

CALVARY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Lord's Day

March 16, 2025



"To know and extend the transforming love of Jesus Christ"

To Our Guests: Thank you so much for joining us today for our service of worship! Calvary Church is a body of believers in Jesus Christ who have come to know that we need Jesus and that we need each other. It is our hope and prayer that during your time with us, you will experience something of the welcoming grace of Jesus.

Pastor Angel Gomez

The Structure of Our Worship Service

Here at Calvary, we see worship as a *dialogue* between God and his people. This is why in each part of our service, our songs, prayers, and confessions come after hearing something about what God says in the Bible. God speaks, we respond. You will notice that in the order of worship there are three headings. These headings are there in order to mark off where each element in the service fits in this overall flow.

God Calls Us and Cleanses Us – In the first movement of the service, God calls us into His presence by His Word, we then respond by singing praise to Him, confessing our sins, and receiving His word of assurance of grace to us in Jesus Christ.

We Respond with Thanks and Prayer – In the second movement of the service, having heard about the mercy that we have received in Jesus Christ, we then express our thanks for salvation by singing, confessing our faith, and then giving to God our requests and offerings.

God Strengthens Us by His Word and Table – The Last movement in the flow of our service prepares us to get up and go out into the world. As we are strengthened by God’s Word and Spirit in the preaching of the Gospel and the celebration of the Lord’s Supper, we then arise as vessels of God’s mercy to offer ourselves in loving service to Him and to our neighbors.

Music

· Calvary’s music style is considered blended as we weave together sacred music from throughout the ages. On a rotating and combined schedule, our orchestra, the church organ or piano, and our praise team provide accompaniment to our congregational singing.

Children

- Coloring pages and worksheets related to the sermon topic can be found in our welcome center inside the colorful bags
- Children of all ages are welcome to accompany their parents in the worship service. We also have a comfortable room adjacent to our Sanctuary with a monitor streaming the service.
- During the sermon, an optional Children’s Worship is offered in room 202 for children age 4 through 1st grade. The children will be walked back to their families before the end of the service. If you need to leave early, you may meet your child in room 202.
- Nursery care is available during the worship service for babies through children age 2 in room 202 of the education building across the driveway.

Sunday School

· Sunday school for all ages; children, youth, and adults, meets at 9:15—10:15 am each Sunday morning.

PRELUDE
WELCOME

GOD CALLS US AND CLEANSSES US



CALL TO WORSHIP
Psalm 113:1-6

Leader:

Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord!

All:

Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and forevermore!

Leader:

From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised!

All:

The Lord is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens!

Leader:

Who is like the Lord our God, who is seated on high, who looks far down on the heavens and the earth?

*HYMN OF APPROACH #289
A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

*PRAYER OF PRAISE & LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be Your name.
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our debts,
As we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For yours is the kingdom and the power
And the glory, forever. Amen**

**Please stand if you are able*

*HYMN OF PRAISE #295
Crown Him with Many Crowns

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

1 Chronicles 27:25-31

Over the king's treasuries was Azmaveth the son of Adiel; and over the treasuries in the country, in the cities, in the villages, and in the towers, was Jonathan the son of Uzziah; and over those who did the work of the field for tilling the soil was Ezri the son of Chelub; and over the vineyards was Shimei the Ramathite; and over the produce of the vineyards for the wine cellars was Zabdi the Shiphmite. Over the olive and sycamore trees in the Shephelah was Baal-hanan the Gederite; and over the stores of oil was Joash. Over the herds that pastured in Sharon was Shitrai the Sharonite; over the herds in the valleys was Shaphat the son of Adlai. Over the camels was Obil the Ishmaelite; and over the donkeys was Jehdeiah the Meronothite. Over the flocks was Jaziz the Hagrite. All these were stewards of King David's property.

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 3:18-23

Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among you thinks that he is wise in this age, let him become a fool that he may become wise. For the wisdom of this world is folly with God. For it is written, "He catches the wise in their craftiness," and again, "The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile." So let no one boast in men. For all things are yours, whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future — all are yours, and you are Christ's, and Christ is God's.

CONFESSION OF SIN

O eternal and gracious God, we admit that our natural inclination is to establish ourselves through power, money, and influence. Yet You conquer, in weakness, through the cross. We continually lie and covet worldly possessions. Yet You truly offer us the only everlasting gift: Your Son, Jesus Christ. We confess to You our pride, our faithlessness, and our reluctance to accept Your grace. Through the work of the Lord Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit, forgive us, heal us, correct us, and transform us. Then enable us to be still, to know Your presence, and to praise You. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*SCRIPTURE OF ASSURANCE

1 Peter 5:10-11

And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

WE RESPOND WITH THANKS AND PRAYER



*SONG OF THANKS

O Praise the Name

Verse 1

I cast my mind to Calvary
Where Jesus bled and died for me
I see His wounds His hands His feet
My Savior on that cursed tree

Verse 2

His body bound and drenched in tears
They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb
The entrance sealed by heavy stone
Messiah still and all alone

Chorus

O praise the Name of the Lord our God
O praise His Name forevermore
For endless days we will sing Your praise
Oh Lord oh Lord our God

Verse 3

Then on the third at break of dawn
The Son of heaven rose again
O trampled death where is your sting
The angels roar for Christ the King

Verse 4

He shall return in robes of white
The blazing sun shall pierce the night
And I will rise among the saints
My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face

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*CONFESSION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism

Question 49. How does Christ's ascension into heaven benefit us?

A. First, he is our Advocate in heaven before his Father. Second, we have our flesh in heaven as a sure pledge that he, our Head, will also take us, his members, up to himself. Third, he sends us his Spirit as a counter-pledge, by whose power we seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God, and not the things that are on earth.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Psalm 139 (*p. 521 in the church Bibles*)

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY #731

Following the Doxology, children ages 4 to 1st grade are invited to the Narthex for our optional Children's Worship. For more information, see p. 2. This week, "Jesus and the Children."

GOD STRENGTHENS US BY HIS WORD



SERMON TEXT

Luke 16:1-17 (*p. 875 in the church Bibles*)

SERMON

Kingdom Shrewdness

Pastor Angel Gomez

1. Giving an Account

2. What Shall We Do?

3. Children of this World and Children of Light

Main idea: Jesus welcomes unjust stewards, and calls us to Kingdom Shrewdness.

*HYMN OF RESPONSE #447

Christ for the World We Sing

*BENEDICTION AND POSTLUDE

The prayer team is ready in the lounge to pray with anyone who desires prayer.

The pastors and elders would also be glad to pray with you.

CALVARY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- If you are visiting this morning, we would love to meet you over lunch today!
- **2025 Church Directory:** We're in the process of updating our picture directory, so now is the time to email Becky (bmckay@calvary-wg.org) any **updates to your contact information or a new picture**. If you are a **new member/regular attender**, we would like to include your information and picture, too! **We also have a birthday list** at the back, so if you like, send in your birthday, as well. (No years, just month and day!!)
- **MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Spring Work Day is April 12 from 9 AM—Noon.**
- **Online prayer meeting: each Wed at 7 PM.** The Zoom link is in the *Calvary Connections* email each Friday, or you can join via a phone call. Contact: Pennye Goodman, 267-304-4016
PLEASE NOTE, this week, March 19, the prayer meeting is canceled.
- **To be added to Friday's *Calvary Connections* newsletter email list**, contact Becky in the office.
- **Financial Update as of February 28:** Giving: \$58,933 (Budgeted \$93,831), Other Income: \$23,761.87; Expenses \$106,310

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COMMUNITY GROUPS

New people are welcome to attend any of these groups!

- **1st & 3rd MONDAYS 7:15 pm.** This group of couples and singles meets in the **Sanctuary Lounge** and they are studying the **book of John**. Contact: Ed Barnes, (edwinbarnes1947@gmail.com)
- **2nd & 4th MONDAYS 7:15 pm:** This group of couples and singles meets in the **Sanctuary Lounge** and they are studying the book of Genesis. Contact: Rick Tyson (revrwtyson@gmail.com)
- **2nd & 4th TUESDAYS:** This is a family-friendly, group of couples and singles who meet at the Oliver's home in Abington. The 2nd Tues, 6—8:30 pm begins with a meal before our study (Gospel of John); The 4th Tues, 7—8:30 pm is for Bible study. Contact: andyoliver4133@gmail.com
- **WEDNESDAYS at 8 AM: Men's Breakfast Fellowship** at Lancers Diner, 858 Easton Rd, Horsham.
- **2nd WEDNESDAYS 1-2 PM** in the Atrium—**The Encouragers** meet monthly to pray and make gift bags to encourage many within our church and community.
- **THURSDAYS 10:00—11:30 am: Women's Bible Study**, this group begins in the fellowship hall and they are studying Ruth and Esther. Contact: Susan Fitzwater (SusanFitzh2o@gmail.com)
- **SATURDAY MORNINGS 7:30 am:** Men's Bible study in the atrium/library. Contact: David Solivan (dsolivan55@gmail.com)
- **Youth Group: SUNDAYS 5—7 PM** in gym. Contact: Darren Bacon (djbacon44@yahoo.com)
- **Young Adult Group, 2nd & 4th SUNDAYS 5-7 pm:** This group meets in the Sanctuary Lounge for devotionals, prayer, and fellowship. Contact Drew (dfreed@calvary-wg.org)



OUR VISION

“To know and extend the transforming love of Jesus Christ”

OUR MISSION

“Living in awe of the love of Jesus Christ by:

Proclaiming his glory in worship;

Experiencing his love in community;

Extending his compassionate Lordship:

In ourselves;

In our homes;

In our church body;

In our community;

And in our world.