

Liturgy for Corporate Worship		
The Lord's Day	November 24, 2024	
Prelude	Chris Holmberg	
Welcome and Announcements		
Introit	Choir	
	We Have Gathered	
Call to Worship	Psalm 9:1	
Opening Hymn	552	
	Come, Ye Thankful People, Come	
Corporate Prayer of Confession & Silent Confession		
Most holy and righteous God, we confess that our decisions are smoke and vapor. We do not glorify you or behave according to your will. Forgive us. Save us from ourselves: from the treachery of our perverse nature, from denying your charge against our offenses, from a life of continual rebellion against you, from wrong principles, views, and ends; for we know that all our thoughts, affections, desires and pursuits are alienated from you. We have acted as if we hated you, though you are love itself. Our thoughts, words and deeds are evil in your sight. Drive us not from your presence, but wound our hearts that they may be healed; break them that you might make them whole, for the sake of Christ Jesus, our Lord. Amen.		
Assurance of Forgiveness	Romans 4:25-5:1	
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 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.		
Special Music	Mixed Ensemble	
	I Will Sing Hallelujah	
Unison Scripture Reading	Psalm 8	

Anthem		Choir
	Christ Be in My Waking	
Pastoral Prayer		
Sermon Hymn		181
	Now Thank We All Our God	
Sermon		Rev. Pete Scribner
	Psalm 138	
Closing Hymn		138B
	With Grateful Heart My Thanks I Bring	
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 was adapted from a prayer in *The Valley of Vision*.

Featured Element of Worship: Stained Glass Windows

Technically speaking, the windows surrounding you are made of what is called “faceted glass,” but they perform the same function as traditional stained glass: Not only do they beautify the sanctuary, but they help to tell the story of the person and work of God throughout redemptive history. Each window is comprised of various pictures speaking to different aspects of who God is and what he has done. Starting in the back by the library and circling the sanctuary, we see in the six side windows reminders of:

- The Original Creation and Re-Creation through the Flood
- Means of Communication with God: The Bible and Prayer
- The Trinity: Father, Son & Holy Spirit
- The Life of Christ: His Birth, Death & Resurrection
- Sacraments: The Lord’s Supper & Baptism
- Miracles of Christ: Feeding of 5000 & Changing Water into Wine

Each week as we gather in this place, may these windows remind us once more of God’s glory and his grace, and in so doing, cause us all the more to worship him from the very depths of our hearts!

The image shows the musical score for the hymn 'Come, Ye Thankful People, Come'. It is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The score consists of four systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are printed below the staves. The first system contains the first four lines of the hymn. The second system contains the next four lines. The third system contains the next four lines. The fourth system contains the final four lines of the hymn, which end with a double bar line. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a mix of quarter and eighth notes. The bass line provides a steady accompaniment with mostly quarter notes and some chords.

1. Come, ye thank - ful peo - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest home:
2. All the world is God's own field, fruit un - to his praise to yield;
3. For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take his har - vest home;
4. E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to thy fi - nal har - vest home;

all is safe - ly gath - ered in, ere the win - ter storms be - gin;
wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown:
from his field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way;
gath - er thou thy peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin;

God, our Mak - er, doth pro - vide for our wants to be sup - plied:
first the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear:
give his an - gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
there for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, in thy pres - ence to a - bide:

come to God's own tem - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest home.
Lord of har - vest, grant that we whole - some grain and pure may be.
but the fruit - ful ears to store in his gar - ner ev - er - more.
come, with all thine an - gels, come, raise the glo - rious har - vest home.

¹ O LORD, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens.

² Out of the mouth of babies and infants,
you have established strength because of your foes,
to still the enemy and the avenger.

³ When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,

⁴ what is man that you are mindful of him,
and the son of man that you care for him?

⁵ Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings
and crowned him with glory and honor.

⁶ You have given him dominion over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under his feet,

⁷ all sheep and oxen,
and also the beasts of the field,

⁸ the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

⁹ O LORD, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

I Will Sing Hallelujah

I will sing hallelujah,
And you'll sing hallelu,
We'll go marching up to glory singing hellelu.

Yes, I'll sing hallelujah,
And you'll sing hallelu,
We'll go marching up to glory singing hellelu.

Joshua went to Jericho, Hallelu.
Told his trumpeters to blow, Hallelu.
Those stone walls came tumbling down, Hallelu.
That's how Joshua earned his crown, Hallelu.

Halle, hallelu. So I'll sing hallelujah.
And you'll sing hallelu,
We'll go marching up to glory singing hellelu.

Yes, I'll sing hallelujah,
And you'll sing hallelu,
We'll go marching up to glory singing hellelu.

Daniel in the lions den, Hallelu.
Walked right in then out again, Hallelu.
Made those lions lay right down, Hallelu.
That's how Daniel earned his crown, Halle, Hallelu.

So I'll sing hallelujah.
And you'll sing hallelu,
We'll go marching up to glory singing hellelu.

Yes I'll sing hallelujah.
And you'll sing hallelu,
We'll all sing hellelujah,
Come sing hallelu.

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Christ Be in My Waking

Christ be in my waking, as the sun is rising,
In my day of working, with me ev'ry hour.
Christ be in my resting as the day is ending,
Calming and refreshing, watching through the night.

Christ be in my thinking and my understanding,
Guarding me from evil, walking in the light.
Christ be in my speaking, ev'ry word a blessing,
Pure and not deceiving, grace to all who hear.

Jesus, this is my devotion,
All my life to know You,
Ev'ry day to walk with You.

Savior, You're my deepest longing;
You're the one I live for;
Teach me, Lord, to walk with You.

Christ be in my gladness, for the joy of living,
Thankful for the goodness of the Father's hand.
Christ be in my sorrow, in my day of darkness,
Knowing that I follow in the steps He trod.

Christ when hope has faded, nothing left to cling to,
Ev'ry pleasure jaded, ev'ry well is dry.
Christ the loving Shepherd draws me with His kindness,
Leads me from the desert to the streams of life.

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Psalm 138

¹ I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart;

before the gods I sing your praise;

² I bow down toward your holy temple

and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness,

for you have exalted above all things

your name and your word.

³ On the day I called, you answered me;

my strength of soul you increased.

⁴ All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O Lord,

for they have heard the words of your mouth,

⁵ and they shall sing of the ways of the Lord,

for great is the glory of the Lord.

⁶ For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly,

but the haughty he knows from afar.

⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble,

you preserve my life;

you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies,

and your right hand delivers me.

⁸ The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me;

your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.

Do not forsake the work of your hands.

Sermon Notes

We give thanks for:

- The Lord's Primacy

- The Lord's Universality

- The Lord's Proximity

WELCOME to this morning’s service of corporate worship!

The Flowers adorning our worship this have been provided by Jerry & Joanne Dosh, in memory of their fathers Richard Dosh & Ralph Jones (who both would have celebrated birthdays this month), and by Jim & Chris Campbell to the glory of God.

Christmas Decorations - Once again this year, our Deacons will be leading us in the decoration of our Sanctuary for the Advent and Christmas seasons. You are invited to join them at noon on Saturday, November 30th! It is always a sweet time of fellowship, and many hands make for light work, so please consider joining us!

Women’s Christmas Luncheon - Women’s Ministries invites you to their annual Christmas luncheon in Frankenmuth on December 6th. The luncheon will be at 10am the Bavaria Inn Alpine Room. Our theme will be *God’s Grace* from Titus 2:11 and our guest speaker is Autumn Howard. Tickets are \$22 for adults and \$9 for children (free for those under 6) and will be on sale each Sunday throughout November. In conjunction with the luncheon, we will once again be collecting gifts for Voices for Children Child Advocacy Center in Flint. Come and share the joy of celebrating the birth of our Savior!

This Christmas, the Martha Mary Circle will be providing \$5 Walmart gift cards for the kids at Whaley’s Children’s Home. If you would like to donate to their efforts, checks made out to Martha-Mary Circle or Walmart gift cards should be given to Wanda Knight.

The Martha Mary Circle will be holding their annual Christmas Potluck Party on Thursday, December 12th at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. All women of the church are invited to come! Beverages will be provided. Bring a dish to share and a favorite Scripture verse, and enjoy some holiday fun!

We will once again this year host The Flint Concert Band for their annual Christmas concert on Friday, December 6th at 7pm. The public is invited and there is no charge for this event. Light refreshments will be served afterwards. Invite your family and friends to take part in this beloved Christmas tradition!

Congregational Meeting - Our annual congregational business meeting will be held after our worship service on Sunday, December 8th.

This Week at Calvary

Today	9:40	Prayer in Office Conference Room (All Welcome)
	10:00	Worship Service followed by coffee, donuts & fellowship
	11:30	Sunday School & New Members Class
Tuesday	2:00	Tuesdays at Two
Thursday		Office Closed
Friday		Office Closed
Saturday	9:00	Christmas Decorations
Next Sunday	9:40	Prayer in Office Conference Room (All Welcome)
	10:00	Worship Service followed by coffee, donuts & fellowship
	11:30	Sunday School

Church Staff

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

Many of us love Thanksgiving. Often it revolves around the three big “Fs” (Food, Family & Football). This Thanksgiving though, may we focus on the original intent of the holiday. On October 3, 1789, President George Washington issued America's first official presidential proclamation, proclaiming a National Day of Thanksgiving. May that proclamation enhance your celebration this week:

Whereas it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor; and Whereas both Houses of Congress have, by their joint committee, requested me to "recommend to the people of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer, to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many and signal favors of Almighty God, especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness:"

Now, therefore, I do recommend and assign Thursday, the 26th day of November next, to be devoted by the people of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being who is the beneficent author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be; that we may then all unite in rendering unto Him our sincere and humble thanks for His kind care and protection of the people of this country previous to their becoming a nation; for the signal and manifold mercies and the favorable interpositions of His providence in the course and conclusion of the late war; for the great degree of tranquility, union, and plenty which we have since enjoyed; for the peaceable and rational manner in which we have been enable to establish constitutions of government for our safety and happiness, and particularly the national one now lately instituted for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed, and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge; and, in general, for all the great and various favors which He has been pleased to confer upon us.

And also that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations and beseech Him to pardon our national and other transgressions; to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually; to render our National Government a blessing to all the people by constantly being a Government of wise, just, and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed; to protect and guide all sovereigns and nations (especially such as have shown kindness to us), and to bless them with good governments, peace, and concord; to promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the increase of science among them and us; and, generally to grant unto all mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as He alone knows to be best.

Given under my hand, at the city of New York, the 3d day of October, A.D. 1789.



Calvary Presbyterian Church

November 24, 2024



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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