

Prelude	Chris Holmberg
Welcome and Announcements	
Introit	Chris Holmberg
Come Away from Rush and Hurry	
Call to Worship	Psalm 46:10-11



doth seek to work us woe; his craft and power are great,
Christ Je - sus, it is he, Lord Sa - ba - oth his name,
we trem - ble not for him; his rage we can en - dure,
this mor - tal life al - so; the bod - y they may kill:



and armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
from age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
for lo, his doom is sure; one lit - tle word shall fell him.
God's truth a - bid - eth still; his king - dom is for - ev - er.

Based on Psalm 46
Martin Luther, 1529
Tr. Frederick H. Hedge, 1853

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Martin Luther, 1529
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Featured Element of Worship: *A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

Some 500 years ago in Wittenberg, Germany, a young monk named Martin Luther posted 95 theses for theological debate on the Castle Church door. His goal was to point out abuses within the church and prompt discussion among Christians so that their faith might be deepened and drawn more in line with the Scriptures. What resulted though was a movement that became known as the Protestant Reformation. Perhaps the single most powerful hymn of the Reformation was Luther's *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*, based on Psalm 46. During a time of great persecution for the Protestant churches, this song became a bold declaration of faith and a source of strength. People who had long been silent in corporate worship, were encouraged to lift their voices with one another as a result of the Reformation. Just as they proclaimed in one voice their common faith, let us boldly do the same this morning and every time we gather!

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A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



1. A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er
2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
3. And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
4. That Word a - bove all earth - ly pow'rs, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing; our help - er he, a - mid the flood of
los - ing; were not the right man on our side, the
do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his
bid - eth; the Spir - it and the gifts are ours through

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe
man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be?
truth to tri - umph through us. The prince of dark - ness grim,
him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go,

Corporate Prayer of Confession & Silent Confession

Most just and gracious God, you are of purer eyes than to behold iniquity, but you have promised mercy through Jesus Christ to all who repent and truly trust in him. Therefore we confess that we are sinful by nature and that we have all sinned and come short of the glory of God. We have neglected and abused your holy worship and your holy name. We have dealt unjustly and uncharitably with our neighbors. We have not sought first your kingdom and your righteousness. We have not been content with your daily bread. You have revealed your wonderful love to us in Christ and offered us pardon and salvation in him, but we have turned away. We have run into temptation, and the sin that we should have hated, we have cherished. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father! We confess that you alone are our hope. Make us your children and give us the Spirit of your Son, our only Savior, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Adapted from a prayer by Puritan Pastor, Richard Baxter

Assurance of Forgiveness

Psalm 116:5

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 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

Matthew 5:2-12

- 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.**

Musical Offering

Psalm 120

Holmberg Family

Pastoral Prayer

God Moves in a Mysterious Way

Words by William Cowper, 1774
Music and Chorus by Matt Papa, 2016

1. God moves in a mys - ter - ious way — his won - ders to per -
2. Judge not the Lord by fee - ble sense, — but trust him for his
3. Blind un - be - lief is sure to err, — and scan his work in

4
form; he plants his foot - steps in the sea. and
grace; he be - hind a frown - ing prov - i - dence he
vain; God is his own in - ter - pre - ter, and

7
rides up - on the storm. Deep in un - fath - om -
hides a — smil - ing face. Ye — fear - ful saints, fresh
he will — make it plain. His — pur - pos - es will

10
a - ble mines of — nev - er - fail - ing skill he
cour - age take; the — clouds you so much dread are
ri - pen fast, un - fold - ing ev - 'ry hour; the

13
treas - ures up his bright de - signs, and works his sov - 'reign
big with mer - cy, and shall signs, and in bless - ings on your
bud may have a bit - ter break, but sweet will be the

16
will. head. flow'r.
(Sing the Chorus after verse 2, then sing it twice after verse 3.)
Ho - ly, — ho - ly, — O

20
mys - ter - ies — be - yond; — glo - ry, —

23
glo - ry — be to our — sov - 'reign God. —

We Hear the Word of God Preached...

Sermon

Rev. Pete Scribner

Psalm 120

A Song of Ascents.

- ¹ In my distress I called to the LORD,
and he answered me.
- ² Deliver me, O LORD,
from lying lips,
from a deceitful tongue.
- ³ What shall be given to you,
and what more shall be done to you,
you deceitful tongue?
- ⁴ A warrior's sharp arrows,
with glowing coals of the broom tree!
- ⁵ Woe to me, that I sojourn in Meshech,
that I dwell among the tents of Kedar!
- ⁶ Too long have I had my dwelling
among those who hate peace.
- ⁷ I am for peace,
but when I speak, they are for war!

We Respond to the Word of God Preached...

Statement of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism Questions 1&2

Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?
A. That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.

He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Q. What must you know to live and die in the joy of this comfort?

A. Three things: first, how great my sin and misery are; second, how I am set free from all my sins and misery; third, how I am to thank God for such deliverance.

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Unison

1. How deep the Fa-ther's love for us, how vast be-yond all mea -
2. Be - hold the man up - on a cross, my sin up - on his shoul -
3. I will not boast in an - y - thing, no gifts, no pow'r, no wis -

sure, that he should give his on - ly Son to
ders; a - shamed, I hear my mock - ing voice call
dom; but I will boast in Je - sus Christ, his

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make a wretch his trea - sure. How great the pain of sear - ing
out a - mong the scof - fers. It was my sin that held him
death and res - ur - rec - tion. Why should I gain from his re -

loss: the Fa - ther turns his face a - way as
there un - til it was ac - com - plished; his
ward? I can - not give an an - swer, but

wounds which mar the Cho - sen One bring man - y sons to glo - ry.
dy - ing breath has brought me life— I know that it is fin - ished.
this I know with all my heart: his wounds have paid my ran - som.

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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 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.

WELCOME to this morning's service of corporate worship!

The Flowers adorning our worship service this morning have been provided by Jerry Bye in memory of his beloved wife, Myrna.

"...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 wedding anniversaries (their first, all divisible by five, and all over 50).

Today we are pleased to celebrate with:

- Scott & Jan Herriman (50 years on August 21st)

Big Questions Bar-B-Q: Join us tonight at 6pm for dinner, fellowship and learning as we study Paul Washer's *The Gospel of Jesus Christ*. Pick up your copy on our free literature table, and bring it along with a dish to share as we meet tonight at 6pm! Everyone is welcome! If you have any questions, contact Chris Holmberg or Pete Scribner.

School Supplies Drive

The Martha Mary Circle is leading a drive to support Waterbrook Christian Academy and Dowdall Elementary School in the Kearsley School District. Please consider helping out as an expression of faithfulness to Christ's command that we love our neighbor as ourself. You will find a receptacle and a list of needed supplies at the entrance to the church building, and they will be collecting supplies through September 1st.

Church Staff

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Pete Scribner
Susan Lechota
Chris Holmberg
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

Westminster Shorter Catechism Questions 21-22:

Q21. Who is the Redeemer of God's elect?

A. The only Redeemer of God's elect is the Lord Jesus Christ,¹ who, being the eternal Son of God,² became man,³ and so was, and continueth to be, God and man in two distinct natures, and one person, forever.⁴

¹ John 14:6; Acts 4:12; 1 Timothy 2:5-6.

² Psalm 2:7; Matthew 3:17; Matthew 17:5; John 1:18.

³ Isaiah 9:6; Matthew 1:23; John 1:14; Galatians 4:4.

⁴ Acts 1:11; Hebrews 7:24-25.

Q22. How did Christ, being the Son of God, become man?

A. Christ, the Son of God, became man, by taking to himself a true body, and a reasonable soul,⁵ being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost, in the womb of the virgin Mary, and born of her,⁶ yet without sin.⁷

⁵ Philippians 2:7; Hebrews 2:14, 17.

⁶ Luke 1:27, 31, 35.

⁷ 2 Corinthians 5:21; Hebrews 4:15; Hebrews 7:26; 1 John 3:5.

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
	6:00	Big Questions Bar-B-Q
Tuesday	2:00	Tuesdays at Two
Friday		Church Office Closed
Next Sunday	9:40	Prayer in Office Conference Room (All Welcome)
	10:00	Worship Service followed by coffee, donuts and fellowship

Throughout the week, as you ready your hearts for next Sunday's service of corporate worship, consider our Meditation for the Week (printed at the top of this page), and familiarize yourself with Psalm 39, which will be next Sunday's sermon text.

The Big Questions BarBeQue Series (BQs BBQs)



Bring your family
and friends,
a Bible,
and a dish to pass.

Food, Fellowship, and Book Study through
Paul Washer's The Gospel of Jesus Christ
(book provided)

Calvary Presbyterian Church
pavillion (weather permitting)
Sunday evenings, 6:00 p.m.
July 19, August 9, 16, and 23

Call or text Chris Holmberg at (810) 908-5893 for
more information or to RSVP for each session.

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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