



Calvin Presbyterian Church
where faith, compassion, and authenticity meet

TODAY'S THEME

Lent 4

March 19, 2023

Quiet Meditation

"The only thing worse than being blind is having sight but no vision."

- Helen Keller

Enter to Worship – Depart To Serve

Prelude

*Gathering Hymn

"How Majestic Is Your Name"

Hymnal #613

Welcome, Time of Quiet Prayer and Centering Breath

Lenten Candle Liturgy

Fagan Family (8:30 a.m.)

Meditation

Stewart Family (11:00 a.m.)

L: Let us pray

P: Loving God, we thank you that you are with us, and that we may call upon you no matter where we are, or what we are feeling. Keep us mindful of your presence and trusting in your promise—that you are working with us in the moment-by-moment unfolding of our lives. Amen.

Opening Chant (#448)

Peace of God be with you. Peace of God be with you.

Salaam, salaam. Peace of God be with you.

Scripture

John 9:35-41 (1-41) (NRSVUE)

Kevin Trobaugh

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Humility

"For All the Times"

For all the times we have neglected you

For all the times we've strayed away from you

O Lord, O Savior, please forgive

Please pursue us all the more

For all the times we've failed to make for you

Give us faith to be aware of you

A welcome place inside our hearts

To welcome you into our hearts.

Please be patient with us

In your name we pray

Please be patient....with us

In your name ... we pray

(Continue by offering your silent confession)

Prayer of Humility Response

In your name we pray. In your name ... we pray.

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

Choral Anthem

"Taste and See"

~ Francis Patrick O'Brien

Sermon

"Parfait"

Rev. A. David Paul

Musical Meditation

"Make Peace"

~ Pat Metheny

The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

8:30 a.m.

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

Announcements, Minutes for Mission, Concerns and Celebrations

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

L: The Lord be with you

11:00 a.m.

P: And also with you

*Hymn

"Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters"

Hymnal #490

*Blessing and Benediction

*Response

Amen. Amen.

*Postlude

Serving This Week and Next Week

- ❖ 8:30 a.m. Greeter this week: Jane Lavender
- ❖ 11:00 a.m. Greeters this week: Shelly & John Free
- ❖ 8:30 a.m. Greeters next week: Jane & Wils Cooley
- ❖ 11:00 a.m. Greeter next week: Paul Morrow

Coffee Hour

Please join us between services for coffee and fellowship.

- ❖ Today's coffee is served by: The Noah Family
- ❖ Next Week: Andrea Reiterman

Prayer Ministers

Every Sunday, after each worship service, prayer ministers are available to offer prayers of healing or blessing for you or for another through you. You will spot prayer ministers after each service wearing white stoles. Please feel free to approach one for any concerns that you have.

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Dr. David English — Vocals, Percussion

Rachel Neelley — Trumpet, Vocals

Samantha Kochis — Flute

Sam McCune — Guitar

CALVIN CHURCH ELDERS

David Shidemantle — Long Term Strategy/Nominating (2024)

David English — Mission (2024)

Scott Hamill — Long Term Strategy/Nominating (2024)

Robin Fleming — Personnel & Finance (2023)

Ted Koontz — Building & Grounds (2023)

Rachel Fagan — Youth Formation (2025)

Pete Sylves — Youth Formation (2025)

Amy Alexander — Spiritual Nurture (2025)

Donna Galbraith — Spiritual Nurture (2025)

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 our worship service is offered each Sunday at 8:30 a.m. 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.



One of the challenges of ministry has always been building meaningful relationships. I lament that over the past 29 months we haven't had much opportunity to do exactly that. Acts 2:42 is specifically intended to address this challenge. And here's the best part, it's the biblical model of how meaningful relationships and the church grows!

Won't you please call the office (724-452-7560) to schedule a time to break bread and build meaningful relationships. Oh and please put my cell phone in your contacts (402-203-6400). The area code is NOT a mistake, it is in fact 'FOUR, ZERO, TWO.' If you put it in your contacts, you will not think I'm a telemarketer or spam call if I need to return your call.

I look forward to our time together!

Larry Davis

Calendar

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

Sunday, March 19th

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
5:00 p.m.	CWG
6:00 p.m.	CYG
	World Events Through a Christian Lens

Monday, March 20th

6:00 p.m.	Tai Chi Connection
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Tuesday, March 21st

9:30 a.m.	Devotional Prayer Group
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Wednesday, March 22nd

7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
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Thursday, March 23rd

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

Saturday, March 25th

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 virtual or in-person counseling at their office in Calvin Church, or at any of their 10 satellite offices 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 who focuses on teaching women how to love and live on God's Word.

THURSDAYS

Men's Room — 7:00 a.m.

River City Grille, Marriott North, Cranberry Twp. or via Zoom


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.

Small Meeting 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.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS FOR 2022

Contribution statements for 2022 are available to view and download on the Tithe.ly Church App. Just log into the member directory, click the three lines  in the circle on the top left of the screen, and click on My Giving. You will see a download link to your statement in the Giving section.



You can also access your statement via a computer browser by logging into your account at <https://calvinchurch.elvanto.net/>. Once you are logged in, click on My Giving in the navigation at the top of the page. If you have any questions, please contact Dahn in the church office at 724-452-7560 or office.cpc@zoominternet.net.

Announcements

SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Children's Sunday School is back in session!! Every Sunday from 10:00 - 10:45 a.m. We are asking for volunteers to assist on Sundays for this important ministry.



Contact Toni Schlemmer: tmschlemmer@yahoo.com or Rachel Fagan: kresger@gmail.com

ADULT EDUCATION DURING LENT

Join us every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. during Lent for our Adult Education class led by Pastor Ron and Min. Sue Johnson.



Breathing Under Water by Richard Rohr

A Lenten Journey

Exploring Spirituality and the 12 Steps

From Freedom Online

We all suffer from unhealthy dependencies that we continually return to in hopes of having a better life. But after yet another TV show is streamed or another drink is swallowed, we find we once again feel worse, not better, than we did before. Where is the hope for that fully awakened life we long to live?

World-renowned author Richard Rohr says we can only be healed and find true fulfillment by facing our dependencies head-on. In *Breathing Under Water* he will guide you to:

- Disentangle from cultural cycles of sin and emptiness
- Discover how to get free from your personal toxic dependencies
- Learn how the Twelve Step program can supplement Christian teaching
- Find compassion for others and yourself
- Enjoy a deeper spiritual life, feeling certain of God's love for you

Those who are ready to break negative patterns and experience greater internal freedom will find bold hope and transformation in this insightful book.

EASTER PRAYER VIGIL

Please join us in the sanctuary or online on Saturday, April 8th for the Easter Prayer Vigil. This is a time for you to pray for the prayer requests that we have received during Lent as well as for your own prayer concerns, and for prayers of the world.



We would like volunteers to sign up to pray during a 30-minute time slot so that there are continuous prayers throughout the day. You may pray in person in the sanctuary, from home or as you travel! You will have access to the Prayer Vigil through Calvin's website.

We encourage you to set aside time to pray on Holy Saturday - even if you don't sign up for a specific time slot. We also encourage small groups, ministry teams, etc. to set aside time to attend the Prayer Vigil together.

Please email your prayer requests to eastervigil2023@gmail.com or you may place your prayer requests in the Prayer Request Box in Fellowship Hall.

A signup sheet will also be available if you would like to volunteer as a Greeter for the Prayer Vigil.

If you have any questions or are unable to sign up in person to pray, please contact:

Lisa Buechele at lisabuechele2@gmail.com or at 724-513-9209

Donna Galbraith at galb228@gmail.com or at 412-585-2780

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 7 – 12

Connect With God (CWG) Bible Study
5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

CYG
6:00 – 7:30 p.m.



ADULT EDUCATION

During Lent

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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



Follow us on Instagram @calvinchurchzeli



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Follow us on Twitter @CalvinPresZeli

Church App



Download our new Tithe.ly church app in the Apple or Google Play store!



Make sure to download the BLUE app and not the green one.

Calvin's Average Worship Attendance Per Week

	In Person	Online	Total	% x=200	#States
Feb 2023 Avg	115	119	235	117%	13
		YTD-2023	230	115%	12

The February average is as of 2/27/23, including Ash Wednesday.

Interesting fact, Calvin averaged 2.67 countries in the month of February

Please note that these numbers are likely to rise as our online attendance tends to rise for 3-4 weeks.

Today's Scriptures

John 9:35-41

Theme

Lent 4

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1. Have you seen attempts to connect suffering and sin? What is appealing about this view? What are its shortcomings? How does Jesus engage this perspective?
 2. Trace the character arc of the man born blind. What happens to him in the course of this passage? As he gains his sight, what does he come to understand?
 3. What's at stake in this passage for the opponents of Jesus?
 4. Does the transformation at work in this story suggest something you have experienced, an issue about which you now see differently? Have there been times when grace has brought you a new vision or a fresh understanding?

Affirmation of faith (The Brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in Jesus Christ,
Fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor
and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed
and blessing the children,
healing the sick
and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts,
forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified,
suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised this Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal.
With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Amen.

Prayer Concerns

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

Especially pray for

- * Calvin Church Staff
- * Caroline Baker, who is attending seminary

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
- * 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

- ~ John Stokes, for insight and healing of recent neurological incidents
- ~ Wayne Brinda, who is recovering from surgery
- ~ The Segafredo family — prayers for wisdom, strength, healing
- ~ Scott Hamill, for continued healing
- ~ David English, 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.