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TODAY'S THEME

Baptism of the Lord

January 12, 2025

Quiet Meditation

"Baptism reminds us that there's no ladder to holiness to climb, no self-improvement plan to follow. It's just death and resurrection, over and over again, day after day, as God reaches down into our deepest graves and with the same power that raised Jesus from the dead wrests us from our pride, our apathy, our fear, our prejudice, our anger, our hurt, and our despair."

– Rachel Held Evans

SCAN ME



TO CHECK IN

Enter to Worship – Depart To Serve

*Gathering Hymn

"We Are Singing"

Welcome, Time of Quiet Prayer and Centering Breath

Opening Chant

Gloria in excelsis Deo.

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Scripture

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 (NRSVUE)

Wayne Noah

P: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Humility

Wayne Noah

L: Let us pray.

All: Loving God,

let me enter again

Your baptismal river of grace.

Let it soak every stain

attached to my life and longings.

Submerge me in You

again and again and again.

Cleanse every distracting impulse

luring me away from You.

Let no urgency be more important

than Your perfect love.

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.*

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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

Sermon

"Wrests"

Rev. A. David Paul

Musical Meditation

"Fix You"

~ Berryman, Martin, Buckland, Champion

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

"Down Galilee's Slow Roadways"

Hymnal #164

*Blessing and Benediction

*Response

*God be with you, God be with you,
God be with you 'til we meet again.*

*Postlude

Serving This Week and Next Week

- ❖ 8:30 a.m. Greeter this week: Steve Fowler
- ❖ 11:00 a.m. Greeter this week: Robin Wuchina
- ❖ 8:30 a.m. Greeter next week: Denee Stevenson
- ❖ 11:00 a.m. Greeter next week: Karen Cramer

Coffee Hour

Please join us after the service for coffee and fellowship.

- ❖ This Week: Judy Kercovich
- ❖ Next Week: Nancy Marchese

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.

- ❖ 8:30 a.m. Service: Denee Stevenson
- ❖ 11:00 a.m. Service: n/a

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Adam Corrigan – Bass

Peter Donovan – Guitar

Dr. David English – Vocals, Percussion

Rachel Neelley – Trumpet, Vocals

CALVIN CHURCH ELDERS

David Shidemantle – Building & Grounds (2024)

David English – Worship & Arts (2024)

Rachel Fagan – Youth Formation (2025)

Amy Alexander – Membership & Hospitality (2025)

Donna Galbraith – Spiritual Nurture (2025)

Tom Reiber – Personnel & Finance (2026)

March Frierson – Mission (2026)

Rachel Neelley – Communications (2026)

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.cpc@zoominternet.net.

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, January 12th

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service
- 9:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship
- 10:00 a.m. Adult Education
Sunday school
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 2:00 p.m. Alphabet Soup
- 5:00 p.m. CYG Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. Calvin Youth Group

Monday, January 13th

- 6:00 p.m. Tai Chi Connection

Tuesday, January 14th

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

Wednesday, January 15th

- 5:00 a.m. Communications Ministry Team

Thursday, January 16th

- 8:30 a.m. Men's Room
- 7:00 p.m. GIFT Group
Taizé Service

Saturday, January 18th

- 10:00 a.m. Pre-Sermon Small 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.

Weekly Groups

Visit our website for more information about our groups

www.calvinchurchzelle.org

TUESDAYS

Devotional Prayer Group — 9:30 a.m.

Conference Room or via Zoom

This is a group for those seeking to go deeper in their faith journey. It prayerfully studies and discusses classics of the Christian spiritual life. Contact Marie Campbell at marie.l.campbell@icloud.com for more information.

WEDNESDAYS

Beth Moore — 7:00 p.m.

Conference Room

Meeting the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month, this group's focus is to guide women into a richer, more fulfilling relationship with Jesus. They use Beth Moore Bible Studies and others to learn more about the Bible.

THURSDAYS

Men's Room — 8:30 a.m.

Marriott North (dining area), Cranberry Twp. or via Zoom

This spiritual growth group for men explores ways to connect faith practically in work, family, and other areas of life.

GIFT — 7:00 p.m.

Conference Room

GIFT is a women's book group that meets every Thursday evening. All women are welcome. Contact Kelly Casey at kncasey@gmail.com for more information.

SUNDAYS

Alphabet Soup — 2nd Sunday at 2:00 p.m.

This group is for LGBTQ+ individuals and allies living in the Zellenople 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.

World Events Through a Christian Lens — Last Sunday @ 6:00 p.m.

This group allows all participants to celebrate, lament, discuss, and share thoughts on current events, history, culture, and trends in a safe place, where we can respectfully share, agree, or disagree, in a supportive mutual spirit of Christian witness.

They meet the last Sunday of each month. All are welcome! Contact Herb Wright at 412.443.7098 with any questions.

Announcements

ADULT EDUCATION

The Book Of Revelation

Many Christians avoid the biblical book of Revelation, considering it just too mysterious. Some prefer to avoid it entirely, often wanting to remove it from the Bible. Others love the book and claim to have figured it all out and see current events as fulfillment of its prophecies. Both of these extremes are misguided. Although there are many bizarre and sometimes disturbing passages, the book was written to provide encouragement for Christians who were treated cruelly or confronted with outright persecution. Its purpose is to help us control our fears of the future and renew our commitment to Jesus Christ.

Join Rev. Stephen Cramer in January and February as we consider the book in its proper context and discover why it forms a proper conclusion to the biblical story.



ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the congregation will be held Sunday, February 23rd between services at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will be a review and approval of the 2025 budget, yearly ministry team reports will be presented, an introduction of new elders, and the terms of call for Rev. David Paul will be voted on.



ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS

Ordination and installation of officers will be Sunday, February 23rd during the 11:00 a.m. service.



SESSION RETREAT

All current and incoming elders will be gathering for a Session Retreat at Glen Eden Barn on Saturday, February 22nd from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.



FOOD CUPBOARD HELP NEEDED

Volunteers are again needed at the Food Cupboard located at Zion Lutheran Church on Route 19 in Middle Lancaster. Packing food will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 21st. Distribution will start at 6:30 p.m. that evening. Volunteers should arrive by 6:00 p.m. for last minute preparations before distribution begins. Contact Kay Howard (724-368-3455) with any questions.



ALPHABET SOUP

This support group will be meeting today at 2:00 p.m. at Calvin Church. It is for LGBTQ+ individuals and allies living in the Zelenople and Harmony areas. Come enjoy a safe space where you can get to know your fellow LGBTQ+ neighbors and find local support.



CALVIN YOUTH GROUP

There will be a bible study from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. followed by the normal meeting from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.



CHURCH CLEAN UP

Helpers are needed for an inside church clean up on Saturday, January 18th from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. We will be cleaning out closets and storage areas.



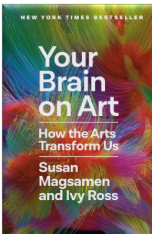
MEN'S ROOM

The Men's Room is reading the book entitled *Your Brain on Art: How the Arts Transform Us* by Susan Magsamen and Ivy Ross.

- 12/05/24 5. Amplifying Learning (p149)
- 12/12/24 playful, artful learning...
- 12/19/24 6. Flourishing (p182)
- 12/26/24 ***Christmas***
- 01/02/25 put yourself in enriched env...
- 01/09/25 7. Creating Community (p212)
- 01/16/25 connecting to culture again...
- 01/23/25 Conclusion: The Art of the Future

The group meets every Thursday morning at a new time – 8:30 a.m. in the Marriott Cranberry North dining area.

You can also join via Zoom. A link is emailed out every week.



Education



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Every Sunday morning
10:00 – 10:45 a.m.



CREATIVE ARTS MINISTRY

All children grades K-6.
Combined with Sunday school @ 10:00 a.m.



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

Youth Room downstairs
Grades 7 – 12
6:00 – 7:30 p.m.



ADULT EDUCATION

10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall
The Book of Revelation
Rev. Stephen Cramer

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.

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

Calvin's Average Worship Attendance Per Week

	In-Person (i)	Online (o)	Total	# States	# Countries
November 2024	118	108	226	13	5
		YTD-2024	222	14	3

Calvin's attendance went up each week this month, which, on average, is consistent with years past. Calvin's average # of States and Countries continues to be impressive. November's online numbers historically will continue to go up over the next month.

Today's Scriptures
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Theme
Baptism of the Lord



Calvin 2Gether:

1. **FIND:** someone you don't know as well as others and introduce yourself, or discuss with your family around the dinner table.

2. **DISCUSS:** *Put the date of your baptism on the seashell. Feel free to decorate it. Put it someplace you'll see it regularly and when you see it, thank Jesus for recent wrests from....*

3. **PRAYER COVENANT:** to pray for each other daily, by name until you meet again (the prayer to the right is offered as a suggestion).

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

"Lord, make _____ and me instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us show love: where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. O divine master let us not so much seek to be consoled as to console, understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen"

Prayer Concerns

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

Especially pray for

- * Personnel & Finance and Communications Ministry Teams
- * Caroline Baker, who graduated from seminary and is discerning next steps

Prayers for the World

- * For Calvin Church's partnership with Oti Presbytery – Ghana
- * For first responders and front line medical workers
- * The coronavirus pandemic, and those affected
- * Our congressmen, senators, governor and president
- * Josh Heikkila, our missionary in Ghana
- * 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
- * Ellen Smith, our mission co-worker based in the States, serving in Russia, Belarus, Ukraine and Poland
- * All those affected in the south by Hurricanes Helene and Milton
- * All those affected by the wildfires in California

Please pray for these members of Calvin Church

- ~ Bob Van Ingen, who had heart surgery to replace a pacemaker
- ~ Vickie Baker, who has been diagnosed with stage 4 bone cancer
- ~ Mary Koepke, who is receiving Hospice care, and Bob and ChrisAnn Goossen as they also care for her.
- ~ 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.cpc@zoominternet.net or place a note in the offering plate.