

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY JANUARY 30, 2022



Unity. Liberty. Love. Serve.

We welcome all members and guests to our service today and we are glad that you have joined us for worship this morning at Calvary!

SERVING IN WORSHIP

The Rt. Rev. Lane A. Sapp, Preaching The Rev. Chaz Snider, Liturgist Mrs. Amanda Schumpert, Director of Music Mrs. Mary Louise Kapp Peeples, Organist Mr. Alexander Stultz, Violinist Mr. Johnnie Pearson, Lay Reader Mr. Brian C. Lott, Band Director The Calvary Chancel Choir The Calvary Band

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday 8:30 AM-4:30 PM Lunch Hour: 12:30-1:30 PM Closed on Fridays

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PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK (1 CORINTHIANS 13:12) For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face.

BAND PRELUDE

TRINITY CHIME

PRELUDE Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Alexander Stultz, *Violinist*

WELCOME

THE PRAISE OF GOD

HYMN **#517** Christ is Our Cornerstone

(Hymn on Page 4)

LITURGY FOR SPIRITUAL RENEWAL

Holy Spirit of God, we praise and worship you as the one who gave birth to Christ's church. With the sound of mighty wind and flashing fire, you brought life to the church in Jerusalem.

You filled those frightened new believers with power, and they became Christ's witnesses, speaking boldly the word of truth.

You continue to transform believers—healing, reconciling, empowering. Lives are turned around. Emptiness is filled. Drifting hearts are given direction.

You vitalize your wavering church—lavishing gifts upon us, forging unity, giving new vision. You turn our eyes from the wistful memories of yesterday to the new things you are doing among us now.

DARWALL

NETTLETON



TEXT: Latin, 7th cent. Tr. John Chandler (1837) TUNE: John Darwall (1770) 6.6.6.6.8.8. DARWALL (342 D) We worship and extol you, our Teacher, Guide, and Comforter. You make Christ known to us and make us your holy temple. By your presence, the church in all its diversity is welded together in unity.

(Sitting)

Interceding Spirit, we do not know how to pray as we ought; but you understand our deepest needs and present them with love to the Father. Lead us now to repentance and confession.

> SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me; Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me; Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of holiness, we confess that we are a sinful people. In thought, word, and deed, we quench the fire of your love and dissipate the power of your presence. You long to restore us to the image of God; but we let it tarnish as we nurse selfish attitudes. You nurture unity, but we sow discord. You come to make our bodies your temples, but we desecrate them. We dishonor your good intentions for us. Forgive us, merciful Spirit. Burn away our impurities, and forge us into renewed and useful instruments in your service. Amen.

There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. The law of the Spirit of life in Christ has set you free from the law of sin and of death.

We believe God's promise in these last days: I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Upon both men and women in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall speak my message. The Spirit of God dwells in us if we belong to Christ. The Spirit bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ.

When the Holy Spirit comes upon us, we receive power, and we become God's witnesses.

The fruit that the Spirit brings to the lives of those who follow Christ is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

The diverse and empowering gifts of the Spirit are given to each one for the common good. None of us is useless to God. None of us is sufficient by ourself. We serve through the body of Christ, and we depend on the people of Christ.

The Spirit's gifts are given to equip believers for the work of ministry, to build up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God.

(Standing)

Come, heavenly Dove, and alight upon us. Anoint us to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim release, recovery, and freedom to those in need.

Empower us to work for God's kingdom in such a way that life becomes a Jubilee, for us and for all people.

Lift up the lonely, the neglected, the outcast. Comfort the grieving. Restore the lost. Be the advocate of the afflicted.

Teach all your people. Remind us of Jesus, and lead us into all the truth.

Keep us on the edge of dynamic living, wrapped in the flames of new beginnings, and filled with power for personal renewal.

Form us in the likeness of Christ, that we may glorify God's name.

Renew your church. Fill stagnant and empty lives with the breath of God. Overcome our apathy, and energize us with your engaging presence.

Give your church new vision, new hope, and a driving desire to claim the promise of new birth.

Spirit of power, work in all who confess the risen Christ to spread your message of hope, love, and salvation to every person and nation.

Hasten the day when every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord!

AZMON

Spirit of truth, and grace, and pow'r, blow through your church, we pray. Transform us from this very hour in all we do and say.

Anoint us all to be good news to sad and weak and poor. Make us the instruments you use to praise the Savior more.

Pour out your gifts, wrap us in flames of energy and drive; and make our goal, our guiding aim, that Jesus' church would thrive.

THE WORSHIP OF GOD WITH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

BRASS OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY AND OFFERTORY PRAYER

WAREHAM

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.

In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

The Proclamation of the Word of God

THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

EPISTLE: PHILLIPIANS 1:3-11 GOSPEL: JOHN 15:1-11

The Word of God for the People of God Thanks be to God.

QUIET MEDITATION AND PRAYER

SERMON

HYMN **#751** God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

HYMN OF BLESSING (#446) AND BENEDICTION

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

COVENANT

The Lord bless you and keep you in his favor as his chosen, cherished heir; the Lord make his face shine on you ever and enfold you in his care. The Lord lift his countenance upon you, may where-e'er you go his Spirit lead you, and his peace on you bestow; Amen, Amen, be it so.

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Toccata from Symphonie No. 5

Charles-Marie Widor

TRINITY CHIME

Congratulations to John and Jennifer Garr Jones upon the birth of their daughter, Sadie Gray Jones, on January 23, 2022. Sadie is the granddaughter of Patricia Poindexter Garr and the great granddaughter of Hubert and Romaine Poindexter. We are pleased to welcome Sadie into the fellowship of our Calvary family!

February-April Newsletter

The publication of the next edition of our Connections newsletter will be delayed till mid-February to give you the most accurate information about the Lenten and Holy Week services.

Bible Study

You are invited to participate in a Zoom Bible Study taught by Pastor Chaz each Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. The study includes a time of intercessory prayer followed by study and discussion. We hope you will plan to join us! To access the study, please use the following ZOOM link:

bit.ly/CalvaryBibleStudy

Laurel Ridge

It's time to gather on the mountain for Winter's Journey at Laurel Ridge! Join together for a weekend of spiritual formation and personal growth; enjoy meals, fellowship, devotions (led by our own Rev. Linda Seippel); a choice of programming tracks, and simply a time of rest. February 18-20 at Higgins Lodge. More information can be found at laurelridge.org.

It's also time to start planning for the summer at Laurel Ridge! Parents, as you register your children for their camps, remember Calvary pays half of one camp for each child. And, if you register by Feb. 15, the early bird discount will automatically apply. Our scholarship codes for this season are: For all weeklong camps - calvary2022 For all Pre-Junior camps - calvary2022pj

Overflow Shelter Meal Ministry

"For I was hungry and you gave me food." Please join the Missions Committee in helping our brothers and sisters in need by feeding and offering fellowship as they navigate homelessness this winter. Calvary has partnered with City with Dwellings to provide meals at the overflow shelter at Augsburg Lutheran Church for over 7 years. Please help us to keep this important ministry going. There are several ways you can do this: You can donate funds or supplies, cook a portion of a meal for 30, or help deliver and serve food..

For more information or to volunteer, **contact Jan Bullins** (jtbullins@gmail.com or 336-655-9444)

Scripture Readers

If you would be interested in being a lay reader during Sunday morning worship and have not already been contacted, please email Vicki Forrest at vickijforrest@gmail.com. Please include your phone number in your reply. Scheduling for the new year will begin soon!

COVID-19 Masking

At its December meeting, the Joint Board reviewed our protocols for in person worship, changing some of language from "masks are strongly suggested" to "masks are optional." We ask everyone to exercise personal responsibility in loving neighbor as self.

REMEMBER CALVARY MEMBERS IN PRAYER

Eddie Johnson; Jane Sofley; Margaret Higgins; Bill and Mary Hampton; Ursula Pierce; Amy Combs; Camilla Williams; Ron Griggs; Bernard Williams; Jan Trivette; Odell and Emily Cheek; Carloyn Perry; Logan Shaw; Bobbie Mecimore; John Polychron; Richard Fearrington; Ramona Burke; Robert Blakemore; Ramona Prestwood; Hubert Poindexter; Larry Linville; Davison Clark; Joann Settle; Chi-Chi Messick; Patricia Poindexter Garr; Brooks Lott; The Burkette Family; Richard Swing; Harold Settle; Earline Pryor; Richard Watts

REMEMBER FRIENDS AND FAMILY IN PRAYER

Dr. Tad Lowdermilk; Jim Kremer; Cheryl Morrison; Linda Hearn; Susan Gilmore; Stephanie Miller; Kanji Furikawa; Betty Dominic

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