

TODAY'S THEME

(re)Building the Kindom

August 24, 2025



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"Strong Earth Woman" by Leah Dorion

<https://www.leahdorion.ca/gallery.html>

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Quiet Meditation

"The Hebrew word Shabbat (שַׁבָּת) means 'to stop.' But it can also be translated 'to delight.' It has this dual idea of stopping and also of joying in God and our lives in his world. The Sabbath is an entire day set aside to follow God's example, to stop and delight."

— John Mark Comer

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TO CHECK IN

Enter to Worship – Depart To Serve

*Gathering Hymn

"When The World Redeems The Very Least"

Hymnal #852

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 13:10-17 (NRSVUE)

Stephen McConahy

P: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Humility

Stephen McConahy

L: Let us pray.

All: *Holy God,*

we have trampled the sabbath.

We claim your name

and not your way.

We avoid discomfort or sacrifice

in service of our neighbor.

We turn from human suffering.

We keep silent in the face of wickedness.

Transform us, O God,

that we might be saved from

the vices of the world

and the lure of inaction.

Rebuild us with righteousness and hope

and redeem us for your kingdom.

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

Sermon

"Freedom, Healing, Justice"

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

Announcements, Minutes for Mission, Concerns and Celebration

*Hymn

"God Is Calling Through The Whisper"

Hymnal #410

*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: Wils & Jane CooleyGreeters next week: Jane Lavender & Mary Zamba	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
Coffee Hour	
<p>Please join us after the service for coffee and fellowship.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">This Week: Wayne & Darlene NoahNext Week: Nancy Marchese	
Prayer Ministers	
<p>Every Sunday after worship service , prayer ministers are available at the back of the sanctuary to offer confidential prayers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Today's Prayer Minister: Nancy Marchese	

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Rachel Neelley — Trumpet, Vocals

CALVIN CHURCH ELDERS

Rachel Fagan — Youth Formation (2025)

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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, August 24th

9:00 a.m.	Adult Education
10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
11:00 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship
6:00 p.m.	World Events Group

Monday, August 25th

6:00 p.m.	Tai Chi Connection
6:30 p.m.	Hospitality Ministry Team

Wednesday, August 26th

6:00 p.m.	Prayer Ministry Team
7:00 p.m.	Open Circle

Thursday, August 28th

8:30 a.m.	Men's Room
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Saturday, August 30th

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 *Jesus and the Powers* by N.T. Wright and Michael F. Bird.



07/03/25 ch3 (pp.54-73 "Jesus' victory over the powers" to end of ch3)

07/10/25 ch4 The Kingdom of God as Vision and Vocation (pp.74-89)

07/17/25 *ch4 (pp.90-102 "Will serving in public office build for the kingdom" to end of ch4)*

07/24/25 ch5 The Church Between Submission and Subversion

07/31/25 ch6 The Church Resisting the Power of Today (pp.122-136)

08/07/25 ch6 (pp.137-149 "Against civic totalitarianism" to end of ch6)

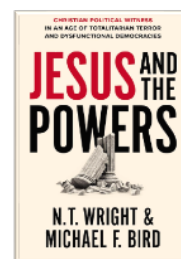
08/14/25 ch7 Liberalism and Love in a Time of Fear and Fragmentation (pp.150-163)

08/21/25 ch7 (pp.163-172 "Liberal democracy as safeguard against autocracy" to end of ch7)

08/28/25 ch8 Conclusion

* = 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.



Weekly Groups

Visit our website for more information about our groups

www.calvinchurchzelie.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

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>

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!

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.



CANS NEEDED FOR PRESCHOOL

The Zelienople Preschool is in need of empty soup, frozen juice, vegetable, or fruit cans for upcoming projects for the new school year. You can place these items in the box under the coat rack in the narthex.



Education



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Resumes in the Fall



CREATIVE ARTS MINISTRY

All children grades K-6.

Resumes in the Fall



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



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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

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Lectionary Texts

Jeremiah 1:4-10 and Psalm 71:1-6 • Isaiah 58:9b-14 and Psalm 103:1-8 •

Hebrews 12:18-29 • **Luke 13:10-17**

Theme

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Calvin's Prayer of Praise

Gracious God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:

We are here to serve you by opening
our hearts and minds to your sacred voice.

Help us to have the meekness of mind
to seek your thoughts over our own thoughts;

To have the humility of heart
to yearn for one will—Your will;

To have the Serenity of the Spirit
to let your peace be our peace,
no matter what transpires.

Help us to be your servants
seeking wisdom, and acting in faith.
In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Digging Deeper:

1. What do you think of the adage that if we don't name suffering and injustice for what they are, they become normalized?
2. What do you think of the apocalyptic worldview expressed in Luke's story, where humans are caught in a struggle between the destructive powers of evil and the life-giving power of God, and where death-tending forces are deforming human lives?
3. How might we be called to expose and name our broken world and suffering in our daily lives whenever and wherever we see it?

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Prayer Concerns

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

Especially pray for

- * Hospitality & 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.