

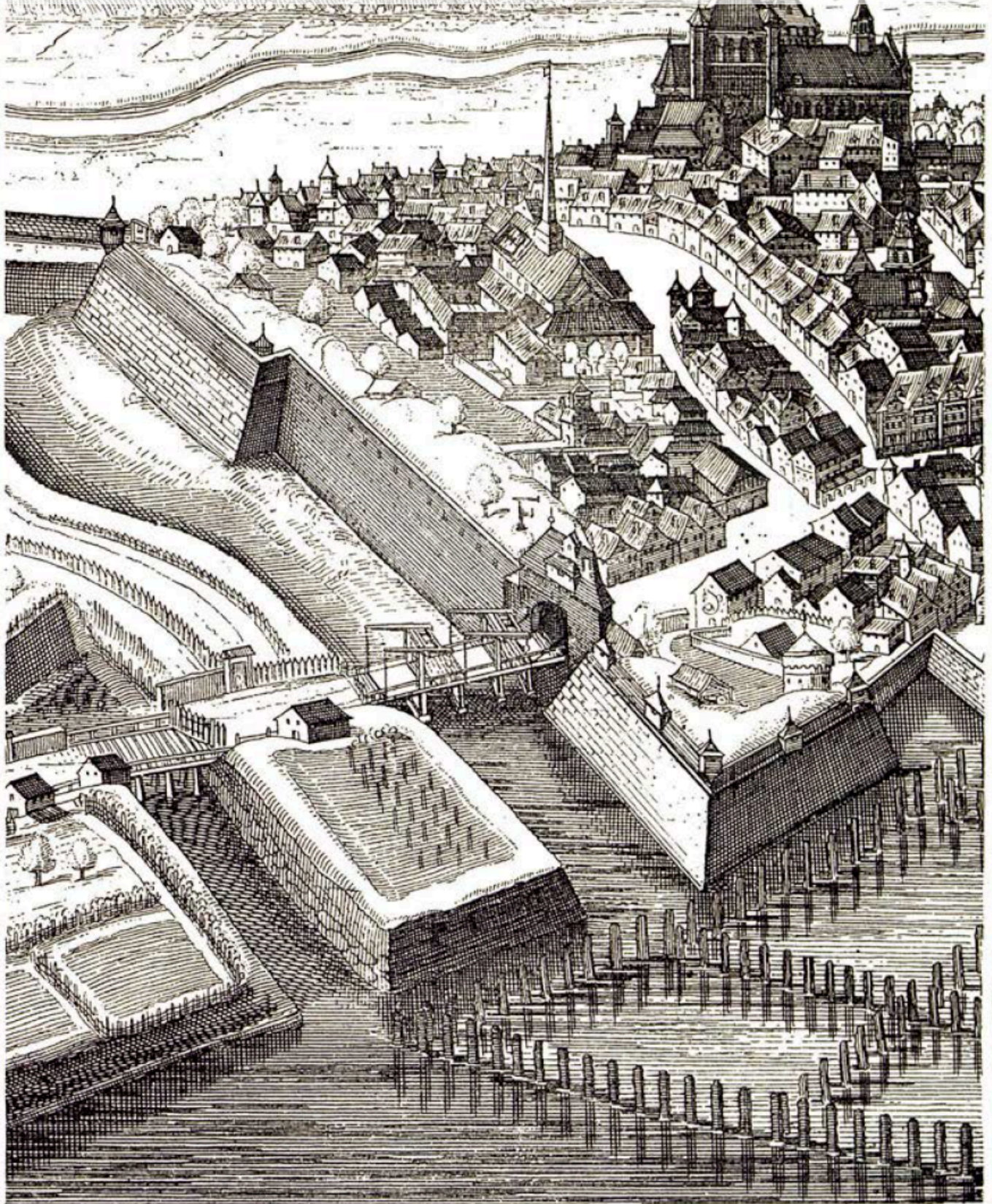
TODAY'S MESSAGE

The Reformation - Past, Present, and Future

October 25, 2026



Calvin Presbyterian Church
where faith, compassion, and authenticity meet



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Quiet Meditation

The church is always in transition. Even reflections on the finer points of the Protestant Reformation have changed over the years. One summary says that there are three crucial elements: Sola Scripture (only scripture), Sola Gratia (only grace), and Sola Fides (only faith). As you consider the Spirit's continuous work, what theological truths do you need to hear again? Martin Luther was powerfully influenced by the book of Romans. What Scripture continues to shed new light onto God for you?

Enter to Worship – Depart To Serve

Prelude "Improvisation" ~ Calvin Music Team

Introit "Woke Up This Morning"

***Gathering Hymn** "Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!" Hymnal #305

Welcome and Time of Centering

Opening Chant (#466) *Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You alone, O Lord, are holy.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Alleluia!*

Scripture (#473) Deuteronomy 34:1-12 (NRSVUE) Joan McConahy

Prayer of Humility Joan McConahy

L: Let us pray.

All: God of the Ages,

We thank you for your constant love and direction.

*We confess that we do not always live according to your love,
but are swept up in our own ways.*

We fail to obey your law; we live for ourselves and neglect our neighbor; we ignore our tasks.

Forgive us, O Lord, and make us new.

Refresh in us a love for your ways and your Son's example that we might live as your children all our days.

For your name's sake we pray, Amen.

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

Prayer of Humility Response (#447) *We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.*

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 God, all creatures here below!

Praise God above, ye heavenly host! Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen!

(Please note that we are encouraging the singing of a more inclusive Doxology, but worshippers should feel free to sing the version they are accustomed to)

Children's Message

Anthem "Canon in D" ~ Pachelbel

Scripture Matthew 22:34-46 (NRSVUE) Rev. Lynn Gifford

P: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

"The Reformation - Past, Present, and Future"

Rev. Lynn Gifford

Musical Meditation

"Cradle Song"

~ Gliere

Francis Browne, violin; Emily Browne, cello

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

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

Hymnal #275

*Blessing and Benediction

*Response

Amen

*Postlude

Serving This Week and Next Week

❖ Greeters this week: Wils & Jane Cooley

❖ Greeters next week: Karen Cramer & Denee Stevenson

Coffee Hour

Please join us after the service for coffee and fellowship.

❖ This Week: Judy Kercovich

❖ Next Week: Nancy Marchese

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.

❖ Today's Prayer Minister: Stephen Fowler

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CALVIN CHURCH ELDERS

Amy Alexander — Spiritual Nurture/Membership & Hospitality (2026)

Donna Galbraith — Spiritual Nurture (2027)

Tom Reiber — Personnel & Finance (2026)

March Frierson — Mission (2026)

Jennifer Richart — Membership & Hospitality/Worship & Arts (2027)

Paul Morrow — Building & Grounds (2027)

Peter Donovan — Communications (2028)

Dawn Hamill — Communications (2028)

David Wuchina (2028)

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 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, October 25th

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, October 26th

6:00 p.m.	Tai Chi Connection
6:30 p.m.	Hospitality Ministry Team
	Without Reservations

Tuesday, October 27th

9:30 a.m.	Devotional Prayer Group
6:00 p.m.	Prayer Ministry Team
7:00 p.m.	Spiritual Nurture Ministry Team

Wednesday, October 28th

7:00 p.m.	Moore & More Study Group
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Thursday, October 29th

8:30 a.m.	Men's Room
6:00 p.m.	GIFT Group

Saturday, October 31st

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.

Groups at Calvin

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

Moore & More — 7:00 p.m.

Conference Room

This group's focus is to guide women into a richer, more fulfilling relationship with Jesus. They use Beth Moore Bible Studies and others to learn more about the Bible.

Check church calendar for dates.

THURSDAYS

Men's Room — 8:30 a.m.

Marriott North (dining area), 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 — 6:00 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

Alphabet Soup — 2nd Sunday @ 1:00 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 1:00 p.m. at Calvin Church. Come enjoy a safe space where you can get to know your fellow LGBTQ+ neighbors and find local support.

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.

All are welcome! Contact Herb Wright at 412.443.1254 with any questions.

Announcements

ADULT EDUCATION

November 1st, 8th, 15th, and 22nd — The Rev. Connie Frierson will lead **Four Questions to Build a Life of Faith**.



Have you ever been embarrassed by Christianity, confused by biblical stories, wondered if God is violent or struggled with Jesus's message for you? If you have, you are invited to wrestle with questions, doubts and confusion in Sunday morning adult education. Based on Brian McLaren's book, *A New Kind of Christianity*, the Reverend Connie Frierson will lead a discussion about four questions. What is the overarching story of the bible? What is biblical authority? What does God value? Why is Jesus important? We might not come up with all the answers, but let's share and think about some foundational questions.

ORDINATION SERVICE FOR STEPHANIE CASTLEN

Calvin is invited to celebrate the Ordination of Stephanie Castlen on Saturday, November 14th at 4:00 p.m. at John McMillan Presbyterian Church, 875 Clifton Road, Bethel Park, PA 15102.



A reception will follow the service, and live streaming and a recording will be available for those unable to attend in person.

Please RSVP to slcastlen@gmail.com.

SPIRITUAL RETREAT

Soul Health: Practices in Embodied Spirituality

Saturday, November 14, 2026

9 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.

Glen Eden Barn



Join us for a time of connection, reflection, and joy as we step away from the noise of daily life and explore spiritual practices that nurture our physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual well-being.

Rev. Caroline Baker, a Calvin Church alumna and Associate Pastor at First Presbyterian Church of Duquesne, will lead the retreat. Caroline's ministry focuses on the intersection of physical and spiritual health, with a particular love for experiencing the divine through creation and community.

The cost of the retreat is \$25. Registration is going on now and ends on Sunday, November 8th. You may register each Sunday or by calling the church office at 724-452-7560 or emailing at office.admin@calvinchurchzelie.org.

DAILY BREAD PROJECT UPDATE AND THANK YOU

On Wednesday, October 7th we delivered 221 rolls of toilet paper, 91 deodorants, 45 bottles of body wash, 114 tubes of toothpaste, 42 toothbrushes and some Halloween treats.



A big **THANK YOU** goes out to all of you that donated and to our bus driver, Mike for his help. Your generosity is very much appreciated by many. Helping our neighbors is showing love beyond measure and grace upon grace. Please see the thank you note below from Pastor Bob Maravalli, Director of Daily Bread Ministry.

Linda Orr, Harvette Dixon, and Dennee Stevenson

Dear friends,

Just a few lines to thank you for your fall donation drive for Daily Bread. I love that you do your drive at this time of the year because we are always desperately low in inventory in the fall. Our Christmas and spring drives seem to carry us over to this time each year, but people still have great need for hygienic supplies. Opening all the boxes felt like Christmas morning to us because we hate saying no to folks for providing supplies that they need. And your gifting was so generous. Thank you. We also love the Halloween treats. We will bless our men, women and children on November 1 with the sweet treats!

Unfortunately, our ministry continues to grow in the number of people that we are caring for. Beyond caring for those who experience homelessness, this year we are caring for folks who are knowing food insecurity because of the high cost of food and basic necessities. Even a few of our seniors have resorted to living in their cars just to make ends meet. It breaks our hearts as we fight for them to secure low-income housing.

And yet, every time we are open, Daily Bread provides a place of spiritual, physical, and emotional respite. It is like a holy huddle before men and women have to engage in playing the sometimes fierce game of life. It is like a rest stop on a long journey. For fifteen hours a week, our folks have a chance to breathe easier, not worry where their next meal is coming from, and they have an opportunity to unburden their fears to caring staff and volunteers and to seek concrete and life-supporting help in their time of need.

So, thank you for supporting this ministry. Every stick of deodorant, every tube of toothpaste, every toothbrush, every bar of soap, and yes—every roll of toilet paper helps bring dignity and hope to a life. So, thank you, thank you, thank you!

Pastor Bob Maravalli, Director of Daily Bread Ministry

Education



SUNDAY SCHOOL

TBD



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

TBD



ADULT EDUCATION

Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

November 1st, 8th, 15th, and 22nd
Rev. Connie Frierson

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.

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Three Simple Secure Encrypted Steps

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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

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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



22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Lectionary Texts

Leviticus 19:1-2 15-18 • Psalm 1 • 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 • Matthew 22:34-46

Theme

Reformation Sunday



Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

“Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us show love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. O divine master let us not so much seek to be consoled as to console, understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen”

Prayer Concerns

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

Especially pray for

- * Hospitality, Spiritual Nurture & Prayer Ministry Teams
- * 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 Syrian refugees and for the Syrian conflict
- * The people of Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota, and their liaison, Ron Cotner
- * Iran, Ukraine, Palestine and Israel during this time of war
- * For those suffering from the humanitarian crisis in Sudan
- * Dr. Doug Tilton, Global Ecumenical Liaison for Africa

Please pray for these members of Calvin Church

- ~ Ken Weaver, for continued healing
- ~ Wayne Brinda, for continued healing from spinal surgery and subsequent infection, and for Connie Brinda, who is Wayne's wife and caretaker during this journey

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.