



Grace Alone Faith Alone Scripture Alone Christ Alone Glory to God Alone

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WELCOME TO CALVIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (PCA)

We are delighted that you have chosen to join us in worship this Lord's day. It is our sincere hope and prayer that you know the saving presence, power, love and authority of our King and Savior Jesus Christ during our time together in worship. Recognizing that you are about to meet God in a special way, we encourage you to prepare for worship in silent prayer as you enter the sanctuary.

Childcare is available in the church's nursery during the service. Please do not hesitate to ask a greeter for assistance.

ABOUT CALVIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Calvin Presbyterian Church exists for the glory of God, the proclamation of His Gospel, and the growth and edification of God's people. We are an Evangelical and Reformed church. By *Evangelical*, we mean that we emphasize the gospel (good news of salvation) through faith in Jesus Christ, affirm orthodox Christian doctrines and hold to the inerrancy of Scripture. By *Reformed*, we mean that we are connected to the teachings of the historic church and the doctrinal beliefs recovered by the Reformation. These doctrinal beliefs are expressed in the Westminster Confession of Faith.

We are a member church of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA), a denomination formed to be "Faithful to the Scriptures, True to the Reformed Faith, and Obedient to the Great Commission." The PCA emphasizes the need for both theological reformation and personal revival. True theological reformation keeps us grounded in the historic truths of Biblical Christianity. True personal revival keeps us living in joyful fellowship with and submission to our Lord. We are committed to God-centered worship, in which we celebrate and affirm God's gracious covenant to redeem his people; and we are committed to engaging our culture with the glorious truth that Jesus is Lord.

Audio CDs of each Sunday morning worship service are available in the hallway. Audio CDs of Adult Sunday School classes and evening services and DVD videos of Sunday morning worship are available upon request.

Most Morning and Evening Sermons are available online by visiting our website: calvinpca.org

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude & Reflections

Worship that is “in spirit” is reverent. The spirit of worship is the spirit of reverence. The saints are to “offer to God an acceptable service with *reverence and awe*” (Heb. 12:28). Worship is never conducted with a light or frivolous touch. When we pray, we pray not merely “Our Father,” but “Our Father who art in *heaven, hallowed* be Thy name.” Our concern in prayer and all our worship is that God’s name be honored and revered, or hallowed, because He is the Father *in heaven*. True worship must always be serious, substantial, solid, sober, reverent.

Terry Johnson, *Reformed Worship*

————— GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP —————

- * The Divine Call to Worship Isaiah 60:1-2
- * Prayer of Invocation
- * Trinity Hymn *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* #196
- The Reading of the Law James 2:8-10
- Silent Confession of Sin
- Corporate Confession of Sin

Most holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess before you our sinful nature, prone to evil and lazy in good, and all our shortcomings and offenses. You alone know how often we have sinned, in wandering from your ways, in wasting our gifts, in forgetting your love. But you, O Lord, have mercy on us, who are ashamed and sorry for everything in which we have displeased you. Teach us to hate our sins; cleanse us from our secret faults; and forgive our sins, for the sake of your dear Son. And most holy and loving Father, help us, we ask you, to live in your light and walk in your ways according to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

A Prayer from City Reformed Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, PA

Our Elder Assistant today is Giles Guisbert

* The Reading of the Gospel

Psalm 103:8-12

* Song of Renewal

FULLNESS OF GRACE

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Fullness of grace in man's human frailty
This is the wonder of Jesus
Laying aside His power and glory
Humbly He entered our world
Chose the path of meanest worth
Scandal of a virgin birth
Born in a stable cold and rejected
Here lies the hope of the world

Fullness of grace the love of the Father
Shown in the face of Jesus
Stooping to bear the weight of humanity
Walking the Calvary road
Christ the holy innocent
Took our sin and punishment
Fullness of God despised and rejected
Crushed for the sins of the world

Fullness of hope in Christ we had longed for
Promise of God in Jesus
Through His obedience we are forgiven
Op'ning the floodgates of heav'n
All our hopes and dreams we bring
Gladly as an offering
Fullness of life and joy unspeakable
God's gift in love to the world

* Confession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

* Song of Praise

COME PEOPLE OF THE RISEN KING

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Come people of the Risen King who delight to bring Him praise
Come all and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace
From the shifting shadows of the earth, we will lift our eyes to Him
Where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in

Rejoice, rejoice let ev'ry tongue rejoice
One heart one voice, O Church of Christ rejoice

Come those whose joy is morning sun and those weeping through the night
Come those who tell of battles won and those struggling in the fight
For His perfect love will never change and His mercies never cease
But follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace (Chorus)

Come young and old from ev'ry land, men and women of the faith
Come those with full or empty hands, find the riches of His grace
Over all the world His people sing, shore to shore we hear them call
The truth that cries through ev'ry age, our God is all in all (Chorus 2X)

Offering Prayer, Offering

* Doxology (Trinity Hymnal #731)

Choir Anthem

Creator of the Stars of Night

————— **GOD OFFERS HIS MEANS OF GRACE** —————

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

I AM WHO I AM (Exodus 3:13-22) - Pastor Aaron

* *Behold the Lamb (Communion Hymn)*

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, Slain for us - and we remember
The promise made that all who come in faith, find forgiveness at the cross.
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of peace around the table of the King.

The body of our Saviour Jesus Christ, torn for you - eat and remember
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life, paid the price to make us one.
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of love around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin, shed for you - drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in to receive the life of God.
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of grace around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond - and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ as His body here on earth.
As we share in His suffering, we proclaim Christ will come again!
And we'll join in the feast of heaven around the table of the King

Words and Music by Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty and Stuart Townend

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* Congregation Stands

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Guidelines for the reception of communion: We invite all Christians who profess faith in Jesus Christ, and who are members in good standing of an evangelical congregation that proclaims the gospel, to participate and to receive Holy Communion. As the elements are distributed, we encourage you to spend time in silent communion, thanksgiving, and prayer.

Prayer of Consecration

Words of Institution and Distribution of the Element

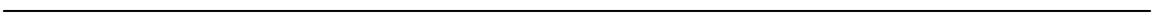
————— **GOD SENDS US OUT** —————

* Trinity Hymn

Thou Who Wast Rich beyond All Splendor #230

* Benediction

Announcements



THIS WEEK AT CALVIN

Today	6:30 PM	Corporate Prayer and Evening Worship Service <i>The Jerusalem Above Is Free</i> (Galatians 4:21-31) - Pastor Aaron
Monday	6:30 PM	American Heritage Girls
	6:30 PM	Cadet Corps
Tuesday	7:30 PM	Choir Practice
Wednesday	10:00 AM	<i>The Lamb of God</i> by Nancy Guthrie. All ladies are welcome. Babysitting will be available as needed.
Sunday	9:00 AM	Adult Sunday School Class taught by David Dunlop
	10:15 AM	Pastor Bob will preach
	6:30 PM	Corporate Prayer and Evening Worship Service Elder Mike Fournier will preach

TODAY'S NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

Krista Mason, Emily Garber

Next Week's Volunteers

Leeann & Rodger Francis

Assistive Listening Units are Available - If you have difficulty hearing all of the service the deacons have installed an assistive listening system. Please ask one of the greeters or any deacon and they will give you a very discrete hearing device that fits in your ear with an adjustable volume control.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

① **Cookie Donation Request** — Please mark **Friendship Register #1** if you would be willing to donate cookies for the American Heritage Girls Christmas Caroling Party at Briarcliff on December 18.

Children's Home Gift—David and Lynne Dunlop are collecting donations for the Annual Christmas Donation to the Children's Home in Bhoghpur, India. Contact either David or Lynne or see them this morning. Checks should be made payable to Calvin Presbyterian Church.

Christmas Card Alternative – For those wishing to participate, we will section off part of the bulletin board in the hallway to make space for our Christmas cards to each other.

Winter Wilderness Camping – Save the date. Pastor Aaron will be leading a one-night camping trip on the Laurel Highlands Trail on **Friday, December 29, 2017**. Please let Pastor Aaron know via email (agarber@calvinpca.org) or phone if you are interested. We are asking for a \$5.00 donation to help cover the cost of food. All are welcome.

Christianity Explored is a way of sharing the best news ever heard, and gives people space and time to think about the big questions of life. In studying Mark's Gospel, find out more about the life of the person at the heart of the Christian faith - Jesus Christ." Classes are held from 7:00-8:00 PM during the scouting program. Teachers are Fred Taylor and Mike Fournier.

New Library Arrivals – *Dispatches from the Front* (6 DVD's), *Embodied Hope: A Theological Meditation on Pain and Suffering* by Kelly Kapic, *A Heart for God* by Sinclair Ferguson and *Logic on Fire: The Life and Legacy of Martyn Lloyd-Jones* (DVD)

Inquirer's Class - Pastor Aaron holds a periodic inquirer's class for anyone interested in learning more about the basics of the Christian faith and the distinctives of Calvin Presbyterian Church. This class is required for those interested in joining our church (it is not required if you are transferring membership from another PCA church). The class is scheduled on an as needed basis. If you are interested in this class please contact Pastor Aaron or make a note on the Friendship Register.

Important IRS Notice – Donors must deliver or mail (and postmark) checks on or by December 31 in order to claim a charitable contribution deduction for 2017. Checks that are placed in the church offering on the first Sunday of 2018 will not qualify for a charitable contribution deduction in 2017, even if the check is predated to 2017 or was actually written in 2017. However, checks that are written, mailed and postmarked in 2017 will be deductible in 2017 though they are not received by the church until 2018. (Please have your 2017 giving in by December 24th , if possible).

SUNDAY EVENING ORDER OF WORSHIP

Reflection

Many who are now standing will fall away, unable to bear the scandal that comes with following Christ in a culture that sees such as superstition or hatred. Some who started out well will change their minds. And, at the same time, many who we now see as enemies will see their own lives in the cross of Christ. To them, we say, with our Lord, "When you have turned again, strengthen your brothers" (Luke 22:32). We will face struggle and loss and disappointment and the dust of death itself. But there's a promise out there that took on flesh in a virgin's uterus somewhere in Nazareth. If we could see the kind of inheritance, the kind of restoration of home, that he has waiting for us, well, we'd probably laugh in wonder at it all. It may be that America is not "post-Christian" at all. It may be that America is instead pre-Christian, a land that though often Christ-haunted has never known the power of the gospel, yet.

Russell Moore, *Onward: Engaging the Culture without Losing the Gospel*

- * The Divine Call to Worship 1 John 1:1-2
 - * Opening Prayer
 - * Trinity Hymnal *O Little Town of Bethlehem* #201
 - Pastoral Prayer
 - Selected Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs
 - Sermon *The Jerusalem Above Is Free* (Galatians 4:21-31) - Pastor Aaron
 - * Trinity Psalter Psalm 133
 - * Benediction
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CALVIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Aaron P. Garber, Pastor
Robert C. Weeber, Pastor Emeritus

Calvin Presbyterian Church is a growing fellowship of vibrant, committed believers that seeks to honor Jesus Christ in every aspect of life. Started in 1957, our congregation is a member of the Presbyterian Church in America, one of our nation's fastest-growing denominations. We are committed to the Bible as God's inspired, infallible, and inerrant Word – true in all that it teaches.

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