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TODAY'S MESSAGE

Remove the Yoke — and shine

February 8, 2026



"Sojourner Truth" Kelly Latimore

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Quiet Meditation

"The yoke is hard because the teachings of Jesus are radical: enemy love, unconditional forgiveness, extreme generosity. The yoke is easy because it is accessible to all – the studied and the ignorant, the rich and the poor, the religious and the nonreligious. Whether we like it or not, love is available to all people everywhere to be interpreted differently, applied differently, screwed up differently, and manifested differently."

— Rachel Held Evans

Enter to Worship – Depart To Serve

Prelude	"Improvisation"	~ Calvin Music Team
Introit	"Welcome To My Father's House"	~ Michael McKay
*Gathering Hymn	"Lord, I Lift Your Name On High"	

Welcome, Time of Quiet Prayer and Centering Breath

Opening Chant (#544) *Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.*

Scripture	Isaiah 58:1-12 (NSVUE)	Beth Wilson
<i>P: Thanks be to God!</i>		

Prayer of Humility	Beth Wilson
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L: Let us pray.

All: *Calling Presence*

who knows our hidden places,

we have not always chosen the path that frees.

We have stayed silent when truth asked for our voice;

we have protected our comfort when compassion asked for our hands;

we have waited for others to do the work you entrusted to us.

Loosen our resistance,

lift what keeps us from seeing one another clearly,

and break the patterns that bind us to what harms.

Teach us the courage to act with mercy.

Teach us the discipline of repair.

Teach us the way of releasing what we cling to

so that others may breathe more easily.

Let this moment mark a turning—

a turning toward your justice,

a turning toward your tenderness,

a turning toward the shared life you imagine for us.

In your grace, make us new.

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

Prayer of Humility Response (#447)	<i>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.</i>
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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

Anthem

"Thy Will"

~ Herms, Scott, Weisband
Rachel Fagan, vocal solo

Sermon

"Remove the Yoke – and shine"

Rev. A. David Paul

Musical Meditation

"Hymne"

~ Vangelis

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

"Today We All Are Called To Be Disciples"

Hymnal #757

*Blessing and Benediction

*Response

Amen, amen, amen, amen

*Postlude

"Joy To the World"

~ Hoyt Axton

Today's postlude is a memorial to Chuck Negron (1942-2026), co-founder and co-lead singer of Three Dog Night, whose joyous voice was enjoyed by millions of people over the past 60 years.

Serving This Week and Next Week

- ❖ Greeters this week: Steve Fowler & Jane Lavender
- ❖ Greeters next week: Wallace & Barb Christy

Coffee Hour

Please join us after the service for coffee and fellowship.

- ❖ This Week: Becky Wright
- ❖ Next Week: Denee Stevenson

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: Marie Campbell

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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 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, February 8th

9:00 a.m.	Adult Education
10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
11:00 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship
2:00 p.m.	Alphabet Soup

Monday, February 9th

6:00 p.m.	Tai Chi Connection
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Tuesday, February 10th

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

Wednesday, February 11th

7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
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Thursday, February 12th

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

Saturday, February 14th


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

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS FOR 2025

Contribution statements for 2025 are available to view and download on the Tithe.ly Church App. Just log into the member directory, click the three lines  in the circle on the top left of the screen, and click on My Giving. You will see a download link to your statement in the Giving section.



You can also access your statement via a computer browser by logging into your account at <https://calvinchurch.elvanto.net/>. Once you are logged in click on My Giving in the navigation at the top of the page.

Any questions please feel free to contact Dahn in the office 724-452-7560 or office.admin@calvinchurchzelie.org.

2026 PER CAPITA

If you feel God calling you to cover the per capita cost for your family, it will help the church offset our assessment. That is, Calvin pays for every member whether they pay or not. That would be:



\$46.66 for a single family member
\$93.32 for a two-member family
\$139.98 for a three- member family
\$186.64 for a four-member family Etc.

You are welcome to give via the website under Contribute, through the Give link in the Tithe.ly Church app, in the offering plates, or use the pew envelopes. Please indicate that you are giving to cover the per capita of your family. Thank you for your contribution.

Announcements

ADULT EDUCATION IN FEBRUARY

February 8 (after service) — Dawn Hamill

Pathways to Generosity Program (rescheduled from 1/25)



Dawn Hamill is a retired elder law attorney and a member of Calvin Presbyterian Church for the past 19 years. Her career spans from private practice wherein she assisted clients with their elder law needs, whether it was spending down to be Medicaid eligible, will contests of Guardianship matters to working for PNC Bank in their Wealth Management Division administering Irrevocable Trusts, IRA's and Investment Managed Accounts. Most recently she was tasked with managing Special Needs Trusts, Guardianships and Court Structured Settlement Trusts and the many legal issues that encompassed these various documents. Dawn will be discussing Last Wills and Testaments, Financial Powers of Attorney, Healthcare Powers of Attorney and Living Wills and the importance of having these documents in place as we age. As a retired attorney, she is prohibited from providing any advice during the discussion. Dawn can make referrals to qualified attorneys currently practicing in this field.

February 8 and 15 — Glenn Sanders

Jeremiah 18: 1-6 and Romans 9: 20-24

The Romans verses will be the First Nations Version of the New Testament. The focus will be on the potter, the clay, and the vessel being metaphors for our relationship both individually and as a community with God. By seeing the process of pot making and understanding what goes into that process, my hope is that we not only see God as the potter, but the importance of the Trinity being included in the metaphor of the potter. We may come to recognize God's people as both the clay and the clay vessels, and begin to understand where Jesus fits into the clay.

GIFT GROUP RESUMING

The GIFT group will resume meeting Thursday, February 12th at 6:00 p.m. We will be discussing the book, *Miracles and Wonder: The Historical*



Mystery of Jesus by Elaine Pagels. They meet weekly in the conference room every Thursday at 6:00 p.m. All women are welcome! Contact Kelly Casey for more information at 724-713-4854.

YOUTH GROUP

In winter CYG will meet for changing times and/or special events, instead of our usual Sunday evening time. Youth Director Bruce Smith will keep group members informed. Anyone new who is interested in joining with the group should contact Bruce for more information.



The annual mission trip to Camp Westminster has been scheduled for June 14-20. Please contact Bruce Smith if you are interested in more information about this event.

CALVIN CHOIR

Choir rehearsals will resume their weekly Wednesday rehearsals this week, February 11th at 7:00 p.m. We offer an open invitation to anyone who wants to sing with us. This includes middle school and high school students. No auditions required!



Education



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Dates and Times TBD



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

Dates and Times TBD



ADULT EDUCATION

9:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

February 1 — Susan Young: New Years Resolutions

February 8 (after service)— Dawn Hamill,

Pathways To Generosity

February 8 & 15 — Glenn Sanders



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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Deadlines

- ◆ Bulletin and Sunday Service Inclusions — Wednesday @ 3pm
- ◆ Newsletter Submissions — 20th of every month
- ◆ Ministry Team Minutes — within 24 hours after meeting

5th Sunday of Epiphany

Lectionary Texts

Isaiah 58:1-12 • Psalm 112:1-9 (10) • 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16)

• Matthew 5:13-20

Theme

(re)Building the Kingdom



Digging Deeper:

1. Isaiah suggests that inauthentic and hypocritical faith is always around us. Do you sense that to be true? Have you experienced it yourself or seen it elsewhere?
2. What sort of “fast” do you feel called to? What ministries of justice and charity feel meaningful to you, Calvin, or your community?
3. What are the signs in our communities of faithful and just living? What would it look like to see breaches repaired and streets restored?

The Serenity Prayer

“God, grant us the Serenity to accept the things we cannot change, the Courage to change the things we can, and the Wisdom to know the difference. Living one day at a time; Enjoying one moment at a time; Accepting hardships as the pathway to peace; Taking, as He did, this sinful world As it is, not as I would have it; Trusting that He will make all things right If I surrender to His Will; So that I may be reasonably happy in this life And supremely happy with Him Forever and ever in the next. 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

- ~ Duane Cacali, who recently suffered a stroke
- ~ 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@calvinchurchzelle.org or place a note in the offering plate.