

We Enter into Worship...

PreludeChris Holmberg

Welcome and Announcements

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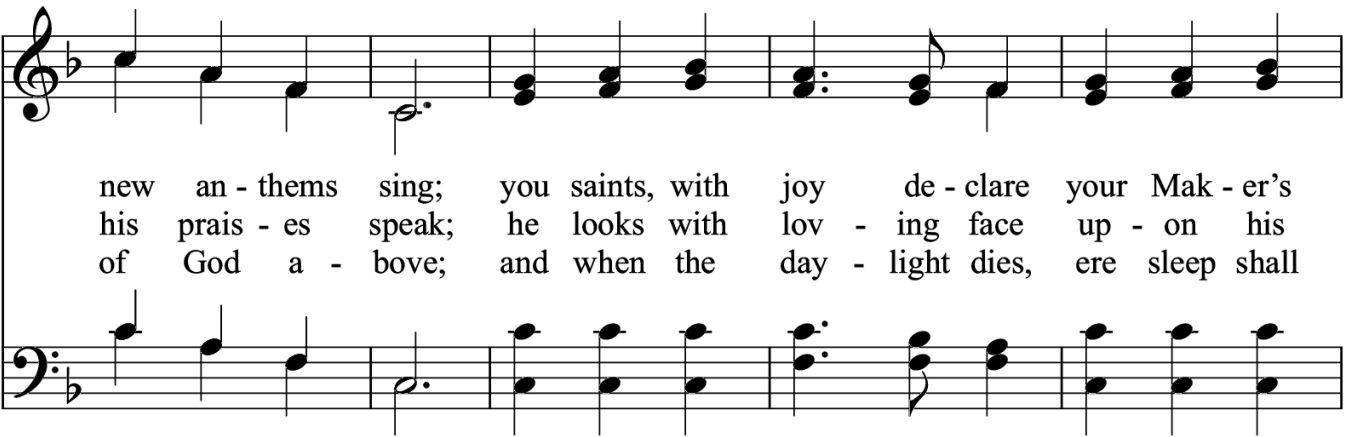
Surely the Presence

Call to WorshipPsalm 149:1

166 You Who His Temple Throng



1. You who his tem - ple throng, Je - ho - vah's praise pro - long,
2. O let his name em - ploy your ev - 'ry note of joy,
3. You saints, your joy pro - claim and glo - ry in the name



new an - thems sing; you saints, with joy de - clare your Mak - er's
his prais - es speak; he looks with lov - ing face up - on his
of God a - bove; and when the day - light dies, ere sleep shall



lov - ing care, and let the chil - dren there joy in their King.
cho - sen race, and will with ev - 'ry grace a - dorn the meek.
close your eyes, let praise to God a - rise for all his love.

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

Corporate Prayer of Confession & Silent Confession

O great and everlasting God, who dwells in unapproachable light, who searches and knows the thoughts and intentions of the heart; we confess that we have not loved you with all our heart, nor with all our soul, nor with all our mind, nor with all our strength; nor our neighbors as ourselves. We have loved what we ought not to have loved; we have coveted what is not ours; we have not been content with your provisions for us. We have complained in our hearts about our family, about our friends, about our health, about our occupations, about your church, and about our trials. We have sought our security in those things which perish, rather than in you, the Everlasting God. Chasten, cleanse, and forgive us, through Jesus Christ, who is able to save all who approach you through him, since he always lives to make intercession for us. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Isaiah 38:17b

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 Randy Heidtman

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.

¹The words of the Preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem.

²Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher,
vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

³What does man gain by all the toil
at which he toils under the sun?

⁴A generation goes, and a generation comes,
but the earth remains forever.

⁵The sun rises, and the sun goes down,
and hastens to the place where it rises.

⁶The wind blows to the south
and goes around to the north;
around and around goes the wind,
and on its circuits the wind returns.

⁷All streams run to the sea,
but the sea is not full;
to the place where the streams flow,
there they flow again.

⁸All things are full of weariness;
a man cannot utter it;
the eye is not satisfied with seeing,
nor the ear filled with hearing.

⁹What has been is what will be,
and what has been done is what will be done,
and there is nothing new under the sun.

Musical Offering

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Mixed Ensemble

Pastoral Prayer

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

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1. What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
2. Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
3. Are we weak and heav - y - la - den, cum - bered with a load of care?



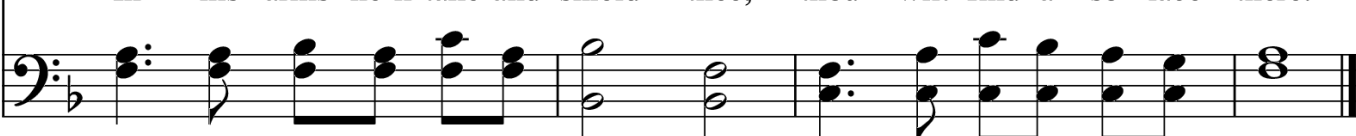
What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged: take it to the Lord in prayer!
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— take it to the Lord in prayer!



O what peace we of - ten for - feit, O what need - less pain we bear,
Can we find a friend so faith - ful, who will all our sor - rows share?
Do thy friends de - spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer.
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness— take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a so - lace there.



Sermon

Rev. Pete Scribner

◇ The Feeling We Experience: _____ (vv. 3b-4)

Psalm 123

A Song of Ascents.

¹ To you I lift up my eyes,
O you who are enthroned in the heavens!

² Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master,
as the eyes of a maidservant to the hand of her mistress,
so our eyes look to the Lord our God, till he has mercy upon us.

³ Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us,
for we have had more than enough of contempt.

⁴ Our soul has had more than enough of the scorn of those who are at ease,
of the contempt of the proud.

◇ The Focus We Need: _____ (vv. 1-2a)

Featured Element of Worship: Sermon

Why do we have a sermon each week? Isn't preaching an outdated mode of communication? Pastor Zack Hicks shares these thoughts on the importance of preaching in our current world:

“In a postmodern American society that prizes radical equality (everyone's the same), the relativity of truth (everyone's beliefs are equally valid), and suspicion of power (I can't trust people in authority), we need to realize just how subversive and shaping it is for us to sit and listen to a sermon. When we sit, our posture is saying, 'I'm submitting myself to the authority of the Bible.' When we listen to preaching with receptive ears, we are saying, 'I'm looking to something outside myself to tell me what is true and inform my life.' The very act of listening to a sermon makes us a counter-cultural people who begin to doubt some of the above-mentioned assumptions about the world. We become a people who look to God—not ourselves—to inform us, grow us, lead us, and equip us. Now we can see that it's not only the *content* but the very *action of listening* to a sermon that shapes us into who God wants us to be.”

◇ The Longing We Have: _____ (vv. 2b-3a)

We Respond to the Word of God Preached...

Statement of Faith

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

Apostles' Creed

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.

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Man of Sorrows! What a Name 352



1. Man of sor - rows! what a name for the Son of God, who came
2. Bear - ing shame and scoff - ing rude, in my place con - demned he stood,
3. Guilt - y, vile, and help - less, we; spot - less Lamb of God was he;
4. Lift - ed up was he to die, "It is fin - ished!" was his cry;
5. When he comes, our glo - rious King, all his ran - somed home to bring,

ru - ined sin - ners to re - claim: Hal - le - lu - jah, what a Sav - ior!
sealed my par - don with his blood: Hal - le - lu - jah, what a Sav - ior!
• full a - tone - ment! can it be? Hal - le - lu - jah, what a Sav - ior!
now in heav'n ex - alt - ed high: Hal - le - lu - jah, what a Sav - ior!
then a - new this song we'll sing: Hal - le - lu - jah, what a Sav - ior!

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

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 open to all 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 children from partaking of the sacrament. Regardless of age, it should be shared only by those people who understand and give assent to the historical and personal significance of the cross of Jesus Christ.

When the bread is distributed by the Elders, each person wishing to participate removes a piece from the tray and holds it while others are being served. Then, as a symbol of our common union with Christ as one body, we 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.

WELCOME to this morning's service of corporate worship.

The Flowers adorning our worship service this morning have been provided by Joe & Esma Walker in celebration of their 57th wedding anniversary today, and by Jim & Chris Campbell, to God be the glory, great things he has done!

A Flower Chart is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway just past the restrooms. 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!

"...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:

Joe & Esma Walker (57 years today)

Church Picnic: Make sure to mark September 20th on your calendar and plan to be a part of our annual picnic. Bring a side dish to share and join us in the pavilion as we enjoy time with one another gathered around the picnic tables, sharing in food, fun & fellowship!



Missionaries of the Month



In March of 2023, we commissioned the Cooper family to serve as missionaries, and ever since then they have served at Camp Barakel in Fairview, Michigan. Remember to keep them in your prayers this month especially as we focus on them throughout September as Calvary's Missionaries of the Month.

Meditation for the Week

Westminster Shorter Catechism Questions 31-32:

Q. 31. What is effectual calling?

A. Effectual calling is the work of God's Spirit, whereby, convincing us of our sin and misery, enlightening our minds in the knowledge of Christ,¹ and renewing our wills,² he doth persuade and enable us to embrace Jesus Christ,³ freely offered to us in the gospel.⁴

¹ Acts 26:18; 1 Corinthians 2:10, 12; 2 Corinthians 4:6; Ephesians 1:17-18.

² Deuteronomy 30:6; Ezekiel 36:26-27; John 3:5; Titus 3:5.

³ John 6:44-45; Acts 16:14.

⁴ Isaiah 45:22; Matthew 11:28-30; Revelation 22:17.

Q. 32. What benefits do they that are effectually called partake of in this life?

A. They that are effectually called do in this life partake of justification, adoption, and sanctification, and the several benefits which in this life do either accompany or flow from them.⁵

⁵ Romans 8:30; 1 Corinthians 1:30; 1 Corinthians 6:11; Ephesians 1:5.

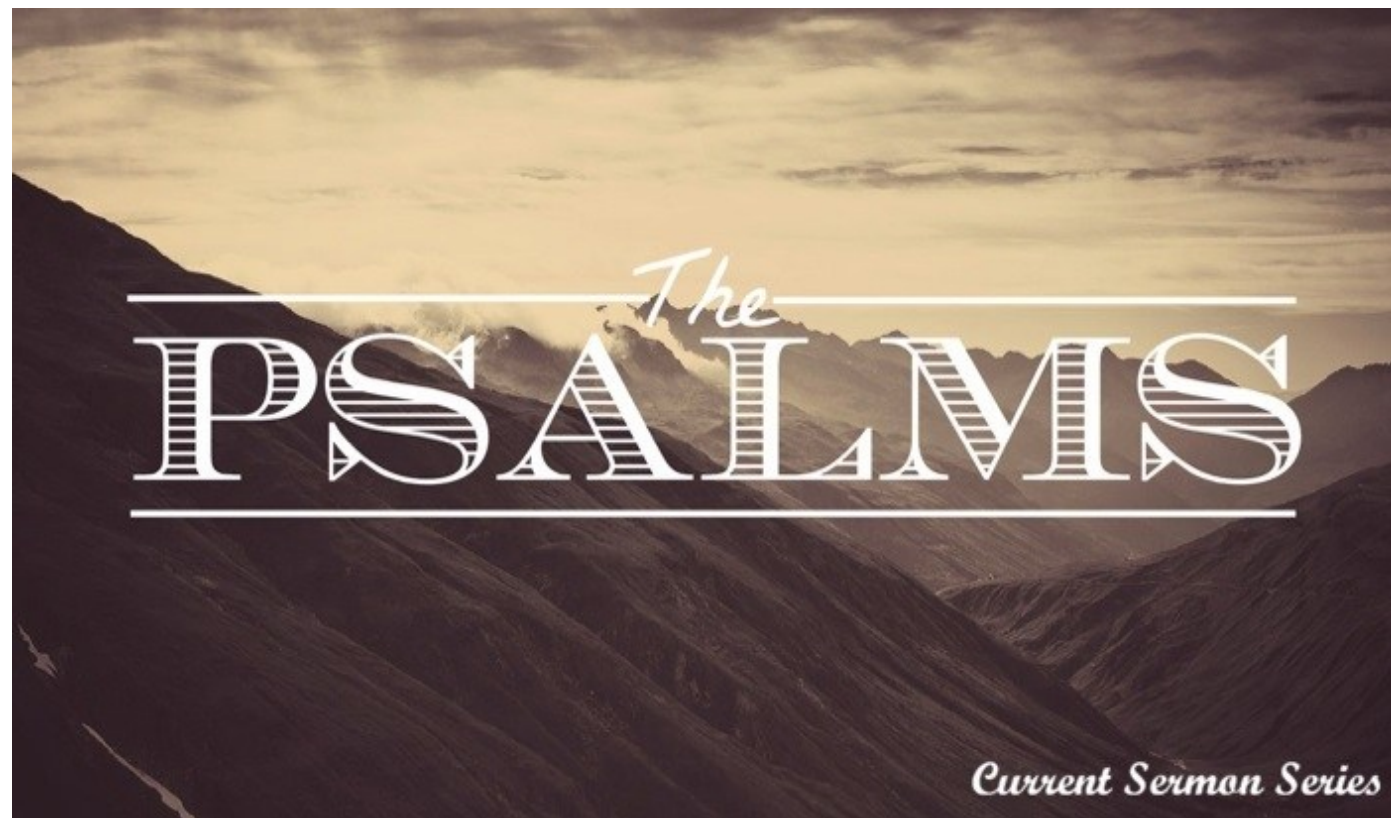
Free Literature - Each week on the free literature table under the announcements screen in the Narthex, you will find past sermons on CD, Bibles, daily devotionals such as Daily Bread and Table Talk and other items for you to have or share with others. All these items are free of charge.

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, coffee, and meal in the Fellowship Hall after worship!

This Week at Calvary

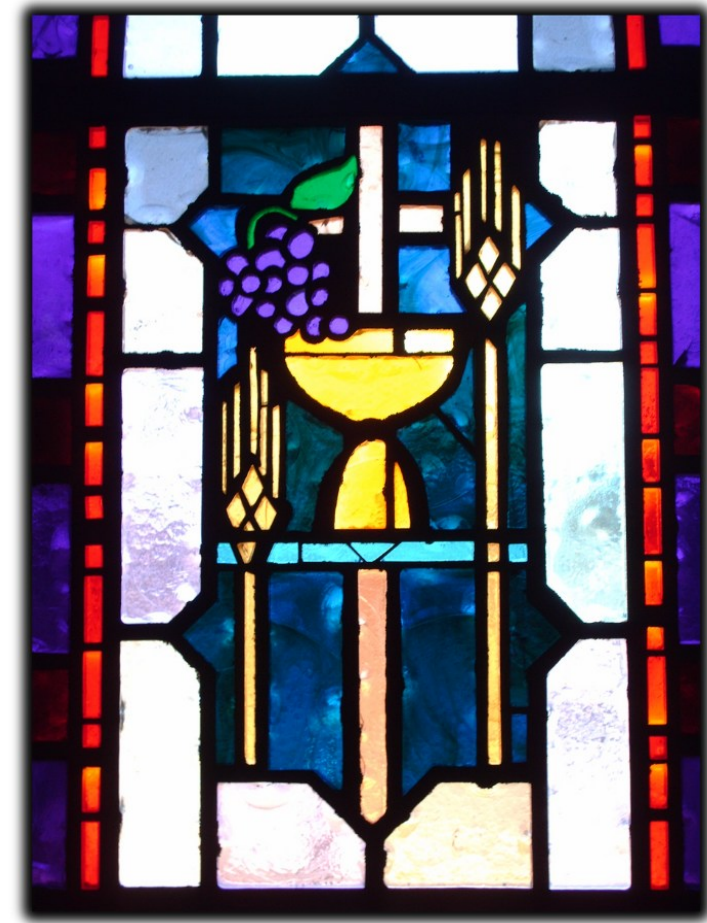
Today	9:40	Prayer in Office Conference Room (All Welcome)
	10:00	Worship Service with Communion followed by coffee, donuts & fellowship meal
	11:45	Sunday School
Tuesday	2:00	Tuesdays at Two
	6:00	Diaconate
Thursday	10:00	Martha Mary Circle
Friday		Office Closed
Next Sunday	9:40	Prayer in Office Conference Room (All Welcome)
	10:00	Worship Service followed by coffee, donuts & fellowship

As you prepare your heart for worship next Sunday, be sure to read through Psalm 119:9-16 (which will be our sermon text), and spend some time with our Meditation for the Week (printed inside the bulletin).



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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