



Calvin Presbyterian Church
where faith, compassion, and authenticity meet

TODAY'S THEME

4th Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024

Quiet Meditation

"In most, when you go to church, most churches when they have images of the good shepherd, they show Jesus carrying a nice fluffy lamb. Now fluffy little lambs don't stray from their mommies. The sheep that will stray is the most obstreperous, troublesome one."

– Desmond Tutu



Enter to Worship – Depart To Serve

***Gathering Hymn** "We Are One Body"

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 Luke 10:11-18 (NRSVUE) Judy Kercovich

P: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Humility

L: Let us pray.

All: *Shepherding Christ,*

*even as you lay down your life for us,
too often we don't support those in need,
too often we run away in times of trouble,
too often we're not bold enough to protect the powerless.*

*Following your will
is rarely easy or comfortable.*

*Help us to lay down our apathy
and pick up your example.*

*Remind us that we belong to you
and to one another.*

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

Sermon "Obstreperous" Rev. A. David Paul

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

Presentation of Gifts*Announcements, Minutes for Mission, Concerns and Celebrations****Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer**

11:00 a.m.

L: The Lord be with you

*P: And also with you****Hymn**

"Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us"

Hymnal #187

Blessing and Benediction**Response***God be with you, God be with you,**God be with you 'til we meet again.****Postlude**

Serving This Week and Next Week

- ❖ 8:30 a.m. Greeter this week: Lisa Buechele
- ❖ 11:00 a.m. Greeters this week: Herb & Becky Wright
- ❖ 8:30 a.m. Greeter next week: Steve Fowler
- ❖ 11:00 a.m. Greeter next week: Robin Wuchina

Coffee Hour

Please join us between services for coffee and fellowship.

- ❖ Today's coffee is served by: Denee Stevenson
- ❖ Next Week: Becky Wright

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: Lisa Buechele
- ❖ 11:00 a.m. Prayer Minister: n/a

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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, April 21st

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
7:00 p.m. Songs For the Soul Concert

Monday, April 22nd

6:00 p.m. Tai Chi Connection Class

Tuesday, April 23rd

9:30 a.m. Devotional Prayer Group
7:00 p.m. Spiritual Nurture Ministry Team

Wednesday, April 24th

6:30 p.m. Mission Ministry Team

Thursday, April 25th

7:00 a.m. Men's Room
11:00 a.m. Men's Room 2.0
7:00 p.m. Gift Group

Saturday, April 27th

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



SAMARITAN
Counseling • Guidance • Consulting

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

SYNOD GRANT RECEIVED

Beaver-Butler Presbytery Article

Without Reservations, the bike ministry of Calvin Church in Zelienople, is a recent recipient of the Innovations Grant of the Synod of the Trinity.



Without Reservations sought funds for the construction of a bicycle repair shop on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. Since 2017, this growing ministry of Calvin Church has been delivering donated and restored bicycles to the town of Wanblee. More recently, in order to meet the need of keeping bicycles in good repair, the mission has also addressed the need for trained residents in repair and a shop where they can work.

Construction on the shop began last summer and with the Synod grant of \$5500, the project is fully funded and completion of the shop is now possible. Wiring and bringing electricity to the shop are slated for this summer's trip coinciding with a bicycle distribution day on June 15.

Calvin Church is grateful for the financial support they are receiving for this growing mission and for your prayers for Without Reservations and the Lakota people of Pine Ridge Reservation.

CALVIN CERTIFIED AS AN EARTH CARE CONGREGATION

The Mission ministry team is very excited to announce that Calvin was certified as an Earth Care Congregation by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)'s Presbyterian Hunger Program through February 2025. The Earth Care Congregation certification is designed to recognize churches that make the commitment to take seriously God's charge to "till and keep" the garden.



This status speaks to the serious commitment that we have made to care for God's earth. To become an Earth Care Congregation, we affirmed an Earth Care Pledge to integrate environmental practices and thinking into their worship, education, facilities, and outreach.

Announcements

CALVIN YOUTH GROUP

Please plan to attend the Calvin Concert this evening at 7:00 p.m. Some of our youth and younger students will be performing, so we can give them some support. Regular meetings return next Sunday.



ZELIENOPLE PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER

The Zelianople Preschool is having their final fundraiser of the year. They will be selling ZRoni Pepperoni Rolls. They will sell for \$16.00 a roll. The sale is going on now thru Tuesday, April 23rd. Order forms are available on the preschool bulletin board on the back counter in Fellowship Hall.



Delivery of orders will be on May 8th in Fellowship Hall from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Please make arrangements to pick up your rolls on that day. They will be delivered partially frozen and the school has limited storage space.

If there are any questions please contact Dahn in the church office.

SUMMER SERVICE

During the summer Calvin will have one 10:00 a.m. service each week beginning Memorial Day weekend, Sunday, May 26th until Labor Day weekend, Sunday, September 1st. This service will include communion. Coffee fellowship will be remain at 9:30 a.m.



ADULT EDUCATION IN APRIL

April 21st — Without Reservations

Hear and learn more about what's going on with Calvin's bike mission. We look forward to updating you with all of our latest ventures and discussing how you can get involved.



April 28th — Kim Boyd, Ghana Mission

Kim will demonstrate a Ghanaian welcoming ceremony, show pictures of the Cape Coast Slave Caste/Dungeon with discussion of racism and caste, and explain a Twi naming ceremony. She will show slides and discuss our two-day visit to the University of Cape Coast, where we heard lectures with students in the Religion Department.

SONGS FOR THE SOUL CONCERT

TONIGHT at 7:00pm!



The Calvin Creative Arts Ministry will be hosting a concert in the Sanctuary of "Songs for the Soul". This will be a concert of songs to lift your spirits and touch your soul. Songs of hope and joy, peace and justice.

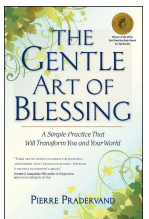
Our own Calvin House Band will be the playing and we've invited some guest musicians to join us! The Calvin Kids will be singing, as some members of Circle of Friends and some special guests!

There is no admission fee, but a free will offering will be accepted which will benefit the Calvin Creative Arts Ministry.

Please join us for a relaxing and uplifting evening of music!

DEVOTIONAL PRAYER GROUP

Here is the schedule for the Tuesday morning Devotional Prayer Group. They will be reading two chapters each week from the book *The Gentle Art of Blessing*:



April 23rd — The laws of positive expectations & Right Returns

April 30th — The Golden Rule & The Law of Unconditional Love

May 7th — Universal Harmony & Deeper Meaning of the Art of Blessing

May 14th — A New Way of Seeing and Believing & Seeing the Hidden Good

May 21st — Don't forget to Bless Yourself & Blessing as a Spiritual Path

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

Calvin's Average Worship Attendance Per Week

	In-Person (i)	Online (o)	Total	# States	# Countries
March '24	149	116	269	18	4
		YTD-2024	247	16	3

March's attendance is inflated by Palm Sunday and Easter, which is normal. Our average # of States and Countries have increased to 18 States, and 4 Countries/week. Easter blessings to our friends who regularly worshipped with Calvin in March from: France, Ireland, Sweden and Germany!

Today's Scriptures

John 10:11-18

Theme

4th Sunday of Easter

1. What thoughts, ideas, feelings or images come to your mind when you consider Jesus as our "Good Shepherd"?

2. Where do you feel like you belong? What or who makes you feel this way?

3. What might need to change about Calvin, your small group, or your community to help others feel like they belong?

Affirmation of faith (from a 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.

Prayer Concerns

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

Especially pray for

- * Mission & Spiritual Nurture 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

- ~ *ChrisAnn Goossen*, whose mother, Mary Koepke, is in hospice care
- ~ *The family of Scott Hamill*, who recently passed away
- ~ *Mary Johnson*, for prayers of healing for her and her family
- ~ *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.