



"Joseph" from Kenyan nativity set

TODAY'S THEME

Joseph

December 4, 2022



Calvin Presbyterian Church

Lovingly nurturing every journey with Christ in prayer, praise, and action

Quiet Meditation

"Saving Grace" by Scott L. Barton

The Bible, once again, dares redefine
 The notion "righteous" as much more divine
 Than oft we make it when we think of laws
 All kept, producing someone lacking flaws.
 For Joseph's righteousness stems from his will
 To do a gracious thing – and thus fulfill
 The law his son would later say is best,
 The law of love, by which we all are blessed.

Enter to Worship – Depart To Serve

Prelude

***Gathering Hymn** "God's Love Made Visible"

Welcome

Opening Chant *Prepare ye the way of the Lord*
Prepare ye the way of the Lord

Time of Quiet Prayer and Prayer of Blessing

Scripture Matthew 1:19-21 (NRSVUE) Maggie Danko
Luke 2:1-7 (NRSVUE)

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: *Thanks be to God!*

Prayer of Humility Maggie Danko

L: Let us pray.

All: *Glorious God,*

*we can think of ourselves as more important than we are,
considering ourselves the center of the story
when the narrative really revolves around you.*

Humble us on this Advent journey.

*Awaken us to people who live and move on the margins,
people who know what it's like to be dismissed
and whose voices aren't included.*

Awaken us to our need for you.

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

Prayer of Humility Response (#89)

For you, O Lord, my soul in stillness waits; truly my hope is in you.

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

Lighting of Advent Wreath The Tomo Family

Choral Anthem "Prepare Ye The Way Of The Lord" Dr. David English, vocal solo

Sermon "Joseph" Rev. A. David Paul

Musical Meditation "Laudate Dominum" ~ Mozart

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 and Lord's Prayer

Announcements, Minutes for Mission, and Concerns and Celebrations

***Hymn**

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

Hymnal #82

***Blessing and Benediction**

***Response**

Amen. Amen.

***Postlude**

Serving This Week and Next Week

- ❖ 8:30 a.m. Greeters this week: Jane & Wils Cooley
- ❖ 11:00 a.m. Greeters this week: Becky & Herb Wright
- ❖ 8:30 a.m. Greeters next week: Lisa Buechele & Denee Stevenson
- ❖ 11:00 a.m. Greeters next week: Marcia & Rich Smith

Coffee Hour

Please join us between services for coffee and fellowship.

- ❖ Today's coffee is served by: Andrea Reiterman
- ❖ Next Week: Diane Standish

Prayer Ministers

Every Sunday, after each worship service, prayer ministers are available to offer prayers of healing or blessing for you or for another through you. You will spot prayer ministers after each service wearing white stoles. Please feel free to approach one for any concerns that you have.

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Sam McCune — Guitar

CALVIN CHURCH ELDERS

David Shidemantle — Membership (2024)

David English — Worship & Arts (2024)

Scott Hamill (2024)

Robin Fleming — Personnel & Finance (2023)

Ted Koontz — Building & Grounds (2023)

Denee Stevenson — Mission (2022)

Lisa Buechele — Spiritual Nurture (2022)

Deb Miller — Communications (2022)

Sunday

FLOWERS

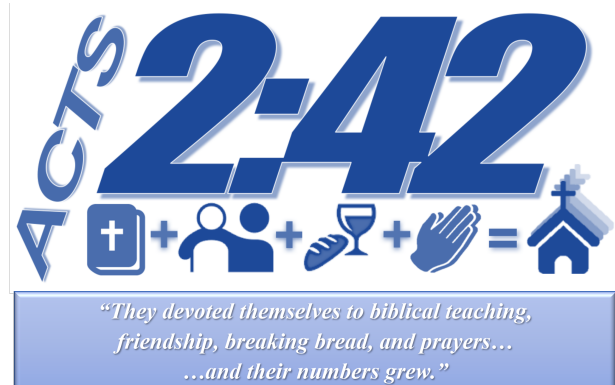
If you would like to provide flowers for Sunday morning services please sign your name to the sign up sheet located on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall or email the office administrator at the church, at office.cpc@zoominternet.net.

SERVICE

Live broadcasts of our worship service are offered beginning at 8:30 a.m. You can watch the same service throughout the week. To get the broadcast, go to the Calvin Church website at www.calvinchurchzelie.org on the homepage.

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.



One of the challenges of ministry has always been building meaningful relationships. I lament that over the past 29 months we haven't had much opportunity to do exactly that. Acts 2:42 is specifically intended to address this challenge. And here's the best part, it's the biblical model of how meaningful relationships and the church grows!

Won't you please call the office (724-452-7560) to schedule a time to break bread and build meaningful relationships. Oh and please put my cell phone in your contacts (402-203-6400). The area code is NOT a mistake, it is in fact 'FOUR, ZERO, TWO.' If you put it in your contacts, you will not think I'm a telemarketer or spam call if I need to return your call.

I look forward to our time together!

Larry Davis

Calendar

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

Sunday, December 4th

8:30 a.m.	Worship Service
9:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour
10:00 a.m.	Creative Arts Ministry
	Adult Education
11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
7:00 p.m.	CYG

Monday, December 5th

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

9:30 a.m.	Devotional Prayer Group
7:00 p.m.	Session

Wednesday, December 7th

5:30 p.m.	Worship & Arts Ministry Team
7:00 p.m.	Spiritual Nurture Ministry Team
	Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 8th

7:00 a.m.	Men's Room
1:00 p.m.	Daytime Circle

Saturday, December 10th

10:00 a.m.	Pre-Sermon Study Group
	Kaye Reiber Funeral



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.

THURSDAYS

Men's Room — 7:00 a.m.

River City Grille, Marriott North, Cranberry Twp. or via Zoom

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.

Small Meeting 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. Group meets periodically based on interest and current events. All are welcome! Contact Pete Sylves at psylves13@gmail.com with any questions.

Announcements

THANK YOU

Dear Friends,

Prayerful thanks to all those who helped me travel the difficult path of Tom's passing. The nourishment was much more than physical.

Jane



ADULT EDUCATION

Join us for Adult Education in December at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall as we discuss *Attending to Advent: poetry, prose and prayer*.



CYG THIS EVENING

Calvin Youth Groups (grades 7-12) schedule is at its normal time for the first 3 Sunday evenings in December at 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.



JINGLE BELLS AND GINGERBREAD

Put on your Santa hat or reindeer antlers and join us in the Sanctuary on Sunday, December 18th at 2:00 p.m. for a light concert of Christmas music presented by the Creative Arts Ministry and Calvin Musicians. We'll even have a Sing-a-long!!



Then the fun moves into Fellowship Hall with our intergenerational Gingerbread House making event. Candies, icing, and gingerbread makes for a good time all around!



ANGEL TREE

All gifts must be returned to the church by today. Do NOT take the gift to Glade Run. Do NOT wrap your gift. Place it in the box provided with the tag visibly attached.



Glade Run provides compassionate, trauma-informed care for children, adults and families through program offerings that include help for autism, mental health, education and unique therapeutic offerings. Over 4000 participants are helped each year.

A CIRCLE OF FRIENDS CHOIR

The bell and voice choirs are ready to ring and sing into the Christmas season. Here is their schedule for the Christmas season:



Sunday, December 4th @ 2:00 p.m.

Glen Eden Barn

321 Dufford Road

Evans City, PA 16033

Friday, December 9th @ 7:30 p.m.

St. Peter's Reformed Church

320 E. Grandview Avenue

Zelienople, PA 16063

Saturday, December 10th @ 7:00 p.m.

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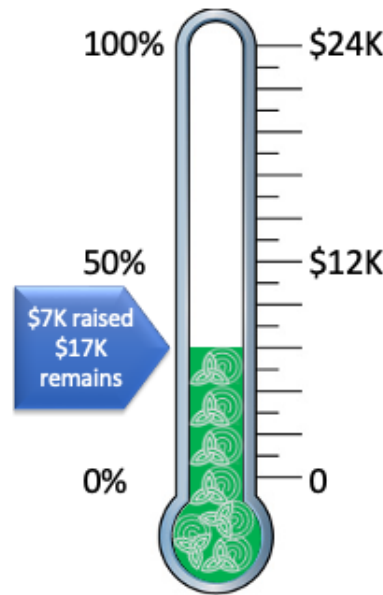
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FRONT DOORS

The front doors are now unlocked during the day. The preschool door downstairs will now remain locked during preschool hours.



Calvin Shortfall 2022



Calvin's giving patterns over the past decade have been consistent. As we've approached the end of the year, Calvin has had a shortfall seven times and made it up seven times, often with a surplus. We thank you for your generosity, without it, Calvin would not be able to fulfill the mission God has called us to. As we approach the celebration of the greatest gift, an innocent babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, please pray about what God is calling you to do to celebrate that gift and make up this shortfall.

Education



SUNDAY SCHOOL

2nd and 4th Sundays of each month right after the Children's Message in the 8:30 a.m. Service

Next class: December 11th



CREATIVE ARTS MINISTRY

All children grades K-6 are invited every Sunday from 10:00 - 10:30 a.m. in the Youth Room downstairs



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
6:00 — 7:30 p.m.
Grades 7 — 12



ADULT EDUCATION

Sundays in December
Attending to Advent: poetry, prose and prayer

Social Media



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Stewardship

OCTOBER

YTD Revenues: \$312,512

YTD Expenses: \$329,718

YTD Shortfall: \$-17,206

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



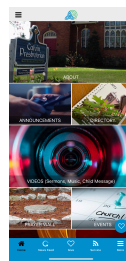
CHECK/CASH

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.

Church App



Download our new Tithe.ly church app in the Apple or Google Play store!



Make sure to download the BLUE app and not the green one.

Calvin's Average Worship Attendance Per Week

	In Person	Online	Total	% x=200	#States
Nov 2022 Avg	148	137	286	143%	8
		YTD-2022	238	119%	8

Please note that these numbers are likely to rise as our online attendance tends to rise for 3-4 weeks.

Today's Scriptures

Matthew 1:19-21 Luke 2:1-7

Theme

Joseph

As you attend to these daily reflections, you are invited to call Joseph to mind, meditate on his story and locate yourself within it.

- 1) Who are you in relationship to Joseph?
- 2) Have you ever felt God, whether through an angel in a dream or a series of events so aligned that in hindsight you have no other explanation than it was God, calling you to take an uncharacteristically significant risk?
- 3) How do you relate to his story? Or how do you not? Enjoy Joseph's company this week and be blessed.

Affirmation of faith NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God,
Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Prayer Concerns

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

Especially pray for

- * Session Calvin Church Staff
- * Caroline Baker, who is attending seminary

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
- * 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

- ~ Wayne Brinda, who is recovering from surgery
- ~ The Segafredo family — prayers for wisdom, strength, healing
- ~ Scott Hamill, for continued healing
- ~ David English, 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.