Calvary Church

A Reconciling Congregation

"… all who humble themselves will be exalted."

- Matthew 23:12b

November 1, 2026

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

All Saint's Day

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Native American Heritage Month

GATHERING

Gathering Song: "Oh! When the Saints" *(Meandilson and His Orchestra)*

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.
- **Red Basket offering (through Nov 22):** New Sanctuary Movement of Philadelphia
  - allmeansall.org/donate
  - allmeansall.org/immigrant-justice
- **POWER Interfaith Citywide Assembly:** Sunday, Dec 6, 3-6 pm
  - contact Pastor Tim to join others from Calvary
- **Grief Support Group** *(monthly)*
  - to resume with facilitation provided by Spark Bird Therapy Group's clinical intern, exact timing TBD
  - contact Pastor Tim if interested
- **Low-cost therapy**
  - also provided by Spark Bird's clinical intern, for individual and couples beginning at $20/session
  - contact Cara for details: carablouin@gmail.com
- **Previous sermons & bulletins**
  - allmeansall.org/sermonsbulletins

Calendar

Today, Nov 1, following worship: Light reception for new members

Monday, Nov 2

- **6:15-7:15 pm:** Yoga *(weekly)*
  - Chapel – 48th St entrance
  - allmeansall.org/yoga
- **7:15-8:30 pm:** Bible Study - Psalms *(in person)*
  - Office – 48th St entrance

Wednesday, Nov 4

- **10-11 am:** Yoga *(weekly)* – see Oct 26
- **12-12:30 pm:** Interfaith Prayer Vigil for Immigrant Justice *(weekly / New Sanctuary Movement)*
  - Philadelphia ICE Field Office / 114 N 8th St
- **6-7 pm:** Calvary Handbell Choir *(semi-monthly - 1st & 3rd Wednesdays)*
  - Chapel – 48th St entrance
  - contact Sparrow with questions, or to get involved: sprrwfrancis@gmail.com
- **7-8ish pm:** Spirituality on Tap *(monthly - 1st Wednesdays)*
  - Dahlak / 4708 Baltimore Ave
  - allmeansall.org/spirituality-on-tap

Thursday, Nov 5, 7:15-8:30 pm: Bible Study - Psalms *(virtual)*

Saturday, Nov 7, 12-1:30 pm: Peoplehood Parade & Pageant *(Spiral Q)*

- spiralq.org/peoplehood-parade
- contact Pastor Tim to join others from Calvary

Sunday, Nov 8

- **11 am-12:30 pm:** Hybrid Worship
- **12:45-2 pm:** 2nd Sunday Potluck *(monthly)*
  - Fellowship Hall (downstairs) – 48th St entrance
  - allmeansall.org/2nd-sunday-potluck

Sunday, Nov 15, 11 am-12:30 pm: Hybrid Worship

- guest preacher: Lesley Curtis

Saturday, Nov 21

- **9:30 am-12 pm:** Calvary @ Sankofa Community Farm
  - 3000 S. 56th St
  - for details and to sign up: allmeansall.org/sankofa
- **2 pm:** Calvary Seniors *(monthly – timing varies)*
  - for details and to RSVP: allmeansall.org/seniors

CENTERING & CONNECTING

Breathing Our Way In

May our lungs remember what our minds forget …

Naming & Welcoming Our Saints

Singing Our Way In: "Heaven and Earth Are Filled" *(Christopher Grundy)*

Heaven and earth are filled
with the light of the saints
who have gone on before us,
shining around us still
as we're running this race,
grateful our path is lit for us.

Call to Worship *(Janet Morley – adapted)*

One: For all the saints who went before us, who have spoken to our hearts and touched us with your fire,
ALL: we praise you, O God.
One: For all the saints who live beside us, whose weaknesses and strengths are woven with our own,
ALL: we praise you, O God.
One: For all the saints who live beyond us, who challenge us to change the world with them,
ALL: we praise you, O God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Opening Song: "Give Thanks for Life" *(tune: UMH #711, Ralph Vaughan Williams / lyrics: Shirley Erena Murray)*

Give thanks for life, the measure of our days,
mortal, we pass through beauty that decays,
yet sing to God our hope, our love, our praise,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Give thanks for those who made their life a light
caught from the Christ-flame, bursting through the night,
who touched the truth, who burned for what is right,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

And for our own, our living and our dead,
thanks for the love by which our life is fed,
a love not changed by time or death or dread,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Give thanks for hope that, like the wheat, the grain,
that lies in darkness does its life retain
in resurrection to grow green again,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reception of New Members

Introduction

Presentation of Candidates

- Emma Bachman, Brooke Christensen, Kaylee (Lee) Grigg

Profession of Faith

Congregation

With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Jesus. We will surround these friends with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their trust of God and be faithful in love for their neighbors—including the whole of Creation—as for themselves. We will pray for them, that they may be disciples who walk—as Jesus did—in the way that leads to life.

Thanksgiving over the Water

Reaffirmation of Faith

Reception into the United Methodist Church

Reception into the Local Congregation

Commendation and Welcome

Congregation

We give thanks for all that God has already given you, and we welcome you in love. We pray, in community with you, that your faith may be increased, your hope confirmed, and your love perfected in the way that leads to life. And as members together with you in the family of God, we renew our covenant to faithfully participate—as we are able—in the worship, ministry and witness of this congregation through our prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our service.

Passing the Peace

One: The peace of God be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

GROUNDING

Community Prayer *(Jan L. Richardson, William W. How – adapted)*

God of the generations, when we set our hands to labor, thinking we work alone, remind us that we carry on our lips the words of prophets, in our veins the blood of martyrs, in our eyes the vision of mystics, in our hands the strength of thousands. For all the saints who from their labors rest, we give you thanks. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 34:1-10

I will bless the HOLY ONE at all times; God's praise shall continually be in my mouth. **2** My soul makes its boast in the HOLY ONE; let the humble hear and be glad. **3** O magnify the HOLY ONE with me, and let us exalt God's name together. **4** I sought the HOLY ONE, and God answered me and delivered me from all my fears. **5** Look to God, and be radiant, so your faces shall never be ashamed. **6** This poor soul cried and was heard by the HOLY ONE and was saved from every trouble. **7** The angel of the HOLY ONE encamps around those who fear God and delivers them. **8** O taste and see that the HOLY ONE is good; happy are those who take refuge in God. **9** O fear the HOLY ONE, you God's holy ones, for those who fear God have no want. **10** The young lions suffer want and hunger, but those who seek the HOLY ONE lack no good thing.

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

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

Scripture Lesson: Matthew 23:1-12

Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, **2** "The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses's seat; **3** therefore, do whatever they teach you and follow it; but do not do as they do, for they do not practice what they teach. **4** They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on the shoulders of others, but they themselves are unwilling to lift a finger to move them. **5** They do all their deeds to be seen by others, for they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long. **6** They love to have the place of honor at banquets and the best seats in the synagogues **7** and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces and to have people call them rabbi. **8** But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all siblings. **9** And call no one your

parent on earth, for you have one Parent, the one in heaven. **10** Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Anointed. **11** The greatest among you will be your servant. **12** All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted.

One: The word of God for the people of God.
ALL: Thanks be to God!

Choral Alleluia *(Greg Scott)*
Sing alleluia, sing alleluia, sing alleluia, alleluia. *(repeat)*

Reflection: "No 'I' in Team"

Gathering the Light & Blessing of Our Saints
"Heaven and Earth Are Filled" *(Christopher Grundy)*

Song: "When the Saints Go Marching In" *(AAHH #595, African American spiritual – adapted)*

O when the saints go marching in,
O when the saints go marching in,
O (how) I want to be in that number
when the saints go marching in.

O when the sun refuses to shine …

On that hallelujah day …

O when the trumpet sounds the call …

O when the new world is revealed …

SHARING

Offering Our Gifts
allmeansall.org/time-talent / allmeansall.org/donate

"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

Previous giving *(rounded)*

- Oct 19-25: $6,189 / weekly budget: $1,663

Prayers of the People

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

Communion / The Great Thanksgiving *(Steve Garnaas-Holmes – adapted)*

One: God is with you.
ALL: And also with you.
One: Lift up your hearts.
ALL: We lift them up to God.
One: Let us give thanks to the Holy One, our God.
ALL: It is good and beautiful to give God our praise.

One: We thank you, God, for you create us in your image, make covenant to be our God, and set us free from all that oppresses. You give us a world, an empire of grace, to which we belong, that this world can't take from us. You call us as your saints, and show us the way in Jesus. You have given us saints who shine for us with the way of love, who in your Spirit gather with us even now. Therefore we sing with all the saints, with every living being and with all Creation, your unending hymn:

ALL SING *(TFWS #2257-b, tune: Mark Miller / lyrics: UM Hymnal - adapted):*

Holy, holy, holy (One); God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest! *(3x)*
Blest is the one who comes in the name of (our God).
Hosanna in the highest! *(3x)*

One: Blessed are all who come in your name, and blessed is Jesus, your Beloved. He taught and healed, he fed people and set them free. He gathered a community of those who desire to live by your grace, who would sanctify themselves for the work of love.

He sought justice, and for that he was crucified. But you raised him to new life, that he might continually embody for us your covenant to be with us in love eternally.

On the night he was arrested … And so we remember. As often as we break the bread and share the cup, we remember the life of Jesus and all that we see of you and your love in that life. We taste the same Spirit, we feast on the same promise, and renew our commitment to follow the same path, proclaiming together the mystery at the heart of our faith:

ALL SING *(TFWS #2257-c, tune: Mark Miller / lyrics: UM Hymnal):*
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.
Hosanna in the highest! *(3x)*

One: Pour out your Spirit on this bread and cup, on all of our bread and cups, and on all of us gathered in person and virtually, that we who receive these gifts may know your presence. By your Spirit, and buoyed by the enduring spirit of our saints, the great cloud of witnesses, make us one with you and with each other in love. Though ordinary people, blessed by your grace and sanctified for lives of love in the ongoing work of justice and peace; bringing healing to a broken world, and sharing fullness with all people—indeed, with all the earth.

ALL SING *(TFWS #2257-d, tune: Mark Miller / lyrics: UM Hymnal):*
Amen. Amen. Amen.
Hosanna in the highest! *(3x)*

Sung Response: "Eat This Bread" *(UMH #628, tune: Robert Batastini & Taizé Community / lyrics: Jacques Berthier)*

Eat this bread, drink this cup,
come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
trust in me and you will not thirst.

ENGAGING

Benediction

Singing Our Way Out: "Go Now in Peace" *(UMH #665, Natalie Sleeth)*

Go now in peace, go now in peace,
may the love of God surround you
everywhere, everywhere, you may go.

We humbly acknowledge that Calvary is located on the ancestral homelands of the Lenape people, whose presence and resilience in Pennsylvania continues to this day. We take this opportunity to honor the original caretakers who lived and continue to live on and steward this land, while recognizing the histories of land theft, violence, erasure and oppression that have preceded our presence here.

Calvary United Methodist Church

celebrating 130 years at the intersection of 48th & Baltimore / spirituality & justice

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