

TODAY'S THEME

(re)Building the Kindom

May 18, 2025



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where faith, compassion and authenticity meet

Quiet Meditation

"There is a movement, not easily discernible, at the heart of things to reverse the awful centrifugal force of alienation, brokenness, division, hostility, and disharmony. God has set in motion a centripetal process, a moving toward the center, toward unity, harmony, goodness, peace and justice, a process that removes barriers...as Jesus hangs from His cross with outflung arms, thrown out to clasp all, everyone, and everything, in a cosmic embrace, so that all, everyone, everything, belongs."

- Archbishop Desmond Tutu



Enter to Worship – Depart To Serve

*Gathering Hymn

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Hymnal #611

Welcome, Time of Quiet Prayer and Centering Breath

Opening Chant (#240)

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name

Scripture

John 13:31-35 (NRSVUE)

Judy Kercovich

P: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Humility

Judy Kercovich

L: Let us pray.

All: *Holy Rising Up One,*

How many times have we

forgotten God's prophetic promises,

and the power of Perfect Love and Persistent Justice?

How many times do we

react with disbelief to who we see as less powerful,

and who know oppression best?

How many times will we

dismiss the visions and wisdom of marginalized voices

and fail to recognize a new abundant future for all?

Hear us now as we offer you our silent confessions...

Prayer of Humility Response

Sing praise and bless the Lord,

Sing praise and bless the Lord, Peoples, nations, alleluia!

Assurance of God's Love

L. Friends: Believe the Good News of the Gospel

P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

*Congregational Response (#606)

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him all creatures here below;

Praise him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost

Children's Sermon

Anthem

Sermon

"Surrendering Into the Heart of God"

Rev. A. David Paul

The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them up to the Lord our God.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

P: It is right to give thanks and praise.

Prayer

Communion Song:

Heal us, Lord. Heal us, Lord.

On this thirsty ground, may your love flow down.

Come and heal our hearts, O Lord.

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

Presentation of Gifts**Hymn**

"They Know We Are Christians By Our Love"

Hymnal #300

Blessing and Benediction**Response**

Amen, amen, amen, amen.

***Postlude**

Serving This Week and Next Week

❖ Greeters this week: Paul Morrow & Jane Lavender

❖ Greeters next week: Mary Zamba & Judy Kercovich

Coffee Hour

Please join us after the service for coffee and fellowship.

❖ This Week: Nancy Marchese

❖ Next Week: The Noah Family

Prayer Ministers

Every Sunday after worship service, prayer ministers are available at the back of the sanctuary to offer confidential prayers.

❖ Today's Prayer Minister: Janet Reader

* Additional pages with Announcements and other information available upon request. Please see your greeters.

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Rachel Neelley — Trumpet, Vocals

CALVIN CHURCH ELDERS

Rachel Fagan — Youth Formation (2025)

Amy Alexander — Spiritual Nurture/Membership & Hospitality (2025)

Donna Galbraith — Spiritual Nurture (2025)

Tom Reiber — Personnel & Finance (2026)

March Frierson — Mission (2026)

Rachel Neelley — Communications (2026)

Jennifer Richart — Membership & Hospitality (2028)

John Stokes — Youth Formation (2028)

Paul Morrow — Building & Grounds (2028)

Sunday

FLOWERS

If you would like to provide flowers for Sunday morning services, please sign your name on the form located on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall or email the office administrator at the church, at office.cpc@zoominternet.net.

SERVICE

A live broadcast of each worship service is offered each Sunday. You can watch the same service throughout the week. To get the broadcast, go to the homepage on the Calvin Church website at www.calvinchurchzelie.org.

HEARING ASSIST DEVICES

Hearing Assist Devices are now available on the table at the back of the sanctuary. If you need assistance, please see DeWayne or one of our audio technicians before the services.



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Calendar

Church Office Hours: Monday — Thursday 10:00 a.m. — 3:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 18th

9:00 a.m.	Adult Education Sunday School
10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
11:00 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship
6:00 p.m.	Calvin Youth Group

Monday, May 19th

6:00 p.m.	Tai Chi Connection
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Tuesday, May 20th

9:30 a.m.	Devotional Prayer Group
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Thursday, May 22nd

8:30 a.m.	Men's Room
1:30 p.m.	Visitation Team
7:00 p.m.	GIFT Group

Saturday, May 24th

10:00 a.m.	Pre-Sermon Small Study Group
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Samaritan Counseling Is Here to Help: Calvin Church supports and hosts Samaritan Counseling as part of our ongoing mission to care for those in our community. Samaritan offers both in-person and virtual counseling both in their office at Calvin Church, and at their 10 satellites throughout Western Pennsylvania. They accept almost all insurance and also offer client aid. If you, or someone you know, is struggling and needs to speak to a therapist, please contact Samaritan at 412-741-7430 or through their website at www.samaritancounseling.net.

Announcements

MEN'S ROOM

The Men's Room is reading the book entitled *Rethinking Life: Embracing the Sacredness of Every Person* by Shane Claiborne.

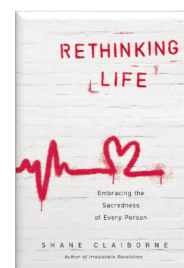
- 01/30/25 Introduction: An Invitation to Love Life
02/06/25 1. Life Is Good
02/13/25 2. Every Person Bears Image of God
02/20/25 3. Sin Destroys Life
02/27/25 4. *God is Like Jesus*
03/06/25 5. Jesus Died to Save Us from Death
03/13/25 6. The Early Church Was a Force...
03/20/25 7. We Exchanged the Cross for the...
03/27/25 8. We Spread the Gospel through...
04/03/25 9. We Theologize Hate
04/10/25 10. We Decided Some Life Matter...
04/17/25. *** Holy Week***
04/24/25 11. *We Believed America Was...*
05/01/25 12. We Chose Pro-Birth over Pro-Life
05/08/25 13. Be a Truth Teller
05/15/25 14. Practice Proximity
05/22/25 15. Be a Force for Life
05/29/25 16. Protestify
06/05/25 17. Give Birth to a Better World

*ADP not available

The group meets every Thursday morning at 8:30 a.m. in the Marriott Cranberry North dining area.

You can also join via Zoom. A link is emailed out every week.

THE
MEN'S
ROOM



Weekly Groups

Visit our website for more information about our groups

www.calvinchurchzelle.org

SUNDAYS

World Events Through a Christian Lens — Last Sunday @ 6:00 p.m.

This group allows all participants to celebrate, lament, discuss, and share thoughts on current events, history, culture, and trends in a safe place, where we can respectfully share, agree, or disagree, in a supportive mutual spirit of Christian witness.

They meet the last Sunday of each month. All are welcome! Contact Herb Wright at 412.443.7098 with any questions.

Announcements

ADULT EDUCATION

During the month of May, Rick St. John will be having a discussion using poetry he has written.

May 18 — Who is My Neighbor from *Poems From Entangled Souls*



WITHOUT RESERVATIONS SHIRTS

Without Reservations is selling kid and adult t-shirts for \$20 each. Please see Kelly Casey or text her at 724-713-4854 if you would like one. All proceeds will go to the Without Reservations bike mission group.



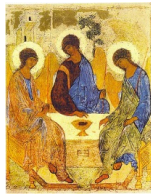
CALVIN YOUTH GROUP

Calvin Youth Group will meet at our usual time of 6:00 — 7:30 p.m. this evening where we'll be planning for the upcoming mission trip.



THE DIVINE FLOW

This Summer Calvin's Third Thursday worship service will be worshipping in the form of Contemplative, Meditative, Healing Worship. Specifically, we'll be on a five-session journey focusing on with Richard Rohr's book *"The Divine Dance: The Trinity and Your Transformation"*



In this five-session series, we'll be invited to consider a worldview framed and informed by the power of the Trinity, and through it's dynamic flow, embrace and participate in the living, continuous relationship with the divine, and God's ongoing work of transformation and redemption.

We're so glad you found your way here and hope you find the time exploring through these films, prayers, practices - and listening to your own life - a mini, life-giving journey for you. The Sessions include:

1. **A Universe Shaped by Shared Identity** – exploring the Trinity and our interconnectedness.
2. **Praying Always: a Trinitarian Worldview** – embracing the Divine flow in everyday life
3. **Prepared for Unity with God** – embracing the Trinitarian flow in our lives
4. **Living In the Divine Flow of the Trinity** – embracing our humanity and spirituality
5. **Trinitarian Love and the Transformed Cross** – embracing the depth of God's love and suffering

ZELIENOPLE PRESCHOOL

Basket Raffle

There is also a basket raffle on the back counter in Fellowship Hall. Judy Kercovich will be available to help out with the purchase of any tickets. The winner will be drawn at their Summer Sendoff on May 20th.



PB & J

The preschool is collecting peanut butter and jelly for the Southwest Butler Food Cupboard. These items will be given to kids to eat over the summer. The box is located by the steps going down to the preschool.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Are your kids ready for a SUMMER CAMP ADVENTURE with God?



Get ready for Camp Firelight Vacation Bible School!

Dates: July 28-31

Times: 6:00 — 8:00 p.m.

Place: Calvin Presbyterian Church, 415 East Grandview Ave, Zelienople

All kids in grades K-6 are invited to grow in faith as they play, learn, sing, and work to share God's love in our congregation and community. Sign up today by scanning the QR code or visiting <https://forms.gle/L9FeDKxcwxcByGoE6>

CALVIN CHOIR

Choir rehearsals will resume in September. Look for announcements in the upcoming months. Thank you all for sharing Music and Spirit this season!



Education



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Every Sunday morning
9:00 — 9:45 a.m.



CREATIVE ARTS MINISTRY

All children grades K-6.
Combined with Sunday school @ 9:00 a.m.



CHILDREN'S CORNER

Check out the special section on our website for children's bulletins, sermons, and other fun stuff for the kids!



YOUTH GROUP

Youth Room downstairs
Grades 7 — 12
Meeting @ 6:00 — 7:30 p.m.



ADULT EDUCATION

Fellowship Hall @ 9:00 a.m.
May 18 — Who is My Neighbor from Poems
From Entangled Souls

Ways to Give

ONLINE



<http://www.calvinchurchzeli.org> and click the Contribute Online link or scan the QR code with the camera on your smartphone



CHECK/CASH



You can place your donation in the offering plate on the table at the back of the church before or after services. You can also mail your donations to the church at 415 E. Grandview Ave. Zelenople. Make checks payable to Calvin Presbyterian Church.

CHURCH APP



Download our Tithe.ly app and click on the Give link to make a one time donate or set up recurring giving.

TEXT TO GIVE



Three Simple Secure Encrypted Steps

1. Text GIVE to (833) 642-0108
2. Follow instructions to register with tithe.ly and Link
3. Simply enter amount you want to give to the phone number in step 1

Social Media



Follow us on Instagram @calvinchurchzeli



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Deadlines

- ◆ Bulletin and Sunday Service Inclusions — Wednesday @ 3pm
- ◆ Newsletter Submissions — 20th of every month
- ◆ Ministry Team Minutes — within 24 hours after meeting

4th Sunday of Easter

Lectionary Texts

Acts 11:1-18 • Psalm 148 • Revelation 21:1-6 • John 13:31-35

Theme

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Calvin 2Gether:

1. **FIND:** someone you don't know as well as others and introduce yourself, or discuss with your family around the dinner table.
2. **DISCUSS:** *How did today's service intrigue, disturb, challenge, comfort, encourage or inspire you?*
3. **PRAYER COVENANT:** to pray for each other daily, by name until you meet again (the prayer to the right is offered as a suggestion).

Ephesians 3:16-19 (MSG)

“_____ and I ask God to strengthen us by the Spirit—not a brute strength but a glorious inner strength—that Christ will live in us as we open the door and invite him in. And we ask him that with both feet planted firmly on love, we'll be able to take in with all Christians the extravagant dimensions of Christ's love. Reach out and experience the breadth! Test its length! Plumb the depths! Rise to the heights! Live full lives, full in the fullness of God. Amen.”

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Prayer Concerns

Please offer God prayers for the different ministries & activities of Calvin Church

Especially pray for

- * Mission Ministry Team and Calvin Church Staff
- * Pastor David Paul and Calvin's leaders
- * Caroline Baker, who graduated from seminary and is discerning next steps

Prayers for the World

- * For Calvin Church's partnership with Oti Presbytery – Ghana
- * For first responders and front line medical workers
- * Our congressmen, senators, governor and president
- * Josh Heikkila, our missionary in Ghana
- * For people across the world who are victims of terrorism
- * For Syria refugees and for the Syrian conflict
- * The people of Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota, and their liaison, Ron Cotner
- * Ukraine, Palestine and Israel during this time of war
- * All those affected in the south by Hurricanes Helene and Milton
- * All those affected by the wildfires in California

Please pray for these members of Calvin Church

- ~ Jane Klimasauskas, who recently had eye surgery
- ~ Bob Van Ingen, continued prayers
- ~ Vickie and Tom Baker, continued prayers
- ~ Ken Weaver, for continued healing
- ~ Wayne Brinda, for continued healing

If you would like to include someone in these weekly prayers, please contact the church office at 724-452-7560, office.admin@calvinchurchzelie.org or place a note in the offering plate.