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ON THE WAY TO
BETHLEHEM

ROME, A PLACE OF LONGING, HOPE
ADVENT 1, DECEMBER 1, 2024

Quiet Meditation

“Whether we are a fan of those in power or not, our lives and stories are often shaped by that which is out of our immediate control. On this first week of Advent, we ask ourselves whether we are placing our hope in the empires of the world, or in the liberating through-line of God’s presence.”

– Rev. Dr. Marcia McFee

SCAN ME



TO CHECK IN

Enter to Worship – Depart To Serve

***Gathering Hymn** "Canticle Of The Turning" Hymnal #100

Welcome, Time of Quiet Prayer and Centering Breath

Opening Chant *Prepare ye the way of the Lord,
Prepare ye the way of the Lord*

Scripture Romans 8:18-25 (NRSVUE) Stephen McConahy
P: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Humility Stephen McConahy

L: Let us pray.

All: God of Light and Life,

As we prepare our hearts this Advent, we are painfully aware of our need for a Savior.

We confess that we are busy with many preparations – busy with parties, with feasts, with giving. We are busy with the stuff of the holidays, and we confess that our busyness may be misplaced, that we spend more time preparing for things than preparing for You. Draw us back to the center where we may discover the deep longings you have placed within us and remind us that our hearts and souls have work to do, too.

Amen.

Hear us now as we offer you our silent confessions...

Prayer of Humility Response

*For you, O Lord, our souls in stillness wait;
Truly our hope is in you.*

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

Lighting of Advent Wreath The Sebring Family

Anthem

Sermon "The Audacity of Hope" Caroline Baker

Musical Meditation "Emmanuel" ~arr. John D'Amico

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

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

Hymnal #82

*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: Cathy Baker
- ❖ 11:00 a.m. Greeter this week: Karen Cramer

- ❖ 8:30 a.m. Greeter next week: Steve Fowler
- ❖ 11:00 a.m. Greeter next week: Wallace & Barb Christy

Coffee Hour

Please join us after the service for coffee and fellowship.

- ❖ Today's coffee is served by: Diane Standish
- ❖ Next Week: Andrea Reiterman

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. Prayer Minister: Tom Surgalski
- ❖ 11:00 a.m. Prayer Minister: Amy Alexander

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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, December 1st

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service
- 9:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday school
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Monday, December 2nd

- 6:00 p.m. Tai Chi Connection

Tuesday, December 3rd

- 9:30 a.m. Devotional Prayer Group
- 5:30 p.m. Session Dinner at Burgh'ers
- 7:00 p.m. Session

Wednesday, December 4th

- 4:00 p.m. Worship & Arts ministry Team
Youth Formation Ministry Team
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 7:30 p.m. Moore and More Book Group

Thursday, December 5th

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Room
- 7:00 p.m. GIFT Group

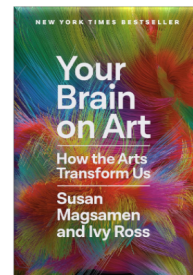
Announcements

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.

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ROOM

- 10/10/24 Introduction and Anesthetic...
- 10/17/24 1. The Anatomy of the Arts
- 10/24/24 2. Cultivating Well-Being
- 10/31/24 3. Restoring Mental Health (p76)
- 11/07/24 hidden wounds....
- 11/14/24 4. Healing the Body (p119)
- 11/21/24 music making & memories....
- 11/28/24 ***Thanksgiving***
- 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 7:00 a.m. in the Marriott Cranberry North dining area.

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

The start of a new book is always a great time to try out joining a small 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

CALVIN YOUTH GROUP

There will be no CYG meeting today due to the Thanksgiving holiday weekend.



CHOIR REHEARSAL

Rehearsal will resume on Wednesday, December 4th at 7:00 p.m.



HOLIDAY SWINGTACULAR CONCERT

Come and enjoy fun holiday music at Calvin on Sunday, December 22nd at 2:00 p.m. It's open to everyone so tell your friends and family! Admission is free, and donations will be accepted.



GIFT CARDS FOR GLADE RUN

This year, the Mission Team is asking congregants who are interested in providing Christmas joy for youth residents of Glade Run Lutheran Services in Zelienople, to purchase gifts cards in any amount from any of these retailers: Amazon, Target, Walmart, or Dollar General. These gift cards can be given to a member of the Mission Team by December 15th. The Mission Team is grateful for donations and for the generosity of our congregation.



JOIN US FOR CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Monday, December 23rd

8:00 p.m. — Unplugged Candlelight Service @ Glen Eden (231 Dufford Road, Evans City)



Tuesday, December 24th

4:00 p.m. — Shorter service for families with small children with short attention spans

6:00 and 8:00 p.m. — Service featuring scripture, carols, and candle-lighting

There will be one service at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, December 29th.

A CIRCLE OF FRIENDS CHOIR CONCERTS

The bell and voice choirs are ready to ring and sing into the Christmas season. Here is their schedule:



Friday, December 6th @ 7:30 p.m.

Benefit: Calvin Presbyterian Church Mission (local storm victim)

Saturday, December 7th @ 7:30 p.m.

Benefit: Guitars for Vets in Butler, PA

Sunday, December 8th @ 2:00 p.m.

Benefit: Tri—Special Needs in Wexford, PA

Friday, December 13th @ 7:30 p.m.

Benefit: Evans City Lions Club, in support of the Jax Ramirez Family

Saturday, December 14th @ 7:30 p.m.

Benefit: Circle of Friends Choir, Bell Refurbishment

ALL CONCERTS will be at Glen Eden Barn at 321 Dufford Road, Evans City.

SOUNDS OF THE SEASON CONCERTS

The Pittsburgh Concert Chorale will join their voices with piano, organ, brass ensemble and percussion to perform sacred choral arrangements, popular classics and traditional favorites for their popular Christmas concerts. Calvin Church member, ChrisAnn Goossen, sings with the PCC.



Friday, December 6th @ 7:30 p.m.

Trinity Cathedral, Pittsburgh, PA

50% of single tickets sales will support homeless outreach.

Saturday, December 7th @ 7:30 p.m.

Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church, Fox Chapel, PA

Sunday, December 8th @ 4:00 p.m.

Ingomar United Methodist Church, Ingomar, PA

Tickets are available at the door or at pccsing.org.

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

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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Follow us on Twitter @CalvinPresZeli

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
October 2024	117	93	210	14	3
		YTD-2024	216	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. October's online numbers historically will continue to go up over the next month.

Today's Scriptures

John 13:33-38a

Theme

Advent Week 1



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:** *What are we longing for this Advent, and how does it call us to act with hope?*

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).

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

- * Session, Worship & Arts and Youth Formation 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

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.