



Calvin Presbyterian Church
where faith, compassion, and authenticity meet

TODAY'S THEME

Listening

May 12, 2024

Quiet Meditation

“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.”

—Communaute de Taizé



Enter to Worship – Depart To Serve

*Gathering Hymn

“How Majestic Is Your Name”

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

Genesis 15:1-6 (NRSVUE)

Rachel Neelley

P: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Humility

Rachel Neelley

L: Let us pray.

All: Listening God,

we invite you into our lives for a season,

only to forget and neglect you once again.

You beckon us, calling for our attention,

but we are distracted and busy taking care of other priorities.

Remind us, Holy God, that you are the source of our flourishing.

You are the living water by which we have been planted.

Forgive our neglect.

Forgive our unfaithfulness.

Focus us on you, your Word, and all that your Spirit provides.

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

Rev. A. David Paul

Anthem

“I Have Found The Way”

~ Green, Pace

Karen Cramer, Toni Schlemmer, vocal duet

Sermon

“Stardust”

Stephanie Castlen

Musical Meditation

"Limelight"

~ Chaplin

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**

"The Earth Belongs To God Alone"

Hymnal #715

***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: Jane Lavender

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

❖ 8:30 a.m. Greeter next week: Denee Stevenson

❖ 11:00 a.m. Greeter next week: Judy Kercovich

Coffee Hour

Please join us between services for coffee and fellowship.

❖ Today's coffee is served by: Nancy Marchese

❖ Next Week: Judy Kercovich

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: Marie Campbell

❖ 11:00 a.m. Prayer Minister: Elaine Muirhead

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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, May 12th

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.	Calvin Youth Group Bible Study
6:00 p.m.	Calvin Youth Group

Monday, May 13th

6:00 p.m.	Tai Chi Connection Class
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Tuesday, May 14th

9:30 a.m.	Devotional Prayer Group
6:00 p.m.	Personnel & Finance Ministry Team

Wednesday, May 15th

5:00 p.m.	Communications Ministry Team
7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 16th

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

Saturday, May 18th

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.

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.

**CHURCH
UPDATES**

PENTECOST OFFERING

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."

CHURCH CLEAN UP

The Building and Grounds Ministry Team is requesting volunteers Saturday, May 18th at 8:00 a.m. to help with a cleaning up the outside church grounds. There will also be some dates to come for internal church cleanups.



CALVIN YOUTH GROUP MEETING TODAY

This week's youth group meeting will be a celebration and send-off party for our former CYG member and current youth intern Josiah Dubovi, who just graduated from Clarion University with degrees in physics and mathematics in 3 years of study. He will be moving to New York City next week where he has accepted a full Graduate Assistantship to Columbia University for their Masters and Ph.D. program in Physics. He will also continue working on their neutrino discovery program in conjunction with the Fermi Lab's particle accelerator at the University of Chicago, for which he has worked since being hired last summer at the age of 19.

**YOUTH
GROUP**

ADULT EDUCATION

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!

WITNESS FOR THE PROSECUTION AT PRIME STAGE

Be part of the jury and get a front-row seat to the dramatic revelations of Agatha Christie's Witness for the Prosecution. Today at 2:30 p.m. at the New Hazlett Theater is your last chance to discover the shocking truth behind the murder of Miss Emily French. Tickets available at primestage.com!



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.

May 12th – Dwelling in the World
by Stephanie Castlen

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



Follow us on Instagram @calvinchurchzeli



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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

Calvin's Average Worship Attendance Per Week					
	In-Person (i)	Online (o)	Total	# States	# Countries
April '24	121	99	220	15	3
		YTD-2024	240	15	3

April's attendance is down 10%, which is normal post-Easter. April's In-Person attendance held steady, while Online decreased slightly compared with the rest of 2024.
Calvin's average # of States and Countries continue to be impressive.
Eastertide blessings to our friends who regularly worshipped with Calvin this year from:
France, Ireland, Sweden and Germany!

Today's Scriptures

Genesis 15:1-6

Theme

Listening

1. How can the story of Abram's faith and God's promise inspire us in times of doubt and uncertainty?
2. What does Abram's request for confirmation of God's promise teach us about seeking assurance from God?
3. How does Abram's story influence our understanding and appreciation of God's grand design for our lives?

Affirmation of faith (from the Brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in God,
whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

In sovereign love God created the world good
and makes everyone equally in God's image,
male and female, of every race and people,
to live as one community.

But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.
Ignoring God's commandments,
we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,
accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature,
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.
We deserve God's condemnation.

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

In everlasting love,
the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people
to bless all families of the earth.

Hearing their cry,
God delivered the children of Israel
from the house of bondage.

Loving us still,
God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.

Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,
God is faithful still.

Prayer Concerns

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

Especially pray for

- * Communication Ministry Team and Calvin Church Staff
- * 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
- ~ *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.