

Emily, age 11
First Presbyterian Church, Cornelia, Georgia



Amanda, age 10
Sea Island Presbyterian Church
Beaufort, South Carolina



Eve, age 6
First Presbyterian Church,
New Canaan, Connecticut



Jaedyn, age 6
First Presbyterian Church,
Pendleton, Oregon



Annika, age 5
St. Simons Presbyterian Church,
St. Simons, Georgia



Daniel, age 11
Mine Hill Presbyterian
Church, Mine Hill,
New Jersey



Sydney, age 8
Poland Presbyterian Church,
Poland, Ohio



Audrey, age 6
Covenant Presbyterian
Church, Wichita, Kansas

Quiet Meditation

"You must come to know (the Word becoming flesh) in the every cells of your body - and see it in the cells of all bodies, which each carry the same divine DNA of their Creator."

— Richard Rohr

Enter to Worship – Depart To Serve

Prelude "Improvisation" ~ Calvin Music Team

Introit "Prepare Ye / Save The People" ~ Stephen Schwartz

***Gathering Hymn** "O Lord, How Shall I Meet You" Hymnal #104

Welcome, Time of Quiet Prayer and Centering Breath

Opening Chant

*Upon this moment,
upon this people,
upon this place
the holy comes.
And sacred knowing
brings Sacred being
for Sacred doing of God's plan.*

Scripture Romans 15:4-13 (NRSVUE); Matthew 3:1-3, 7, 11-12 (NRSVUE)

P: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Humility "For All the Times II" ~ David E., P., and S.

*For all the times that we have hid the light
O Sacred, Christ-light, shine again.
For all the ways we failed reflecting you
A welcome light within our hearts
Shine your light through us,
Shine your light... through us*

*For all the times we have not noticed you
And failed to bear your holy light,
Forgive our fear of shining mightily,
Restore the brilliance placed inside.
Shine your light through us,
Shine your light... through us.*

(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 Sermon Robin Fleming

Lighting of Advent Wreath

Anthem "Somebody's Coming" ~ Snider, Marchetti, Hills

Sermon *"Sacred People, Love"* 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 Celebrations*****Hymn**

"We Are One In The Spirit"

Hymnal #300

Blessing and Benediction**Response**

Amen, amen, amen, amen

***Postlude**

"Sittin' On The Dock of the Bay"

~ Otis Redding Steve Cropper

(In memory of Steve Cropper, legendary guitarist and songwriter, who died this week at the age of 84)

Serving This Week and Next Week

❖ Greeters this week: Karen Cramer & Cathy Baker

❖ Greeters next week: Judy Kercovich & Steve Fowler

Coffee Hour

Please join us after the service for coffee and fellowship.

❖ This Week: Dennee Stevenson

❖ Next Week: Becky Wright

Prayer Ministers

Every Sunday after worship service , prayer ministers are available at the back of the sanctuary to offer confidential prayers.

❖ Today's Prayer Minister: Steve Fowler

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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.admin@calvinchurchzelie.org.

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



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Calendar

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

Sunday, December 7th

9:00 a.m.	Adult Education
10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
11:00 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship
11:30 a.m.	Sunday school

Monday, December 8th

6:00 p.m.	Tai Chi Connection
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Tuesday, December 9th

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

Wednesday, December 10th

7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
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Thursday, December 11th

8:30 a.m.	Men's Room
1:00 p.m.	Daytime Circle
5:00 p.m.	Building & Grounds Ministry Team
6:00 p.m.	GIFT Group

Saturday, December 13th

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

The Men's Room will begin reading a new book *The Universal Christ* by Richard Rohr.



11/26/25 ***Happy Thanksgiving***

12/04/25 ch14 The Resurrection Journey

12/11/25 ch15 Two Witnesses to Jesus and Christ

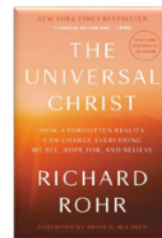
12/18/25 ch16-17 Transformation...– Beyond Mere Theology...

12/25/25 ***Merry Christmas***

01/01/26 ***Happy New Year***

* = 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.



JOIN US THIS ADVENT AS WE PRACTICE

reflecting the sacred

Each year, Christmas returns and invites us to meet the story anew—right in the midst of our longing, our questions, and our hope for healing. Together, we'll explore an incarnational faith that trusts Christ is shimmering through every person and every moment. Through study, conversation, prayer, and worship, we'll learn to soften our gaze, notice the holy all around us, and reflect that sacredness into the world.

Come practice, study, and worship with us this season—and discover a world pregnant with Christ's presence.



Weekly Groups

Visit our website for more information about our groups

www.calvinchurchzelie.org

SUNDAYS

Alphabet Soup — 2nd Sunday @ 2:00 p.m.

This group is for LGBTQ+ individuals and allies living in the Zelienople and Harmony areas. They meet on the 2nd Sunday of the month at 2:00 p.m. at Calvin Church. Come enjoy a safe space where you can get to know your fellow LGBTQ+ neighbors and find local support.

Announcements

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING - DEC. 14 & DEC. 21

Through the Christmas Joy Offering, we reflect God's gift to us by supporting our church leaders who have guided us on our journey to seek the Lord. We

honor and celebrate retired pastors, church workers and their families who have helped strengthen our faith but now find themselves facing challenges and are in critical financial need. This offering has even helped one of our church members in their time of financial difficulties.

We also honor and celebrate emerging leaders. Supporting students of color as they pursue educational goals, develop leadership skills, and prepare to bring their gifts to serve the world insures the future of Presbyterian ministry.

By contributing to the Christmas Joy Offering, we support the past, present and future.



CHRISTMAS CONCERT

We are having a Christmas Concert: "TinselTunes" on Sunday, Dec 14 at 2:00 p.m. Our Calvin musicians will be performing as well as featured guests Joseph Fedore, Brad Townsend and other special guests. Lots of talent, holiday tunes and a singalong!



OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed beginning Wednesday, December 24th and will reopen on Monday, January 5th. Happy New Year!



NO EDUCATION DURING THE HOLIDAYS

There will be no Adult Ed, Sunday school or CYG on Sunday, December 28th or Sunday, January 4th. Classes will resume the following Sunday.



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Christmas Eve "Eve"

Community Worship

Glen Eden Barn (229 Dufford Road, Evans City)

Tuesday, December 23rd @ 3:00 and 7:00 p.m.



Christmas Eve

Community Worship

Calvin Presbyterian Church

Wednesday, December 24th @ 3:00 and 7:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS ANGEL PROGRAM: WINTER WARMING COLLECTION

Each year, Glade Run provides life-changing services to over 7,000 individuals throughout Western PA.



This holiday season, your gift will support the children and families they serve who would otherwise do without. More than just a present under the tree, donated items received through their annual drive provide joy, relief and comfort all throughout the year.

Needed items include:

- Blankets
- Bed-in-a-Bag (twin, full, queen)
- Pillows/Pillow Cases
- Hand Warmers/Small Heaters
- Coats (Youth/Teens all sizes)
- Hats & Gloves (Youth/Teens/Adults all sizes)
- Sweatpants/Hoodies/Leggings (Youth/Adult all sizes)
- Socks/Underwear/Sports Bras (M/F, Teen/Adult)
- Toothbrush/Toothpaste
- Body Wash/Soap/Deodorant/Lotion (M/F)
- Any Hygiene Products
- Bath Towels
- Sleeping Bags
- Umbrellas

There will be a box on the Mission table in Fellowship Hall until December 14th.

Education



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Every Sunday morning
11:30 a.m. — 12:15 p.m.



CREATIVE ARTS MINISTRY

All children grades K-6.
Combined with Sunday school



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

Sunday Evenings @ 6:00 — 7:30 p.m.
Grades 7–12



ADULT EDUCATION

9:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall
Advent Series: Reflecting the Sacred



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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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

Advent 2

Lectionary Texts

Romans 15:4-13 (NRSVUE); Matthew 3:1-3, 7, 11-12 (NRSVUE)

Theme

Reflecting the Sacred



Digging Deeper:

1. What constitutes a “good apology” to you personally? Can you remember an apology you received that felt good? How was it a reflection of the sacred?
2. How about one that felt not-so-good? What didn’t feel good about it? How was it a NOT a reflection of the sacred?
3. Every Sunday in worship, we pray for humility; it’s a confession of sin (debt, transgression, brokenness...). What is a small way you could follow up on that this Sunday, making the move from humility, confession and apology to repair, repentance, and reconciliation?

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.

Prayer Concerns

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

Especially pray for

- * Personnel & Finance and Building & Grounds Ministry Teams
- * Pastor David Paul and Calvin’s leaders
- * Calvin Church Staff

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
- * Jamaica and all of those affected by Hurricane Melissa

Please pray for these members of Calvin Church

- ~ 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.