

# TODAY'S MESSAGE

## 25 More Letters in the Alphabet

October 18, 2026



**Calvin Presbyterian Church**  
*where faith, compassion, and authenticity meet*



## Quiet Meditation

*"When God says plan A doesn't work, neither does B, and C is right out as well, then D is left. Isn't this the way that God works sometimes? Haven't you had an idea about where you would go or a plan about what would happen next, only to have it upended?"*

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### Enter to Worship – Depart To Serve

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**Prelude** "Improvisation" ~ Calvin Music Team

**Introit** "We Are Singing"

**\*Gathering Hymn** "Be Thou My Vision" Hymnal #450

### 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)** Genesis 12:1-9 (NRSVUE) March Frierson

**Prayer of Humility** March Frierson

L: Let us pray.

*All: Almighty God, by water and your Holy Spirit*

*you baptized us to be your own and called the church into being.*

*We confess that we hold back the love of your Spirit among us.*

*We do not listen for your word of grace, speak the good news of your love,  
or live as a people made one in Christ.*

*Have mercy on us, O God.*

*Transform our lives by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
and strengthen our common witness to the one Lord, our Savior, Jesus Christ.*

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** "Brethren, We Have Met To Worship" ~Butler  
Will Weltman, pianist

**Scripture** Acts 16:6-11 (NRSVUE) Rev. Tom Harmon  
*P: Thanks be to God!*

**Sermon** 25 More Letters in the Alphabet Rev. Tom Harmon

**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**

"The Church's One Foundation"

Hymnal #321

**\*Blessing and Benediction****\*Response**

*Amen*

**\*Postlude**

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**Guest Musician**

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This morning, we welcome William Weltman as our guest pianist. Will is currently a full time teacher in the Franklin Area School District instructing K-5 grade general and instrumental music at Victory Elementary School and Sandycreek Elementary School. He has previously served as the church pianist at King's Chapel UMC in New Castle, PA and Swansboro Baptist Church in Swansboro, NC. He is a graduate of Slippery Rock University where he studied trumpet under Dr. Steve Hawk and piano under Dr. Nanette Solomon. He lives in Harrisville, PA with his beautiful wife and two children, Connor and Clara.

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**Serving This Week and Next Week**

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- ♣ Greeters this week: John & Linda Heinbockel
- ♣ Greeters next week: Wils & Jane Cooley

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**Coffee Hour**

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Please join us after the service for coffee and fellowship.

- ♣ This Week: Denee Stevenson
- ♣ Next Week: Judy Kercovich

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**Prayer Ministers**

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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: Kay Tilton

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Jared Negley — Bass

Peter Donovan — Guitar

Brendan Kennelty — Drums, Percussion

Dr. David English — Vocals, Percussion

#### CALVIN CHURCH ELDERS

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/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](mailto: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](http://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 18th

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| 9:00 a.m.  | Adult Education          |
| 10:00 a.m. | Worship Service          |
| 11:00 a.m. | Coffee Fellowship        |
| 1:00 p.m.  | Robert Armstrong Concert |

Monday, October 19th

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| 6:00 p.m. | Tai Chi Connection |
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Tuesday, October 20th

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| 9:30 a.m. | Devotional Prayer Group |
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Wednesday, October 21st

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| 4:00 p.m. | Mission Ministry Team |
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Thursday, October 22nd

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

Saturday, October 24th

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| 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](http://www.samaritancounseling.net).

# Groups at Calvin

Visit our website for more information about our groups

[www.calvinchurchzelie.org](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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

October 25th, 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.

## ARMSTRONG CONCERT AT CALVIN

Dr. Robert Armstrong will return to Calvin Church today at 2:00 p.m., presenting a piano concert including works by Bach, Beethoven, and Dello Joio. Donations will be accepted to benefit the artist.



Dr. Armstrong is a professional musician and pianist living in the Pittsburgh Area. He works as music director at both New Hope Lutheran Church in Freedom, PA, and Christ Lutheran Church in Baden. He is also a piano instructor at Brighton Music Center in New Brighton and performs throughout the area as a concert pianist, musical theatre director, and freelance accompanist. Dr. Armstrong attended Bethany College where he was graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Music as a piano major and where he received the Rush Carter Award for outstanding senior music major as well as the honor of distinction on his senior comprehensive examinations. He then attended West Virginia University where he was graduated with Master's and Doctoral Degrees in classical piano performance. In 2012, his book, *The Development of the Baroque Solo Keyboard Suite: An Historical Survey* focusing on France, England, and Germany, was published by Lambert Academic Publishing and distributed worldwide through Barnes & Noble and Amazon.

## 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](mailto:slcastlen@gmail.com).

## MESSAGES FOR REV. A. DAVID PAUL

As we say farewell to Rev. A. David Paul, we invite you to share a personal message, favorite memory, words of gratitude, or well wishes with him.



Blank cards will be available in Fellowship Hall for you to write your message. When finished, simply place your card in the card box provided.

Let's fill the box with messages of appreciation and encouragement for Pastor David as he begins his next chapter.

## 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 will begin on Sunday, October 25th 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](mailto:office.admin@calvinchurchzelie.org).

# 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.

October 25th, 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.

## TEXT TO GIVE



Three Simple Secure Encrypted Steps

1. Text GIVE to (833) 642-0108
2. Follow instructions to register with [tithe.ly](https://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



## 21st Sunday after Pentecost

### Lectionary Texts

Isaiah 45:1-7 • Psalm 96:1-9(10-13) • 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 • Matthew 22:15-22

### Theme

A Time of Transition



## Digging Deeper:

1. Looking back on your own life, when has a closed door or redirected path ultimately led you to a surprising "moment of faith"?
2. What "Plan A" are you currently holding onto, and what might it take to trust God's leading when that original plan changes?
3. How can you practice actively listening for the Holy Spirit's direction during seasons of transition or uncertainty?

### Prayer of Commitment

"Lord, grant us the grace today to commit our lives to the Lordship of Jesus Christ without reservation, and grant us the grace to know your strength and your guidance this day. Amen"

## Prayer Concerns

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

### Especially pray for

- \* Mission Ministry Team
- \* 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](mailto:office.admin@calvinchurchzelie.org) or place a note in the offering plate.