

# Calvary Church

*A Reconciling Congregation*



*“Your decrees are righteous forever;  
give me understanding that I may live.”*

**- Psalm 119:144**

**November 9, 2025**

*22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

# CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Native American Heritage Month

## GATHERING

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

### **Welcome & Announcements**

- **Congregational giving** (*rounded*)
  - Oct 27 – Nov 2: \$603 / weekly budget: \$1,827
- **"White Basket" offerings through November:**
  - United Methodist Committee on Relief's response in the Caribbean: [umcmmission.org](http://umcmmission.org)
- **"Red Basket" special offerings through Nov 23:**
  - POWER Interfaith: [allmeansall.org/racial-economic-justice](http://allmeansall.org/racial-economic-justice)
- **Nursery volunteers needed**
  - contact Kasperikimura if you are interested and to learn more: [kasperikimura@gmail.com](mailto:kasperikimura@gmail.com)
- **Previous sermons:** [allmeansall.org/sermons](http://allmeansall.org/sermons)
- **Previous bulletins:** [allmeansall.org/bulletins](http://allmeansall.org/bulletins)

## Calendar

**Today, Nov 9, 12:45-2 pm:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Potluck

**Monday, Nov 10, 6:30-7:30 pm:** Yoga (*weekly*)

- Calvary (Chapel) – 48<sup>th</sup> St entrance
- [allmeansall.org/yoga](http://allmeansall.org/yoga)

**Tuesday, Nov 11**

- **3:30 pm:** Trustees
- **6 pm:** Midweek Prayer
  - [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, Nov 12, 10-11 am:** Yoga (*weekly*)

- see Nov 10 for details

## Thursday, Nov 13

- **7 pm:** Bible Study – Revelation (*hybrid*)
  - Calvary (Office) if in person – 48<sup>th</sup> St entrance
- **7 pm:** POWER Interfaith West/Southwest Cluster (*monthly – 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays*)
  - contact Mimi for details, or to get involved in Calvary's POWER Interfaith Team:  
[rmijima@gmail.com](mailto:rmijima@gmail.com)

## Saturday, Nov 15, 1 pm: Meditation (*weekly*)

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

## Sunday, Nov 16

- **11 am-12:30 pm:** Hybrid Worship
- **12:45 pm:** Congregational feedback session (*separate in-person and virtual options*)
  - contact Pastor Tim to sign up, or with questions

## Monday, Nov 17, 7 pm: Congregational feedback session (*virtual only*)

- contact Pastor Tim to sign up, or with questions

## Wednesday, Nov 19, 4 pm: Congregational feedback session (*virtual only*)

- contact Pastor Tim to sign up, or with questions

## Friday, Nov 21, 7 pm: Young-ish Adults (*monthly – 3rd Fridays*)

- contact Bethany for details, to RSVP, or to be added to the YA email list: [bethanycw@gmail.com](mailto:bethanycw@gmail.com)

## Saturday, Nov 22, 9:30 am-12 pm: Calvary @ Sankofa Community Farm

- [allmeansall.org/sankofa](http://allmeansall.org/sankofa)
- contact Pastor Tim to sign up

## Sunday, Nov 23

- **11 am-12:30 pm:** Hybrid Worship
- **12:45 pm:** Congregational feedback session (*separate in-person and virtual options*)
  - contact Pastor Tim to sign up, or with questions

## Visiting With Us?

We strive to make our worship space (in-person and virtual) as welcoming and accommodating of different needs as possible. If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions, please contact Pastor Tim.

## **CENTERING & CONNECTING**

### **Breathing Our Way In**

#### **Singing Our Way In:** "Child of God" (*Mark Miller*)

No matter what people say, say or think about me  
I am a child, I am a child of God

No matter what people say, say or think about you  
You are a child, you are a child of God

No matter what the church says ...

No matter what the world says ...

#### **Call to Worship** (*Beth Merrill Neel – adapted*)

One: Children of God: welcome!

**ALL: Welcome to this place of love and grace.**

One: Welcome to this place of hope and perseverance.

**ALL: God invites all of us to be a part of the beloved community.**

One: God invites all of us to share in the good news:

**ALL: We are welcome, just as we are. We are loved, just as we are.**

One: In gratitude for all of this, let us worship God.

**ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia!**

#### **Opening Song:** "Womb of Life" (*TFWS #2046, alternate tune: UMH #196, Rowland H. Prichard / lyrics: Ruth Duck*)

Womb of life, and source of being,  
home of every restless heart,  
in your arms the world's awakened;  
you have loved us from the start.

We, your children, gather 'round you,  
at the table you prepare.  
Sharing stories, tears, and laughter,  
we are nurtured by your care.

Word in flesh, our brother Jesus,  
born to bring us second birth,  
you have come to stand beside us,  
knowing weakness, knowing earth.  
Priest who shares our human struggles,  
Life of Life, and Death of Death,  
Risen Christ, come stand among us,  
send the Spirit by your breath.

Brooding Spirit, move among us;  
be our partner, be our friend.  
When our memory fails, remind us  
whose we are, what we intend.  
Labor with us, aid the birthing  
of the new world yet to be,  
free of servant, lord, and master,  
free for love and unity.

Mother, Brother, Holy Partner,  
Father, Spirit, only Son:  
We would praise your name forever,  
One in three, and Three in one.  
We would share your life, your passion,  
share your word of world made new,  
ever singing, ever praising,  
one with all, and one with you.

## **Holy Baptism / Reception of New Members**

### *Introduction*

### *Presentation of Candidates*

- Alisha Berry
- Mimi Iijima
- Morgan Jimenez

## *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 as for themselves. We will pray for them, that they may walk—as Jesus did—in the way that leads to life.**

## *Thanksgiving Over the Water*

### *Baptism*

### *Confirmation / 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 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 in the ministries and witness of this congregation by 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.**

## Offering Our Gifts

[allmeansall.org/time-talent](http://allmeansall.org/time-talent) / [allmeansall.org/donate](http://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



## GROUNDING

### **Community Prayer** (*Riverside Church – adapted*)

Forgive us, God, when we do so little with the gift of life; made for the mighty deep, when we fritter away our energy splashing in the shallows near the shore; endowed with minds capable of vast imagination, when we become dull and predictable; capable of generous love, when we find ourselves withholding and disconnected; blest with soul enough to commune with you, when we are content to lavish our affections on the passing fancies of the world. Increase our gratitude for life itself, and help us to live it more nearly to the full. Amen.

### **Silent Prayer**

### **Special Music**

### **Scripture Lesson:** Psalm 119:137-144

You are righteous, O HOLY ONE, and your judgments are right. **138** You have appointed your decrees in righteousness and in all faithfulness. **139** My zeal consumes me because my foes forget your words.

**140** Your promise is well tried, and your servant loves it.

**141** I am small and despised, yet I do not forget your precepts. **142** Your righteousness is an everlasting

righteousness, and your law is the truth. **143** Trouble and anguish have come upon me, but your commandments are my delight. **144** Your decrees are righteous forever; give me understanding that I may live.

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

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

## **Scripture Lesson:** Luke 19:1-10

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through it. **2** A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. **3** He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. **4** So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. **5** When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today." **6** So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. **7** All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." **8** Zacchaeus stood there and said to Jesus, "Look, half of my possessions, Teacher, I will give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." **9** Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham. **10** For the Child of Humanity came to seek out and to save the lost."

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:** "Big Life"

**Song:** "The Summons" (TFWS #2130, tune: trad. Scottish / lyrics: John Bell – adapted)

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know  
and never be the same?

Will you let my love be shown,  
will you let my name be known,  
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare  
should your life attract or scare?  
will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean,  
and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found  
to reshape the world around,  
through my sight and touch and sound in you,  
and you in me?

(God), your summons echoes true  
when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go  
where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you, and you in me.

## **SHARING**

### **Prayers of the People**

**Sung Response** (*tune: UMH #408, trad. English / lyrics: John Pritchard*)

O Open Arms, now hold our cares,  
the aches we've named, the joys we've shared.  
And hold us, too; into us breathe –  
your grace, your life, let us receive.

## **ENGAGING**

**Closing Song:** "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" (TFWS #2153, African American spiritual – adapted)

I'm gonna live so God can use me  
anywhere ... anytime!

I'm gonna live so God can use me,  
anywhere ... anytime!

I'm gonna work so ...

I'm gonna pray so ...

## **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

---

# **Calvary United Methodist Church**

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

801 S. 48<sup>th</sup> Street / Philadelphia, PA 19143  
215.724.1702 / office@allmeansall.org / allmeansall.org

**Pastor Tim Emmett-Rardin:** pastortim@allmeansall.org  
(in case of pastoral emergency: 215.370.7411)

**Norris Person** (Music Minister): music@allmeansall.org  
**Shakirah Holloway** (Office Administrator / Treasurer)

**Beth Jemison, Bethany Weed, Cord Whitaker** (Co-Lay Leaders)

**Geraldine (Gerry) Felix** (Church Council Chair)

**Annie Haviland** (Finance Committee Chair)

**Jennine Miller** (Staff-Parish Relations Committee Chair)

**Carl Ballinger** (Trustees Chair)

**For full leadership roster:** [allmeansall.org/leadership](http://allmeansall.org/leadership)