

# Calvary Church

*A Reconciling Congregation*



*"I delight to do your will, O my  
God; your law is within my heart."*

**- Psalm 40:8**

**January 18, 2026**

*2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany*

# CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

## GATHERING

**Gathering Song:** "Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

*(anonymous / perf. by James Andrews and Trombone Shorty Brothers)*

## **Welcome & Announcements**

### • **Visiting with us?**

- We're glad you're here! We strive to make our worship space—in-person and virtual—as welcoming and accommodating of different needs as possible. If you have questions, concerns or suggestions, please contact Pastor Tim.

### • **Congregational giving** *(rounded)*

- Jan 5-11: \$2,164 / weekly budget: \$1,635

### • **Story Circles:** [allmeansall.org/story-circles](http://allmeansall.org/story-circles)

- contact Amy to sign up, or with any questions:  
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### • **Previous sermons:** [allmeansall.org/sermons](http://allmeansall.org/sermons)

### • **Previous bulletins:** [allmeansall.org/bulletins](http://allmeansall.org/bulletins)

## Calendar

**Monday, Jan 19:** Martin Luther King Jr. Day

- [volunteer.globalcitizen365.org](http://volunteer.globalcitizen365.org)

**Tuesday, Jan 20, 3 pm:** Midweek Prayer *(weekly)*

- [allmeansall.org/midweek-prayer](http://allmeansall.org/midweek-prayer)
- 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays: 3 pm / 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>: 6 pm

**Wednesday, Jan 21**

- **10-11 am:** Yoga *(weekly)*
  - Calvary (Chapel) – 48<sup>th</sup> St entrance
  - [allmeansall.org/yoga](http://allmeansall.org/yoga)
- **12 pm:** Interfaith Prayer Vigils for Immigrant Justice *(weekly / New Sanctuary Movement)*
  - Philadelphia ICE Office / 114 N 8th St
  - contact Pastor Tim to get involved with Calvary's NSM Team

- **7-8:30 pm:** Grief Support Group (*future timing TBD*)
  - [allmeansall.org/grief](http://allmeansall.org/grief)

**Thursday, Jan 22, 7:30-8:30 pm:** Book Study – Jesus and the Disinherited (*weekly, through Feb 12*)

- [allmeansall.org/book-studies](http://allmeansall.org/book-studies)

**Saturday, Jan 24, 1 pm:** Meditation (*weekly*)

- Calvary (Board Room – upstairs) – 48th St entrance
- [westphillyinsight.org](http://westphillyinsight.org)

**Sunday, Jan 25**

- **11 am-12:30 pm:** Hybrid Worship (*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany*)
- **2-4 pm:** PA Interfaith Power & Light Annual Convening Watch Party
  - Calvary (Chapel) – 48<sup>th</sup> St entrance
  - [allmeansall.org/convening](http://allmeansall.org/convening)
  - contact Sparrow to join others from Calvary, or to get involved in Calvary's PA-IPL/Green Team:  
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**Monday, Jan 26 – Thursday, Jan 29, 7-8 pm:** PA Interfaith Power & Light Annual Convening Workshops

- [allmeansall.org/convening](http://allmeansall.org/convening)

**Sunday, Feb 1**

- **11 am-12:30 pm:** Hybrid Worship (*Communion / 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany*)
- **3 pm:** POWER Interfaith Citywide Assembly on Affordability
  - Mother Bethel AME Church / 419 S. 6th St
  - contact Mimi to sign up and to coordinate transportation, or to get involved with Calvary's POWER Team: [rmijima@gmail.com](mailto:rmijima@gmail.com)

## **CENTERING & CONNECTING**

### **Breathing Our Way In**

**Singing Our Way In: "40" (U2 – adapted)**

I waited patiently for (my God)  
(You) inclined and heard my cry  
(You) brought me up out of the pit  
Out of the miry clay

*I will sing, sing a new song (2x)*  
*How long to sing this song? (2x)*  
*How long, how long, how long*  
*How long to sing this song?*

You set my feet upon a rock  
And made my footsteps firm  
Many will see, many will see and fear (*chorus*)

**Call to Worship** (*Ruth C. Duck, inspired by Psalm 36:6-9 – adapted*)

One: Your love, O God, reaches to the heavens, your  
faithfulness to the skies.

**ALL: Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your  
justice like the great deep.**

One: Earth's children, high and low, take refuge in the  
shadow of your wings.

**ALL: We feast on the abundance of your house; you give  
us drink from the river of delights.**

One: For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we  
see light.

**ALL: We sing to you, O God, our life and our light!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Opening Song: "We Sing to You, O God" (TFWS #2001, tune:  
John Darwall / lyrics: Gracia Grindal)**

We sing to you, O God, the Rock who gave us birth,  
let our rejoicing sing your name in all the earth.  
To you, O God, let songs be raised,  
in joyful hymns, our feast of praise.

We wandered far from home out in a desert land,  
you shielded with your love our fearful pilgrim band.  
You kept us safe within your arms  
and sheltered us against the storm.

You bear us through the world, an eagle to her young,  
who rises on her wings and bears us toward the sun.  
We ride the vaults of light and air  
and trust in your unfailing care.

O God, eternal God, we hide within your wings,  
the everlasting arms to whom our praises ring.  
Your word is true, your way is just,  
you are the God in whom we trust.

### **Passing the Peace**

One: The peace of God be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

### **GROUNDING**

**Community Prayer** (*Christian Aid website – adapted*)

God of revelation and epiphany, through the words of  
the prophets you have shown us the world of your  
dreaming and longing: a world built on justice,  
overflowing with plenty, and crowned with joy. And  
through the coming of Emmanuel—his living and loving,  
his words and actions—you have shown us how such a  
world might be fashioned.

Help us to take, hold and grow into these understandings.  
Like Jesus, may we be always ready to live generously,  
love expansively, speak boldly, and act courageously—  
that the kingdom of your dreaming may become real, on  
earth as in heaven. Amen.

### **Silent Prayer**

### **Special Music**

## **Scripture Lesson:** Psalm 40:1-11

I waited patiently for the HOLY ONE; God inclined to me and heard my cry. **2** God drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure. **3** God put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear and put their trust in the HOLY ONE. **4** Happy are those who make the HOLY ONE their trust, who do not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after false gods. **5** You have multiplied, O HOLY ONE my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you. Were I to proclaim and tell of them, they would be more than can be counted. **6** Sacrifice and offering you do not desire, but you have given me an open ear. Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required.

**7** Then I said, "Here I am; in the scroll of the book it is written of me. **8** I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart." **9** I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; see, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O HOLY ONE. **10** I have not hidden your saving help within my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation; I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congregation. **11** Do not, O HOLY ONE, withhold your mercy from me; let your steadfast love and your faithfulness keep me safe forever.

## **Choral Alleluia** (*UMH #186, Jerry Sinclair*)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

## **Scripture Lesson:** John 1:35-42

The next day John (the Baptizer) again was standing with two of his disciples, **36** and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" **37** The

two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. **38** When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" **39** He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon.

**40** One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. **41** He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). **42** He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

One: The word of God for the people of God.

**ALL: Thanks be to God!**

### **Choral Alleluia**

Sing alleluia, sing alleluia, sing alleluia, alleluia. *(repeat)*

**Sermon:** "Come and See"

**Song:** "We Are Called to Tell the Story" *(tune: UMH #220, Henry T. Smart / lyrics: Ruth Duck)*

We are called to tell the story,  
passing words of life along,  
then to blend our voice with others  
as we sing the sacred song.  
Christ be known in all our singing,  
filling all with songs of love.

We are called to teach the rhythm  
of the dance that never ends,  
then to move within the circle,  
hand in hand with strangers, friends.

Christ be known in all our dancing,  
touching all with hands of love.

We are called to set the table,  
blessing bread as Jesus blest,  
then to come with thirst and hunger,  
needing care like all the rest.

Christ be known in all our sharing,  
feeding all with signs of love.

May the One whose love is broader  
than the measure of all space  
give us words to sing the story,  
move among us in this place.  
Christ be known in all our living,  
filling all with gifts of love.

## **SHARING**

### **Offering Our Gifts**

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*"Each of you must give as  
you have made up your mind,  
not regretfully or under compulsion,  
for God loves a cheerful giver."*

**- 2 Corinthians 9:7**



### **Prayers of the People**

"Thanks be to God" / "God hears our prayer"

**Sung Response** (tune: UMH #682, Thomas Tallis / lyrics: John Pritchard)

O draw us near, companion God.  
For every joy, your name we laud.  
For every wound and each sigh, too,  
we pray your love will see us through.

## **ENGAGING**

**Closing Song:** "Guide My Feet" (TFWS #2208, African American spiritual)

Guide my feet while I run this race. (2x)

Guide my feet while I run this race,  
for I don't want to run this race in vain!

Hold my hand ...

Stand by me ...

I'm your child ...

## **Benediction**

**Singing Our Way Out:** "Pool of Love" (Alexa Sunshine Rose, Murray Kyle)

May the pool of love we have gathered here  
Spread its wings and fly far and near  
From the depths of our hearts to the farthest star  
May our love bless everyone

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## **Calvary United Methodist Church**

Celebrating 130 years at the intersection of  
48<sup>th</sup> & Baltimore / spirituality & justice

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