



# CALVARY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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*Calvary Presbyterian Church is a welcoming people of faith and hope in Christ Jesus, inspired by God's word and led by the Holy Spirit. We serve God, each other, our community, and the world, through worship, study, teaching, fellowship and outreach; demonstrating God's love, justice, compassion and grace.*

Now is a good time to turn off our cell phones and listen for God's call.

*Please sign the friendship pad at the end of the pew and pass it down for others to sign.*

## PREPARING FOR THE WORD

### SONGS OF PRAISE

#### PRAISE TO OUR CREATING GOD

Elder Don Hellwig

One: O God, We come as your people to adore you.

**All: You give us life. Without you we could not be.**

One: Before we were born, before time began, before creation, you were!

**All: When time is finished, when creation is no more, you will still be.**

One: In your presence, we are silent before the mystery of your being.

**All: No words of ours can do justice to your glory; yet, your words bring peace and love. Amen**

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

Elder Don Hellwig

One: We gather in the name of God.

**All: We gather in the name of the One who is the creator of all that is,  
who gives us this world and all that is in it.**

One: We gather in the name of Jesus.

**All: We gather in the name of the One who offered bread to the hungry,  
wholeness to the broken, who, through the cross and resurrection,  
offers us life everlasting.**

One: We gather by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**All: We gather by the power of One who guided the prophets and apostles and who guides us!**

One: We gather as people blessed by God.

Let us worship God together.

#### \*HYMN #551

"Come, Ye Thankful People Come"

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (from Isaiah 1:18 and Jeremiah 31:34)

One: "Come now, let us reason together," says the Lord.

**All: We confess that we envy others.**

**We do not live like Christ who calls us to be content with what we have.**

**Forgive us, Lord.**

One: "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow."

**All: We covet what belongs to our neighbor.**

**Our lives are driven by our wants. Forgive us, Lord.**

One: "Though your sins are red as crimson, they shall be like wool."

**All: We begrudge the invitation to give generously and joyfully.**

**We turn away from the needs of others and do not see the difference  
our caring can make.**

**Forgive us, Lord.**

One: "I will forgive...and will remember their sins no more."

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION IN SONG, (#2152 in Sing the Faith) (Sung by All)**

*Change my heart, Oh God, make it ever true;  
Change my heart, Oh God, may I be like you.  
You are the potter, I am the clay;  
mold me and make me, this is what I pray.  
Change my heart, Oh God, make it ever true;  
Change my heart, Oh God, may I be like you.*

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

One: The God who made us is the God who loves us. The God who walked in the wilderness is the God who runs with outstretched arms to embrace us.

**All: In Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia!**

**RESPONSE (sung by all) (#333)**

*Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness,  
And all these things shall be added unto you.*

*Allelu, alleluia.*

*Ask and it shall be given unto you; seek and you shall find;  
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you.*

*Allelu, alleluia.*

One: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.  
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

**HEARING THE WORD**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (sung by all)**

*Open our eyes, Lord; we want to see Jesus,  
to reach out and touch him, and say that we love him.  
Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen.  
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.*

**READINGS**

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

2 Corinthians 8:1-4, 7-14; and 9:6-7

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**ANTHEM**

**CHILDREN'S CHAT**

Elder, Jim Wilson

**SERMON**

*Thank You God ...*

Rev. Bruce Calkins

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**\*HYMN #377**

"Lord, You Have Come to the Lake Shore"

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

"O Lord, Hear My Prayer" (#2200)

*Speak a name or offer a short prayer, if you wish. Our response with be:*

One: Lord, in your mercy.

**All: Hear our prayer.**

... **Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our debts,  
as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory,  
forever. Amen.**

#### STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Deacon, Ama Mundi

#### OUR GIFTS OF THANKSGIVING

Offertory

\*"GIVE THANKS" (#2036 in Sing the Faith)

*Give thanks with a grateful heart,  
give thanks to the Holy One.*

*Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son.*

*And now, let the weak say, "I am strong."*

*Let the poor say, "I am rich"*

*because of what the Lord has done for us.*

*Give thanks.*



#### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

One: Holy Lord, you give us earthly life and offer us life eternal.

**All: We praise you and dedicate our lives to you.**

One: You call us to live in service and to share the gifts you have given.

**All: We dedicate our time, talents, energy, and imagination to you.**

One: You call us to respond to the hungry, the poor, the lonely, and the homeless.

**All: We dedicate our love, compassion, and commitment to justice and peace to you.**

One: All our resources are held in trust for you.

**All: We dedicate ourselves, our treasures, and our gifts to you. Be present with us and lead us according to your purpose, in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.**

#### COMMITMENT TIME

*Ushers will distribute the Estimate of Giving Cards.*

#### PRAYERFULLY FILL IN YOUR ESTIMATE OF GIVING CARD.

*When you have finished praying and have filled in your card, you may place it on the communion table and proceed to the Celebration Luncheon in Cowan Hall. Visitors may go to Cowan Hall when they have finished praying.*