

TODAY'S THEME

(re)Building the Kindom

August 31, 2025



@CalvinChurchZelie



"Blind" by Alvar Cawén

Public Domain

SCAN ME FOR



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Quiet Meditation

"Courage. Kindness. Friendship. Character. These are the qualities that define us as human beings, and propel us, on occasion, to greatness."
— R.J. Palacio, Wonder

SCAN ME



TO CHECK IN

Enter to Worship – Depart To Serve

***Gathering Hymn**

"You Are My All In All"

Hymnal #519

Welcome, Time of Quiet Prayer and Centering Breath

Opening Chant (#399) *God welcomes all, strangers and friends; God's love is strong and it never ends.*

Scripture

Luke 14:7-14 (NRSVUE)

March Frierson

P: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Humility

March Frierson

L: Let us pray.

All: Righteous God,

We seek elevated places

and don't notice the absences at your tables.

The beautiful distinctiveness you celebrate

is diminished at our tables.

While the world weeps in pain, suffering, and despair,

we feast at tables of complacency.

Break our hearts, O God, so that we will seek

your kingdom more than our own pleasure.

Transform our spirits to reshape the world

into your vision of beloved community—

repaired, restored, and reconciled.

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

Prayer of Humility Response (#471) *O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call answer me.*

O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.

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

Anthem

"Love Like You"

~ Emma Nissen

Rachel Fagan, vocal solo

Sermon

"Radical Humble Hospitality"

Rev. A David Paul

Musical Meditation

"You Saw Me"

~Pat Metheny

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 Celebration

***Hymn** "We Are Called" Hymnal #749

***Blessing and Benediction**

***Response** *Amen, amen, amen, amen.*

***Postlude**

Serving This Week and Next Week	Elders
<ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Greeters this week: Jane Lavender & Mary Zamba❖ Greeters next week: Karen Cramer & Susan Linscott	Rachel Fagan – Youth Formation (2025)
Coffee Hour	Amy Alexander – Spiritual Nurture/Membership & Hospitality (2025)
Please join us after the service for coffee and fellowship.	Donna Galbraith – Spiritual Nurture (2025)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ This Week: Nancy Marchese❖ Next Week: Kay Tilton	Tom Reiber – Personnel & Finance (2026)
Prayer Ministers	March Frierson – Mission (2026)
Every Sunday after worship service , prayer ministers are available at the back of the sanctuary to offer confidential prayers.	Jennifer Richart – Membership & Hospitality (2027)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Today's Prayer Minister: Lisa Buechele	Paul Morrow – Building & Grounds (2027)
	Alecia McKee – Clerk of Session

Calvin Presbyterian Church
415 E. Grandview Ave.
Zelienople, Pennsylvania 16063
724-452-7560
www.calvinchurchzelie.org

CALVIN STAFF

Rev. A. David Paul — Senior Pastor
adavidpaul@zoominternet.net — Ext. 12

Bruce Smith — Director of Music/Youth Director
Worship Piano, Keyboards, Conductor
brucesmith@zoominternet.net — Ext. 14

Toni Schlemmer — Fine Arts Director/Associate Director of Music
Worship Vocals
tmschlemmer@yahoo.com — Ext. 11

DeWayne Segafredo — Technical Director
Worship Keyboards
dewayne@spectrumaudioproductions.com

Dahn Kilroy — Office Administrator
office.cpc@zoominternet.net — Ext. 10

Karen Frank — Treasurer
karenfrank@zoominternet.net — Ext. 15

March Frierson — Audio/Visuals

Jackson Hugus — Audio/Visuals

Ollie Tilton — Audio/Visuals

Roy Tilton — Audio/Visuals

Jared Negley — Bass

Peter Donovan — Guitar

Ty Young — Drums, Percussion

Dr. David English — Vocals, Percussion

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)

Jennifer Richart — Membership & Hospitality (2027)

Paul Morrow — Building & Grounds (2027)

Alecia McKee — Clerk of Session

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.



MORE LIGHT
PRESBYTERIANS



COVENANT NETWORK
OF PRESBYTERIANS

HOPE
SQUAD®



Calendar

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

Sunday, August 31st

9:00 a.m.	Adult Education
10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
11:00 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship

Monday, September 1st

OFFICE CLOSED — LABOR DAY

Tuesday, September 2nd

5:30 p.m.	Session Dinner
7:00 p.m.	Session

Wednesday, September 3rd

5:00 p.m.	Worship & Arts Ministry Team
	Youth Formation Ministry Team

Thursday, September 4th

8:30 a.m.	Men's Room
-----------	------------

Saturday, September 6th

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.

Announcements

THE MEN'S ROOM

The Men's Room will be begin reading a new book *The Universal Christ* by Richard Rohr. A schedule will be coming soon.



NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • With a new afterword • From one of the world's most influential spiritual thinkers, a long-awaited book exploring what it means that Jesus was called "Christ," and how this forgotten truth can restore hope and meaning to our lives.

"Anyone who strives to put their faith into action will find encouragement and inspiration in the pages of this book."

—Melinda Gates

In his decades as a globally recognized teacher, Richard Rohr has helped millions realize what is at stake in matters of faith and spirituality. Yet Rohr has never written on the most perennially talked about topic in Christianity: Jesus. Most know who Jesus was, but who was Christ? Is the word simply Jesus's last name? Too often, Rohr writes, our understandings have been limited by culture, religious debate, and the human tendency to put ourselves at the center.

Drawing on scripture, history, and spiritual practice, Rohr articulates a transformative view of Jesus Christ as a portrait of God's constant, unfolding work in the world. "God loves things by becoming them," he writes, and Jesus's life was meant to declare that humanity has never been separate from God—except by its own negative choice. When we recover this fundamental truth, faith becomes less about proving Jesus was God, and more about learning to recognize the Creator's presence all around us, and in everyone we meet.

Thought-provoking, practical, and full of deep hope and vision, The Universal Christ is a landmark book from one of our most beloved spiritual writers, and an invitation to contemplate how God liberates and loves all that is.

The group meets every Thursday morning at 8:30 a.m. in the Marriott Cranberry North dining area. This Thursday the group will be meeting at Cracker Barrel. You can also join via Zoom. A link is emailed out every week.

Announcements

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED

Sunday school will be before each service from 9:00 — 9:45 a.m. and will begin on September 7th.



Help Kids Grow in Faith!

We are looking for caring volunteers to help teach Sunday School before worship! This is a wonderful opportunity to share God's love with our children.

No preparation is needed — lessons and materials are all provided for you each week, so you can focus on being present with the kids. All that's required is a willing heart and the necessary clearances (and we'll gladly walk you through the process of getting them if you don't already have them).

Teaching Sunday School is not only a blessing to our children, but also a chance to grow in your own walk with Christ. We'd love for you to prayerfully consider joining our Sunday School team, and share God's love with the next generation!

We still need teachers for the following dates this fall:

Nov 9, 16, 23

Dec 7, 14, 21

Contact Rachel Fagan at calvinyfe@gmail.com for more information or sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/CalvinSundaySchool2025>



SAVE THE DATE FOR THE FALL RETREAT

"Melt Me, Mold Me Fill Me, Use Me" with Rachel Fagan



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8th AT GLEN EDEN BARN

9am – 3pm

More details coming soon!

MEAL TRAIN FOR THE KERCOVICH FAMILY

Judy Kercovich is recovering from a very serious infection and Calvin is organizing a Meal Train to help with



gluten free meals for the next couple of weeks.

There are VERY strict meal restrictions so please be sure to follow them carefully!

The restrictions are: NO gluten, NO green peppers (other peppers are fine), NO garlic, NO beef, NO mushrooms.

You can sign up online: <https://mealtrain.com/lg8me6>

DAILY BREAD MINISTRY SERVICE PROJECT

Bob Maravalli spoke to us last year on how our donations impact many men and women with food and shelter insecurities. His ministry is located in the Trinity Lutheran Church on the Northside of Pittsburgh. Please join the Lutheran Senior Life Passavant Community residents this September for a coffee drive. Last year we had a successful sock drive and this year we are asking for donations of cans or bags of regular ground coffee. (NO DECAF)

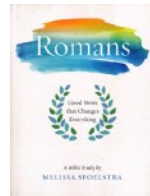


There will be a box in the Fellowship Hall on the counter for you to place your donations on September 7 — September 28.

Please pick up some coffee on your next grocery trip. Cold days are coming ahead and a cup of coffee is a nice way to help warm up and engage people into a conversation. You may also give a money donation by placing it in an envelope marking it Daily Bread Ministry or give to Linda Orr on a Sunday. Checks should be made out to Linda Orr. The money will be used to buy the creamer, sugar, stir sticks, and cups.

MOORE & MORE STUDY GROUP

The Moore & More Bible Study group will start on Wednesday, October 1st at 7:00 p.m. This group meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays for 7 sessions in the Calvin conference room.



They will be discussing the Bible study *Romans - Good News that Changes Everything* by Melissa Spoelstra.

We will discuss the workbook and view the DVD together. The study requires a Member Workbook Guide which involves individual lesson work. This work is not required, but greatly enhances your experience and highly recommended. The cost of the workbook is \$10.75. Deadline to order a workbook is September 15th. If you would like to attend or for more information, please contact: Donna Galbraith at 724-766-7732 (Home) or 412-585-2780 (Cell) or Email: galb228@gmail.com

FALL ADULT EDUCATION

Beginning September 7th, Rev. Stephen Cramer will lead the Adult Ed class on an exploration of discovery to find out how God learned to speak English. Along the way, this 5 part study will trace the expansion of Christianity from its birth in the Roman province of Judea through Rome and eventually to the British Isles. We'll also expose our Presbyterian roots & consider the arguments that ended in wars with the Church of England and Catholicism.



Education



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Resumes 9/7 at 9:00 a.m.



CREATIVE ARTS MINISTRY

All children grades K-6.

Resumes 9/7 at 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

Resumes in the Fall



ADULT EDUCATION

Ron and Susan Johnson

July 6 – August 31 @ 9:00 a.m.

THE TEARS OF THINGS by Richard Rohr



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



Like us on Facebook @calvinchurchzeli



Follow us on Twitter @CalvinPresZeli

Deadlines

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

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Lectionary Texts

Jeremiah 2:4-13 and Psalm 81:1, 10-16 • Sirach 10:12-18 or Proverbs
25:6-7 and Psalm 112 • Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 • **Luke 14:1, 7-14**

Theme

(re)Building the Kindom

Calvin's 'Men's Room' Prayer

Holy God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit –
help me to be grounded in you
so that your grace can flow
through everything I do.
Guide me with your wisdom
so that I can place you at my center
and live a healthy life,
balancing faith, family, friendship, career, and me.
Bless me so that in all I do
I can hold tightly to you in faith,
live in your hope,
and reach out in your love.
In Christ's name I pray. Amen.

Digging Deeper:

1. Where in your life or even at Calvin do you experience the habits of comparison and judgement? What impact does this have on the health and faithfulness of the community?
2. How would things be different if we felt liberated from the need to seek advantage, receive honor, or have our generosity reciprocated?
3. What would be different if Calvin found ways to invite and welcome the people Jesus talks about in this passage, who sit closer to the margins of society?

Staff

Dahn Kilroy	Office Administrator	724-452-7560	office.admin@calvinchurchzelie.org
Rev. A. David Paul, M.S., M.Div.	Head of Staff	402-203-6400	ADavidPaul@calvinchurchzelie.org
Bruce Smith	Music and Youth	724-312-1811	BruceSmith@zoominternet.net
Toni Schlemmer	Drama and Arts	412-600-7828	TMSchlemmer@yahoo.com
DeWayne Segafredo	Technical Director	412-585-2163	DeWayne@spectrumaudioproductions.com
Karen Frank	Treasurer	724-452-7560 x15	KarenFrank@zoominternet.net

Prayer Concerns

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

Especially pray for

- * Session, Youth Formation & Worship & Arts Prayer Ministry Teams
- * 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
- * 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
- * Dr. Doug Tilton, Global Ecumenical Liaison for Africa

Please pray for these members of Calvin Church

- ~ *Judy Kercovich*, who is recovering from a serious infection
- ~ *Tom Baker*, who has received a cancer diagnosis. Pray for the right decisions. He is hoping to get cleared for immunotherapy.
- ~ *Bob Van Ingen*, 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.