

CALVARY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Lord's Day

April 13, 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 24:7-10

Leader:

Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the king of glory may come in.

All:

Who is this King of glory?

Leader:

The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle!

All:

Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

Leader:

Who is this King of glory?

All:

The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory!

*HYMN OF APPROACH #235
All Glory, Laud, and Honor

*PRAYER OF PRAISE

**Please stand if you are able*

***SONG OF PRAISE**

All Praise to Him

Verse 1

All praise to Him the God of light
Who formed the mountains by His might
All praise to Him Who names the stars
That sing His fame in skies afar

All praise to Him Who reigns in love
Who guides the galaxies above
Yet bends to hear our every prayer
With sovereign pow'r and tender care

Verse 2

All praise to Him Whose love is seen
In Christ the Son the servant King
Who left behind His glorious throne
To pay the ransom for His own

All praise to Him Who humbly came
To bear our sorrow sin and shame
Who lived to die Who died to rise
The all-sufficient sacrifice

Verse 3

All praise to Him whose pow'r imparts
The love of God within our hearts
The Spirit of all truth and peace
The fount of joy and holiness

To Father Son and Spirit now
Our souls we lift our wills we bow
To You the Triune God we raise
With loving hearts our song of praise

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OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 93

The Lord reigns; he is robed in majesty;
the Lord is robed; he has put on strength as his belt.
Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved.
Your throne is established from of old;
you are from everlasting.

The floods have lifted up, O Lord,
the floods have lifted up their voice;
the floods lift up their roaring.
Mightier than the thunders of many waters,
mightier than the waves of the sea,
the Lord on high is mighty!

Your decrees are very trustworthy;
holiness befits your house,
O Lord, forevermore.

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 5:11-14

Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice,

“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might
and honor and glory and blessing!”

And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying,

“To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!”

And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” and the elders fell down and worshiped.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden – cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, so that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord.

Amen. (*Book of Common Prayer*)

*SCRIPTURE OF ASSURANCE

Revelation 2:7

He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers I will grant to eat of the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.’

WE RESPOND WITH THANKS AND PRAYER



*SONG OF THANKS

Here Is Love

Verse 1

Here is love vast as the ocean
Loving-kindness as the flood
When the Prince of Life our Ransom
Shed for us His precious blood

Chorus 1

Who, His love, will not remember?
Who can cease to sing His praise?
He can never be forgotten
Throughout Heav'n's eternal days

Verse 2

On the mount of crucifixion
Fountains opened deep and wide
Through the floodgates of God's mercy
Flowed a vast and gracious tide

Chorus 2

Grace and love like mighty rivers
Poured incessant from above
Heav'n's peace and perfect justice
Kissed a guilty world in love

Ending

Yes here is love
Vast as the ocean
Yes here is love
Vast as the ocean

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*CONFESSION OF FAITH

Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 26. How does Christ carry out the office of a king?

A. Christ carries out the office of a king in subduing us to himself, in ruling and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all his and our enemies.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Psalm 143 (p. 523 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 the King."

GOD STRENGTHENS US BY HIS WORD & TABLE



SERMON TEXT

Matthew 25:1-13 (p. 830 in the church Bibles)

SERMON

Kingdom Arrival

Pastor Angel Gomez

1. The Bridegroom

2. Delayed Arrival

3. A Midnight Cry

4. The Door is Closing

Main Idea: Do not presume; be prepared for the coming of the Lord.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Who should come to the Lord's table?

Those who are displeased with themselves because of their sins, but who nevertheless trust that their sins are pardoned and that their remaining weakness is covered by the suffering and death of Christ, and who also desire more and more to strengthen their faith and to live a better life. (*Heidelberg catechism, Question 81*)

*HYMN OF RESPONSE #156

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

*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 refreshments after the service!
- **Deacon's Offering:** In response to the mercy of Christ, we collect an offering every second Sunday to support the work of the deacons who minister to those in need, to the sick, to the friendless, and to any who may be in distress. Offering baskets for this purpose are in the Welcome Center.
- **Afternoon Service:** There will be a 4:00 service today and on 4/27 before breaking for the summer.
- **Calvary Men's Softball Team:** The new softball season has begun! Everyone is welcome to come out to the park, enjoy the fellowship, and cheer on the Calvary team! There is a nice playground for the kids right next to the fields. See the season schedule on our website, www.calvary-wg.org/mens-ministry. Next game: Friday, April 18 at 6:15pm
- **2025 Church Directory:** Now is the time to email Becky (bmckay@calvary-wg.org) any **updates to your contact information or a new picture**. **New members/regular attenders**, included! **A birthday list** is in the back if you care to share your birthday, as well. (just month and day!!)
- **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
- **To be added to Friday's Calvary Connections newsletter email list**, contact Becky in the office.
- **Financial update YTD as of March 31st: Giving: \$104,626 (Budgeted \$140,749), Other Income: \$34,068, Expenses: \$155,107.37**

Holy Week Schedule

- **Maundy Thursday - April 17 at 7 PM:** This is a reflective service including Scripture readings, congregational singing, preaching of the Word, and the Lord's Supper.
- **Good Friday Service - April 18 at 7 PM:** This musical service will begin with Calvary's traditional "Drama of the Cross" and feature chamber ensemble offerings interspersed with readings and teaching, all organized around the "Seven Last Words of Christ."

Easter Morning - April 20

- **8 AM - Early "sunrise" service.** Rev. Rick Tyson will be preaching at this outside service.
- **9 - 10:15 AM - Pancake Breakfast with a multi-generational and interactive Sunday school lesson on "Resurrection: Past, Present, Future." All are welcome!**

10:30 Morning Worship Service -

- **Children of any age are invited to carry flowers into the service** at the very beginning. **Parents, again, please have your children in the Sanctuary lounge at 10:20.**
- A Calvary Easter tradition is to sing the *Hallelujah Chorus* **at the end of the service. Anyone who knows the piece is welcome to join the impromptu choir.** Music will be provided.

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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.