...

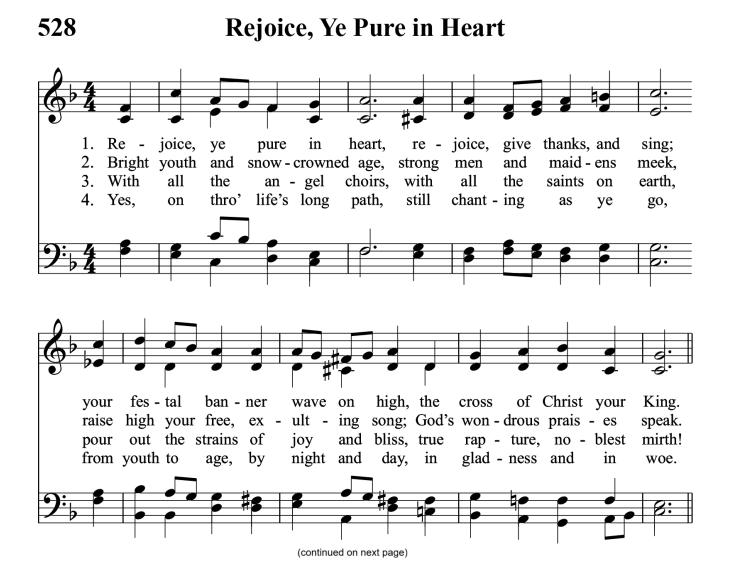
Statement of Faith

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.

Celebration of the Lord's Supper





5. At last the march shall end, the wearied ones shall rest; the pilgrims find their Father's house, Jerusalem the blest. (Refrain) 6. Then on, ye pure in heart, rejoice, give thanks, and sing; your glorious banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King. (Refrain)

Edward H. Plumptre, 1865 CCLI# 594962

MARION S.M.ref. Arthur H. Messiter, 1885

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 corporate worship, please join us in the Fellowship Hall for coffee, donuts, and a fellowship meal, and Sunday School in our Education Wing!

Featured Element of Worship:

The word "benediction" finds its roots in the Latin words *bene* ("well") and *dicere* ("to speak"), and is rightly understood not so much as a closing prayer *to God*, but rather as a blessing *from God* to the Church. That's why our words of benediction come straight from Scripture: that we might be certain these are God's words spoken to us! That is why in some Christian traditions, members "receive" the benediction with hands open and outstretched, their physical posture serving as a living reminder of the great gift that God is giving them.

It has been said that much as a mother might kiss her child before that child leaves for school, in a proper benediction, God is essentially saying to his children as they leave worship, "I love you and will be with you as you go!" May we all remember this truth and take it with us!

WELCOME to this morning's service of corporate worship!

<u>The Flowers</u> adorning our worship service this morning have been provided by Jim & Ellen Jones in celebration of family birthdays for Matthew, Todd & Lisa, and in memory of their parents; and by Jim & Chris Campbell in honor of God's glory.

"...and the Two became One..."

The Diaconate, as an expression of the church's commitment to marriage, recognizes couples who are members of the church on certain anniversaries of their wedding days (first, all divisible by five, and all over 50).

Today we are pleased to introduce **Bob & Marion Isaacson**, who will celebrate 69 years of marriage October 6th! The Isaacsons both retired from Kearsley Schools, and have one son plus four grandkids and four great-grandkids. They have been members since 1967.

<u>Holiday Food Baskets</u> - The Martha-Mary Circle is once again collecting non-perishable food items to provide for families in need this Thanksgiving and Christmas. Lists of needed items are available in the front vestibule, as are signup forms if you know of a family in need (two requests per person).

<u>New Member Class</u> - We are in the process of scheduling a four-week session for prospective new members. If you are interested in joining the church (or just would like to go through the class!) please indicate so as you sign the friendship folder and we'll be in touch.

<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.

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!

Communion at Calvary

If you are our guest in worship today, we welcome you both to Calvary and to the Lord's Table. Our celebration of the Lord's Supper is <u>open to all</u> who have trusted in Christ as their Savior and follow Him as their Lord, that in partaking they might experience spiritual nourishment and growth in grace.

Mindful not only of Scripture's promises, but also of its cautions regarding the Lord's Supper, we generally discourage <u>children</u> from partaking of the sacrament. Regardless of age, it should be shared only by those people who understand and give ascent to the historical and personal significance of the cross of Jesus Christ.

When the bread is passed to us by the Elders, each person wishing to participate is asked to remove a piece from the tray and hold it while others are being served. Then, as a symbol of our common union with Christ as one body, we shall all partake together.

When the cups are distributed, each person wishing to participate is asked to remove a cup from the tray and, as a symbol of our individual trust in Christ, to drink on our own.

We encourage worshippers to use the time during which others are being served for the thoughtful reading of Scriptures or quiet meditation and prayer.

May God nourish our spirits as we worship Him through partaking of these elements in faith, as a sign and a seal of the covenant of grace.

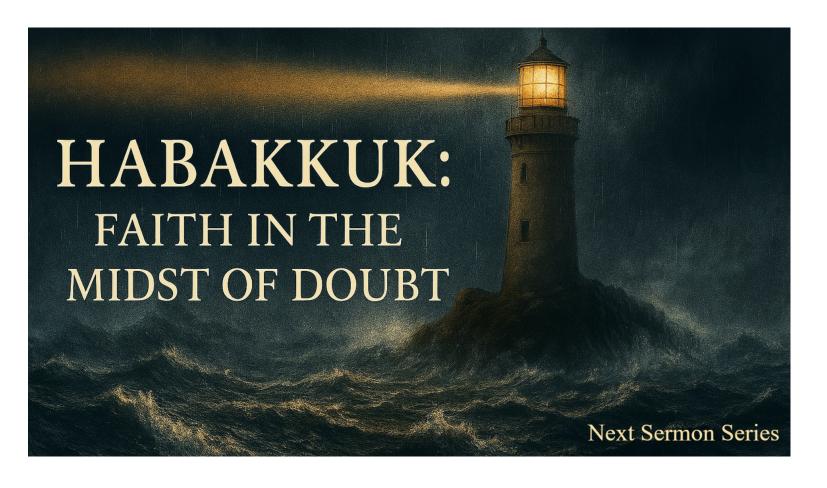
New Pictoral Directory - We are making progress on creating a new pictoral directory, and will need new pictures to include in it. Today and next week, a table will be set up after worship to sign up for time slots to get your picture taken, with pictures being taken after worship today and on October 12 & 26. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the church office.

A Flower Chart is posted on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. You can sign up to provide flowers for either one or both vases at a cost of \$15/vase. The church office will reach out to you to arrange for your payment and to find out if you have a specific message that you would like included in the bulletin. You are then free to take those flowers home after worship, or leave them for the Deacons to take to brighten someone's day!

This Week at Calvary

		The Work at Cartary
Today	9:40	Prayer in Office Conference Room (All Welcome)
	10:00	Worship Service with Communion followed by coffee, donuts & fellowship
Tuesday	2:00	Tuesdays at Two
Thursday	10:00	Martha-Mary Circle
	6:29	Choir Rehearsal
Friday		Church 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 next Sunday, be sure to familiarize yourself with the book of Habakkuk (which will be our next sermon series) and spend some time with our Meditation for the Week (printed inside the bulletin).



Calvary Presbyterian Church

October 5, 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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