

## Mark 12:28-31

28 And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, "Which commandment is the most important of all?" 29 Jesus answered, "The most important is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. 30 And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' 31 The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

### Notes

### Questions for Reflection & Discussion:

1. Why do you think "no one dared to ask" Jesus any more questions after his exchange with the scribe?
2. What experience do you have, personally, with God's law functioning in your life as a mirror, curb, and light?
3. Spend some time brainstorming what it could look like for you (and our whole congregation) to: 1) bless our community more, 2) invite our neighbors more, and 3) share the gospel more.

## Family Business

### Upcoming:

#### Sunday 1/18

- 8:45 am - Worship / Sanctuary
- 9:45 am - Sunday Morning Classes
- 9:45 am - Worship / Multi-Purpose Room
- 11:00 am - Worship / Sanctuary
- 12:30 pm - Next Steps Lunch / Fellowship Hall
- 4:00 pm - Musical Offerings Concert / Atrium

#### Monday 1/19

Church Office Closed

#### Tuesday 1/20

- 6:30 pm - Men's Bible Study / Room 015

#### Wednesday 1/21

- 6:00 pm - Adult Pickleball / Multi-Purpose Room
- 6:10 pm - Bell Choir Rehearsal/ Bell Choir Room
- 7:15 pm - Chancel Choir / Choir Room

#### Thursday 1/22

- 11:00 am - Prayer Meeting / Prayer Room
- 6:00 pm - Women's Bible Study / Little Bacon Room
- 6:00 pm - Pastor's Book Club / Library

#### Friday 1/23

- 12:00 pm - Women's Table Talk / Room 114

#### Saturday 1/24

- 10:00 am - F&C Kids Open Art Morning / Room 215

**Annual Congregational Meeting: January 25, 2026, at 10:45 a.m.**

**New to First & Calvary?** We're glad you're here! Please pick up a gift bag to learn more about us at the exits. Please sign the Friendship Pad in your pew so we can connect. Kids are always welcome in worship! Worship bags are at each entrance. Parents may use the Baby Break Room or the nursery on the first floor. Children ages 3 through 3rd grade may join Worship and Wonder after the Children's Message—check in near the front left sanctuary exit.

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January 18, 2026

## The House of Prayer

### Prelude

### Call to Worship | Tyler Heckman

Rick Uffmann

Leader: “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

**People: Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.”**

—Matthew 11:28-29, NIV

### \*Opening Hymn

*519 It Is Well with My Soul*

Words: Horatio G. Spafford, 1873

Music: Philip P. Bliss, 1876

### Confession of Sin

Merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you  
with our whole heart and mind and strength.  
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
In your mercy forgive what we have been,  
help us amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be,  
so that we may delight in your will  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your holy name.  
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

### Hymn 817

*Hear Our Prayer, O Lord*

Words: Based on Psalm 143:1

Music: George Whelpton

### Declaration of Forgiveness

Hear the good news!

There is no condemnation

for those who are in Christ Jesus.

For the law of the Spirit

of life in Christ Jesus

has set you free from the law of sin and death.

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

The old life has gone;

a new life has begun.

Know that in Jesus,

God embraces you, forgives you,

and strengthens you to live a renewed life.

**Thanks be to God.**

—based on Romans 8:1; 2 Corinthians 5:17

### Hymn 805

*Glory Be to the Father*

Words: Gloria Patri

Music: Henry Greatorex

### Time for Children | Rev. Don Everts

*Jesus Loves Me*

*Oh, How I Love Jesus*

### Scripture | Mark 12:28-31

*See Scripture Panel*

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

### Anthem | Miami University Men's Glee Club

*Ave Maria*

Music: Franz Biebl

### Sermon | Rev. Don Everts

*Widening Our Welcome*

### Confession of Faith | The Apostles' Creed

*Hymn No. 14*

### Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### Invitation to Offering

### Offertory

*Betelehemu*

Via Olatunji, arr. Wendell Whalum

### Doxology

*Hymn No. 809*

### Offering Prayer

### \*Closing Hymn

*86 We Come, O Christ, to You*

Words: Margaret Clarkson, 1946, rev. 1984

Music: John Darwall, 1770

### \*Benediction

### \*Benediction Response

*841 May the Grace of Christ Our Savior*

Words: John Newton, 1799

Music: Corner's Gesangbuch, 1631

### \*Postlude

*11:00 am service - Salmo 150*

Music: Ernani Aguiar