

TODAY'S MESSAGE

Living Messengers

April 12, 2026



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G. M. Durst

Quiet Meditation

"I remember standing on a street corner with the black painter Beauford Delaney down in the Village, waiting for the light to change, and he pointed down and said, 'Look.' I looked and all I saw was water. And he said, 'Look again,' which I did, and I saw oil on the water and the city reflected in the puddle. It was a great revelation to me. I can't explain it. He taught me how to see, and how to trust what I saw. Painters have often taught writers how to see. And once you've had that experience, you see differently.

- James A. Baldwin

Enter to Worship – Depart To Serve

Prelude "Improvisation" ~ Calvin Music Team

Introit "Woke Up This Morning" ~ arr. Simpson-Kureton

***Gathering Hymn** "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" Hymnal #232

Welcome, Time of Quiet Prayer and Centering Breath

Opening Chant (#240) Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

Scripture John 20:19-31 (NRSVUE) Wayne Noah

P: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Humility Wayne Noah

L: Let us pray.

All: Forbearing God,

*Waiting is not always easy for us,
especially while living in a realm
where instant gratification
is perceived as proof
of being blessed.*

You wait for us

and on us often.

Help us to remember

that we are to be of good courage

as we wait on ourselves

and for ourselves

to align with the love of your Son.

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 him all creatures here below;
Praise him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost*

Children's Sermon

Anthem

Sermon

"Living Messengers"

Rev. A. David Paul

Musical Meditation

"I Know That My Redeemer Liveth"

~ Handel

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

"In The Bulb There Is A Flower"

Hymnal #250

*Blessing and Benediction

*Response

God be with you, God be with you, God be with you till we meet again.

*Postlude

Serving This Week and Next Week

❖ Greeters this week: Cathy Baker & Susan Linscott

❖ Greeters next week: Wis & Jane Cooley

Coffee Hour

Please join us after the service for coffee and fellowship.

❖ This Week: Judy Kercovich

❖ 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.

❖ Prayer Minister: Marie Campbell

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Rachel Neelley — Trumpet, Vocals

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 (2027)

Paul Morrow — Building & Grounds (2027)

Peter Donovan (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, April 12th

- 9:00 a.m. Adult Education
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 11:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship
- 1:00 p.m. Alphabet Soup

Monday, April 13th

- 6:00 p.m. Tai Chi Connection

Tuesday, April 14th

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

Wednesday, April 15th

- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- Mission Ministry Team

Thursday, April 16th

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

Saturday, April 18th

- 10:00 a.m. Pre-Sermon Study Group



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.

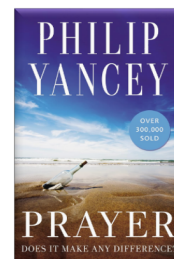
Announcements

MEN'S ROOM

The Men's Room is reading the book *Prayer: Does It Make Any Difference* by Philip Yancey.



- 04/02/26 ***Maundy Thursday***
- 04/09/26 6. Why Pray? / 73
- 04/16/26 7. Wrestling Match / 89
- 04/23/26 8. Partnership / 101
- 04/30/26 9. What Difference Does It Make? / 115
- 05/07/26 10. Does Prayer Change God? / 131
- 05/14/26 11. Ask, Seek, Knock / 145
- 05/21/26 12. Yearning For Fluency / 157
- 05/28/26 13. Prayer Grammar / 170
- 06/04/26 14. Tongue-Tied / 184
- 06/11/26 15. The Sound of Silence / 198
- 06/18/26 16. Unanswered Prayer: Whose Fault? / 215
- 06/25/26 17. Unanswered Prayer: Living with the Mystery / 232
- 07/02/26 18. Prayer and Physical Healing / 248
- 07/09/26 19. What to Pray For / 267
- 07/16/26 20. Prayer and Me / 285
- 07/23/26 21. Prayer and Others / 301
- 07/30/26 22. Prayer and God / 314



* = 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.

Weekly Groups

Visit our website for more information about our groups

www.calvinchurchzelie.org

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 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

ADULT EDUCATION AFTER EASTER

Beginning April 12th and continuing May 3rd, May 10th and May 17th, Rev. Stephen Cramer will lead the Adult Ed class on an exploration of Jesus' response to the demand for a sign from heaven.



The event appears in all four Gospels, but in Matthew and Luke, Jesus says that no sign will be given, except the sign of Jonah. This sign has perplexed readers for two thousand years, because Matthew and Luke don't agree about what the sign could be and Jonah is the most peculiar prophet in the Old Testament. So come travel with Rev. Cramer in the belly of the whale through four Sundays until we are spewed out on the dry land of May 17th.

During Adult Ed on April 19th and 26th, Caroline Baker will lead us in exploring a few different practices of embodied spirituality. Rather than compartmentalizing physical health, mental health, and spiritual health, there is value in breaking down these walls and establishing rituals rooted in wholeness and connection.

Have you ever wondered what art has to do with the Holy Spirit, prayer has to do with digestion, or laughter has to do with sleeping well? Are you curious about the importance of living in connection with mind, body, and spirit? We will dip our toes in a variety of ways to pray, play, and create. Some may be new, some may be familiar, some may be exciting, some may be uncomfortable, but each will provide an opportunity to get curious and make space for the Spirit to move.

PARAMENTS COMMITTEE

What are paraments? They are the ornamental ecclesiastical hangings that change with the worship calendar. We are in Lent (purple) currently, and will be changing to Easter (white). The parament committee could use a few more workers. We change the paraments 7 times per year. It takes about 30 minutes, right after the service, typically. You do not need to make every change, as we all have other commitments at times. If you would like to volunteer on this committee please reach out to Sue Mallen at larvalady@zoominternet.net.



ZELIENOPLE PRESCHOOL SPRING FUNDRAISER

The preschool is having a Marianna's hoagie and pizza fundraiser. Orders are due by Friday, April 17th. And will be delivered on Wednesday, April 29th. Order forms are on the counter in Fellowship Hall.



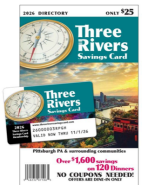
The hoagies and pizzas will be made fresh within 24 hours prior to delivery then transported by a refrigerated truck. Hoagies need to be enjoyed within 3 days of the date on the wrapper and pizzas can be enjoyed within 1-3 days of the date on the box and can be frozen for up to 3 months, then thawed in the refrigerator before baking. The veggies are prepared fresh and placed in individually vacuum sealed packages. Dressings and condiments are also individually packaged. You choose which toppings you want to add!

Contact Tara Rosenfeld at 724-504-8795 or zeliapreschool.fundraising@gmail.com with any questions.

The preschool appreciates your support. Fundraising helps bring in visitors to the school and purchase new classroom supplies.

THREE RIVERS SAVINGS CARD SALE

Calvin has been gifted 29 of these coupon savings books! They are similar to the old Enjoy Books. These cards are good for restaurants, North, South, East and West of Pittsburgh. They offer a savings to dine, on the second meal purchased. The cards expire on November 1, 2026.



The books are \$20 each. The proceeds from the sale of the cards will be used to purchase helmets to be donated to Calvin's Without Reservations Bike Mission. If all Coupon Cards are sold approximately 50 helmets can be purchased in bulk. Coupon Cards will be available to purchase in Fellowship Hall after Worship until all are sold. These make Great Easter or Mother's Day Gifts!

Education



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Dates and Times 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

Dates and Times TBD



ADULT EDUCATION

9:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

April 12, May 3 - 17 — Rev. Stephen Cramer

April 19 and April 26 — Caroline Baker



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

2nd Sunday of Easter

Lectionary Texts

Acts 2:14a, 22-32 • Psalm 16 • 1 Peter 1:3-9 • John 20:19-31

Theme

(re)Building the Kindom



Digging Deeper:

1. Do you have a “mountaintop” story? What was it like? Who was there? Would you describe yourself as “transformed?” What lessons do you still carry?
2. God speaks over Jesus during the Transfiguration, almost like a baptismal renewal. How are the two related?
3. How might these moments be connected for us, as we remember our baptismal identity in Christ and prepare to follow a suffering servant into Lent?

Calvin’s ‘Men’s Room’ Prayer

Holy God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit –

help me to be grounded in you
so that your grace can flow
through everything I do.

Guide me with your wisdom

so that I can place you at my center
and live a healthy life,

balancing faith, family, friendship, career, and me.

Bless me so that in all I do

I can hold tightly to you in faith,

live in your hope,

and reach out in your love.

In Christ’s name I pray. Amen.

Prayer Concerns

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

Especially pray for

- * Mission & Personnel & Finance 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
- * Iran, Ukraine, Palestine and Israel during this time of war
- * Dr. Doug Tilton, Global Ecumenical Liaison for Africa

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@calvinchurchzelle.org or place a note in the offering plate.