

Calvary Church

A Reconciling Congregation



*“And he said to them,
‘Follow me, and I will make
you fishers of people.’”*

- Matthew 4:19

January 25, 2026

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

GATHERING

Gathering Song: "The Storm Is Passing Over" (*Charles Albert Tindley / perf. by Detroit Mass Choir*)

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 12-18: \$568 / weekly budget: \$1,635

• **POWER affordability survey:** tinyurl.com/power-survey

• **Previous sermons:** allmeansall.org/sermons

• **Previous bulletins:** allmeansall.org/bulletins

Calendar

Sunday, Jan 25, 2-4 pm: PA Interfaith Power & Light Annual Convening (*registration required*)

- allmeansall.org/convening
- contact Sparrow to get involved in Calvary's PA-IPL/Green Team: sprrwfrancis@gmail.com

Monday, Jan 26 – Thursday, Jan 29, 7-8 pm: PA Interfaith Power & Light Annual Convening Workshops (*registration required*)

- allmeansall.org/convening

Monday, Jan 26, 6:15-7:15 pm: Yoga (*weekly*)

- Calvary (Chapel) – 48th St entrance
- allmeansall.org/yoga

Tuesday, Jan 27

- **12-1 pm:** Book Study – Jesus and the Disinherited (*weekly, through Feb 17*)
 - allmeansall.org/book-studies

- **6 pm:** Midweek Prayer (weekly)
 - allmeansall.org/midweek-prayer
 - 1st, 3rd & 5th Tuesdays: 3 pm / 2nd & 4th: 6 pm

Wednesday, Jan 28

- **10-11 am:** Yoga (weekly)
 - see Jan 26 for details
- **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

Thursday, Jan 29, 7:30-8:30 pm: Book Study – Jesus and the Disinherited (weekly, through Feb 12)

- allmeansall.org/book-studies

Saturday, Jan 31, 1 pm: Meditation (weekly)

- Calvary (Board Room – upstairs) – 48th St entrance
- westphillyinsight.org

Sunday, Feb 1

- **11 am-12:30 pm:** Hybrid Worship (Communion / 4th 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: rmijjima@gmail.com

CENTERING & CONNECTING

Breathing Our Way In

Singing Our Way In: “Seek Ye First” (UMH #405, Karen Lafferty – adapted)

Seek ye first the (kindom) of God
and (God's) righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, alleluia!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you;
seek and ye shall find;
knock and the door shall be opened unto you.
Allelu, alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia!
Allelu, alleluia!

Call to Worship (*Katherine Hawker, inspired by John 13:34-35,
1 John 4:7 - adapted*)

One: Come with what you have. For you who grieve this day, know that you are invited to bring the broken pieces of your heart.

ALL: Loved by one another, we discover God's love for us.

One: Come with what you have. For you who come with gladness, know that your melody will find harmony.

ALL: Accepting God's love for us, we are called to love one another.

One: Come with what you have. For you weighed down by too many 'shoulds' and 'what-ifs', know that here you may lay down the burdens of guilt and shame.

ALL: Loved by one another, we discover God's love for us.

One: Come with what you have. For you who have the answers, know that new questions await you.

ALL: Accepting God's love for us, we are called to love one another.

One: Come with what you have. For you who come seeking, know that your questions are safe in the presence of God.

ALL: Loved by one another, we discover God's love for us.

May our hearts be filled with gratitude and praise.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Opening Song: “Doxology” (tune: UMH #95, Louis Bourgeois / lyrics: verse 1, Nancy S. Taylor – adapted; remaining verses, Mary Luti)

Praise God whose many names abound:
Our Life, our Rock, our Holy Ground.
Our Home, our All, Earth’s Majesty,
Love, Spirit, Light and Mystery.

Praise God, the source of breath and birth,
who formed us from the dust of earth,
and made us kin in unity
to love and set each other free.

Praise God whose love will never cease,
whose justice raises up the least
and sits all creatures at the feast—
God’s mercy is our hope and peace!

Praise God, whose image we all bear;
Praise Christ, whose mercy we all share;
Praise Spirit, making justice grow—
one God from whom all blessings flow! Amen.

Passing the Peace

One: The peace of God be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

GROUNDING

Community Prayer (Michael Leunig – adapted)

Dear God, we pray for another way of being, another way of knowing. Across the difficult terrain of our existence, we have attempted to build a highway and in so doing have lost our footpath. God lead us to our footpath. Lead us there, where—in simplicity—we may move at the speed of natural creatures and feel the earth’s love beneath our feet. Lead us there, where—step by step—we may feel the movement of creation in our hearts. And lead us there, where—side by side—we may

feel the embrace of the common soul.

Nothing can be loved at speed. God lead us to the slow path, to the joyous insights of the pilgrim; another way of knowing, another way of being. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Special Music: "I Come to You" (*tune: trad. American melody / lyrics: Hannah C. Brown*)

I come to you, the lost and scattered;
I come to you, the smug and strong;
I come to you, the souls ungathered;
now come to me, learn you belong.

*Leave all you've done, I am forgiving;
leave all you've known to come and see;
leave all you've owned, you're just beginning;
leave all you've been and follow me.*

I come to you, the disregarded;
I come to you, the scarred and shamed;
I come to you, the broken-hearted;
now come to me and be reclaimed. (*Refrain*)

I come to you, the false and failing;
I come to you, the wild and worn;
I come to you, the wronged and railing;
now come to me, and be reborn. (*Refrain*)

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 27:4-8

One thing I asked of the HOLY ONE; this I seek: to live in the house of the HOLY ONE all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the HOLY ONE, and to inquire in God's temple. **5** For God will hide me in God's shelter in the day of trouble; God will conceal me under the cover of God's tent; God will set me high on a rock. **6** Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in God's tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the HOLY ONE. **7** Hear, O HOLY

ONE, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me! **8** "Come," my heart says, "seek God's face!" Your face, God, do I seek.

Choral Alleluia (UMH #186, Jerry Sinclair)

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

Scripture Lesson: Matthew 4:17-23

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." **18** As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea for they were fishers. **19** And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people."

20 Immediately they left their nets and followed him.

21 As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. **22** Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. **23** Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

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: "Casting Wider"

Song: "Great God, Your Love Has Called Us Here" *(tune: UMH #579, Henry Carey / lyrics: Brian Wren)*

Great God, your love has called us here,
as we, by love, for love were made.
Your living likeness still we bear,

though marred, dishonored, disobeyed;
we come, with all our heart and mind,
your call to hear, your love to find.

We come with self-inflicted pains
of broken trust and chosen wrong,
half-free, half-bound by inner chains,
by social forces swept along,
by powers and systems close confined,
yet seeking hope for humankind.

Great God, in Christ you call our name,
and then receive us as your own;
not through some merit, right or claim,
but by your gracious love alone;
we strain to glimpse your mercy seat,
and find you kneeling at our feet.

Then take the towel, and break the bread,
and humble us, and call us friends;
suffer and serve till all are fed,
and show how grandly love intends,
to work till all Creation sings,
to fill all worlds, to crown all things.

Great God, in Christ you set us free
your life to live, your joy to share;
give us your Spirit's liberty
to turn from guilt and dull despair,
and offer all that faith can do,
while love is making all things new.

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: "May You Run and Not Be Weary" (*tune & refrain: UMH #525, Charles Albert Tindley / lyrics: TFWS #2281, Paul Murakami & Handt Hanson*)

May you run and not be weary.
May your heart be filled with song.
And may the love of God continue
to give you hope and keep you strong.
And may you run and not be weary.
May your life be filled with joy!
And may the road you travel always lead you home.

*By and by, when the morning comes,
when the saints of God are gathered home,
we'll tell the story how we've overcome,
for we'll understand it better by and by.*

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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