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Calvin Presbyterian Church

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TODAY'S THEME

5th Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024

Quiet Meditation

"God showed me a little thing, the size of a hazelnut, in the palm of my hand; and it was as round as a ball.... I marveled how it might last, for I thought it might suddenly have fallen to nothing for little[ness]. And I was answered in my understanding: It lasts, and shall always last because God loves it. And so everything has its Being by the love of God."

- Julian of Norwich



Enter to Worship – Depart To Serve

***Gathering Hymn** "Morning Has Broken" Hymnal #664

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 15:9-17 (NRSVUE) Stephen McConahy
P: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Humility Stephen McConahy
L: Let us pray.

*All: Jesus, our sibling and friend,
we do not always love one another.
Our divisions and disagreements
prevent us from knowing the joy of meaningful relationships.
We forget that we are chosen and appointed by you
to bring hope to a weary world.
Help us renew our focus and live by your will...
that we may follow you with joy in our hearts.*

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 Message Stephanie Castlen

Anthem "Tin Roof" ~ Offer, Hemby
Rachel Neelley, vocal solo

Sermon "Mutual, Reciprocal, and Connective Love" Rev. A. David Paul

Musical Meditation "Forever Afternoon" ~ Hayward

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

Announcements, Minutes for Mission, Concerns and Celebrations

*Hymn

"Love Devine"

Hymnal #366

*Blessing and Benediction

*Response

God be with you, God be with you,

God be with you 'til we meet again.

*Postlude

Musical Meditation

Today's musical meditation (also known as "Tuesday Afternoon") is a nod to Mike Pinder, who passed last week (aged 82) as the last surviving founding member of the Moody Blues. Pinder was their keyboard player, singer, contributing composer, and often their on-stage spokesman.

Serving This Week and Next Week

❖ 8:30 a.m. Greeters this week: Jim & Marie Campbell

❖ 11:00 a.m. Greeter this week: Karen Cramer

❖ 8:30 a.m. Greeter next week: Jane Lavender

❖ 11:00 a.m. Greeter next week: Susan Cupp

Coffee Hour

Please join us between services for coffee and fellowship.

❖ Today's coffee is served by: The Noah Family

❖ Next Week: Nancy Marchese

Prayer Ministers

Every Sunday after worship service, prayer ministers are available to offer confidential prayers of healing for you or another through you. Upon conclusion of the service prayer ministers will move to the rear of the church to pray with you.

❖ 8:30 a.m. Prayer Minister: Tom Surgalski

❖ 11:00 a.m. Prayer Minister: Rosemary Shirley

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Jared Negley – Bass

Adam Corrigan – Bass

Peter Donovan – Guitar

Dr. David English – Vocals, Percussion

Rachel Neelley – Trumpet, Vocals

CALVIN CHURCH ELDERS

David Shidemantle – Building & Grounds (2024)

David English – Worship & Arts (2024)

Rachel Fagan – Youth Formation (2025)

Amy Alexander – Membership & Hospitality (2025)

Donna Galbraith – Spiritual Nurture (2025)

Tom Reiber – Personnel & Finance (2026)

March Frierson – Mission (2026)

Rachel Neelley – Communications (2026)

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 5th

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service
- 9:30 a.m. Coffee Hour
- 10:00 a.m. Adult Education
Sunday school
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 6:00 p.m. Calvin Youth Group

Monday, May 6th

- 6:00 p.m. Tai Chi Connection Class

Tuesday, May 7th

- 9:30 a.m. Devotional Prayer Group
- 5:30 p.m. Session Dinner at Burgh'ers
- 7:00 p.m. Session

Wednesday, May 8th

- 4:00 p.m. Worship & Arts Ministry Team
Youth Formation Ministry Team

Thursday, May 9th

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Room
- 11:00 a.m. Men's Room 2.0
- 1:00 p.m. Daytime Circle
- 5:00 p.m. Building & Grounds Ministry Team
- 7:00 p.m. Gift Group

Saturday, May 11th

- 10:00 a.m. Pre-Sermon Small Study Group



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.

Weekly Groups

Visit our website for more information about our groups

www.calvinchurchzelie.org

TUESDAYS

Devotional Prayer Group — 9:30 a.m.

Conference Room or via Zoom

This is a group for those seeking to go deeper in their faith journey. It prayerfully studies and discusses classics of the Christian spiritual life. Contact Marie Campbell at marie.l.campbell@icloud.com for more information.

WEDNESDAYS

Beth Moore — 7:00 p.m.

Conference Room

Meeting the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month, this group uses the Beth Moore Bible Studies to learn more about the Bible. Beth Moore is a charismatic biblical teacher whose focus is teaching women how to love and live on God's Word. Begins again this fall.

THURSDAYS

Men's Room — 7:00 a.m.

Marriott North (dining area), Cranberry Twp. or via Zoom

Men's Room 2.0 — 11:00 a.m.

St. John's Specialty Care, 500 Wittenberg Way, Mars

4th Floor Dining Room

This spiritual growth group for men explores ways to connect faith practically in work, family, and other areas of life.

GIFT — 7:00 p.m.

Conference Room

GIFT is a women's book group that meets every Thursday evening. All women are welcome. Contact Kelly Casey at kncasey@gmail.com for more information.

SUNDAYS

World Events Through a Christian Lens — 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 meets the last Sunday of each month. All are welcome! Contact Herb Wright at 412.443.7098 with any questions.

Announcements

SESSION CHURCH UPDATES

Sunday, May 19th between services at 10:00 a.m., Session will be giving their next Church Update regarding Calvin's long-term planning and ministry team activities.



PENTECOST OFFERING BEGINNING NEXT SUNDAY

Pentecost Sunday is May 19th. We are asking all of the congregation to wear red to celebrate the arrival of the Holy Spirit as a bringer of new life.



A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children. 40% of the Pentecost offering will be retained by our congregation to support In Toto (see below) in Zelenople. The remaining 60% is used to support children-at-risk, youth and young adults through ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency.

Please consider a donation. Checks can be made out to our church with Pentecost Offering in the memo line.

WAYS TO GIVE

Through the Church: You can leave your contribution in the offering plate or send it to the church.

Mobile Giving: Text PENTECOST to 91999

Online: pcusa.org/donatepentecost

DOUG TILTON PREACHING MAY 19TH

Featuring African Music led by David English



Doug Tilton currently serves as regional liaison for Southern Africa, helping to strengthen the mutual ministries of the PC(USA) and its partner churches and institutions in five countries: Lesotho, Madagascar, Mozambique, South Africa and Zimbabwe. Doug also provides support for other PC(USA) mission personnel in the region, and helps to connect PC(USA) presbyteries and congregations with their counterparts in Southern Africa.

"Our church is changing, and so is our approach to mission and partnership," Doug writes. "One of the most dynamic developments of recent years has been the growth of direct presbytery and congregational links between the United States and other parts of the world. Another important development is the emergence of mission networks to enable those involved in partnerships to exchange experiences and insights and to learn from one another. Regional liaisons can assist these efforts by providing relevant information and analysis, facilitating communications, and troubleshooting problems."

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS CHOIR SPRING CONCERTS

Come out and enjoy the Circle of Friends Bell and Vocal Choirs at their spring concerts!



Glen Eden Barn

(231 Dufford Road, Evans City)

Friday, May 10th @ 7:30 p.m.

Benefits: Legacy Fitness

Saturday, May 11th @ 7:30 p.m.

Benefits: Without Reservations

PRAYER MINISTER UPDATE

Prayer Ministers are available in the rear of the sanctuary following worship for confidential prayers. We have added prayer cards in the pews for prayer requests.



The cards may be put in the Prayer Box on the Communication Center table in Fellowship Hall.

ZELIENOPLE PRESCHOOL ART SHOW AND BOOK FAIR

The Zelenople Preschool had their annual Art Show on May 2nd. You are welcome to stop downstairs and see all the lovely works the children have done this year.



Additionally, they are hosting a Scholastic Book Fair in Fellowship Hall. The fair will be open following Sunday church services today or during the regular school day during the week. The on-site fair will feature mostly young children's books. All are welcome to browse the fair and find some summer reading for your favorite little ones.

There is also an online fair running thru May 10th. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/ZPbookfair> to place your order online where there is a greater selection of books. While the onsite fair will feature mostly preschool titles, the online fair has over 6,000 titles to choose from for every age! Thank you for your support all year long!

ADULT EDUCATION

May 5th — Guided Bible Study

May 13th — Dwelling in the World by Stephanie Castlen



We will read, meditate, and reflect upon a scripture passage and share how we feel connected to it in this time and place. Questions such as "Where does your attention rest," and "How has this passage been involved in your life?" will prompt us for rich small and large group discussions about what is happening in our individual lives, Calvin, and the world, along with how God, Christ, and the Holy Spirit are interwoven in all.

Interested in what passage we will be discussing? Stay Tuned!

Education



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Every Sunday morning
10:00 – 10:45 a.m.



CREATIVE ARTS MINISTRY

All children grades K-6.
Combined with Sunday school @ 10:00 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 8 – 12
Bible Study @ 5:00 p.m.
CYG @ 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.



ADULT EDUCATION

Fellowship Hall
10:00 a.m.

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PLEASE NOTE THE SLIGHT INCREASE!



\$44.20 for a single family member
\$88.40 for a two-member family
\$132.60 for a three- member family
\$176.80 for a four-member family Etc.

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.

Social Media



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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

Calvin's Average Worship Attendance Per Week

	In-Person (i)	Online (o)	Total	# States	# Countries
April '24	124	93	217	15	3
		YTD-2024	239	16	4

April's attendance is down, which is normal after Easter. Our average # of States and Countries have held steady at 16 States, and Countries increased to 4/week. Eastertide blessings to our friends who regularly worshipped with Calvin this year from: France, Ireland, Sweden and Germany!

Today's Scriptures

John 15:9-17

Theme

5th Sunday of Easter

Affirmation of faith (from the Belhar Confession)

We believe in the triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end.

We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the Church, as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another; that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the Church of Jesus Christ.

We believe that this unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways: in that we love one another, and that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another.

We believe that the variety of spiritual gifts, opportunities, backgrounds, convictions, as well as the various languages and cultures, are by virtue of the reconciliation in Christ, opportunities for mutual service and enrichment within the one visible people of God. Jesus is Lord. Amen.

1. How do you "**find your home**" in Christ's love? What "**dwelling time**" can you take this week?
2. Most congregations describe themselves as loving. What specific examples can you lift up of members of Calvin following Christ's commandment to love?
3. If the greatest love is "**to lay down one's life for one's friends**" (John 15:13), how do you see that happening in Calvin? In the community in which you live? How are love and generosity intertwined?

Prayer Concerns

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

Especially pray for

- * Session, Worship & Arts and Youth Formation Ministry Teams
- * 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
- * The coronavirus pandemic, and those affected
- * 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
- * Ellen Smith, our mission co-worker based in the States, serving in Russia, Belarus, Ukraine and Poland

Please pray for these members of Calvin Church

- ~ *The family of Mary Johnson*, who recently passed away
- ~ *ChrisAnn Goossen*, whose mother, Mary Koepke, is in hospice care
- ~ *The family of Scott Hamill*, who recently passed away
- ~ *Dennis Segafredo*, who is in skilled nursing
- ~ *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.cpc@zoominternet.net or place a note in the offering plate.