

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.”

Deuteronomy 6:4-5

4 “Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. 5 You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

Notes

Questions for Reflection & Discussion:

- 1. What does delighting in God look like to you?
- 2. What is revealed Jesus' priorities, that after this heated discussion with religious leaders, he would remind them of this great commandment from Deuteronomy?
- 3. How might God be asking you to go deeper in your delight in him this year through worship, experiencing the Holy Spirit, and exploring the Bible's relevance?

Family Business

Upcoming:

- Sunday 1/11**
8:45 am - Worship / Sanctuary
9:45 am - Sunday Morning Classes
9:45 am - Contemporary Worship / Multi-Purpose Room
11:00 am – Worship / Sanctuary
- Monday 1/12**
5:00 pm - Building and Grounds Committee Meeting / Conference Room
6:00 pm - Congregational Life Committee Meeting
- Tuesday 1/13**
6:30 pm - Men’s Bible Study / Room 015
- Wednesday 1/14**
6:00 pm – Mission Committee Meeting / Conference Room
6:00 pm – Adult Pickleball / Multi-Purpose Room
6:00 pm – Youth Laser Tag / Andy B’s
7:15 pm – Chancel Choir / Choir Room
- Thursday 1/15**
11:00 am – Prayer Meeting / Prayer Room
5:30 pm – Behind the Baton / Atrium
- Friday 1/16**
12:00 pm – Women’s Table Talk / Room 114

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

Next Steps Lunch: Come learn more about First & Calvary and explore taking your next steps at this lunch discussion with Pastors Don and Jamie on Sunday, January 18th, from 12:30 pm – 2 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will share about our mission and history, how to get involved--and for those who wish-- how to join as a covenant partner. Childcare is available upon request. RSVP by Jan. 11th.

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 11, 2026

The House of Prayer

Prelude

Call to Worship | Miles Stamper, scholar Josiah Bojanowski, scholar

Leader: There is none like you, O Lord,
nor are there any works like yours.
**People: All the nations you have made shall come
and bow down before you, O Lord,
and shall glorify your name.
For you are great and do wondrous things,
you alone are God.**
—from Psalm 86:8-10, NRSV

*Opening Hymn

77 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
Words: Joachim Neander, 1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1863, alt.
Music: Erneuerten Gesangbuch, Stralsund, 1665

Confession of Sin

Gracious God,
you have given us the law of Moses and the teachings of Jesus
to direct us in the way of life.
You offer us your Holy Spirit
so that we can be born to new life as your children.
Yet, O God, we confess that the ways of death have a strong attraction
and that we often succumb to their lure.
Give us the vision and courage to choose and nurture life,
that we may receive your blessing. Amen.

Hymn 817
Hear Our Prayer, O Lord
Words: Based on Psalm 143:1
Music: George Whelpton

Declaration of Forgiveness

To all who turn from sin in sorrow,
to all who turn to God in hope,
this is God’s Word of grace:
We are accepted, we are forgiven, we are loved.
This is a gift we have from God.
Thanks be to God.

Hymn 805
Glory Be to the Father
Words: Gloria Patri
Music: Henry Greatorex

Message from Stewardship | Tom Dancey

Invitation to Offering

Offertory | Aaron Huffman
The Swan
Music: Camille Saint-Saëns

Doxology
Hymn No. 809

Offering Prayer

Time for Children | Rev. Jamie Swope
Jesus Loves Me
Oh, How I Love Jesus

Scripture | Mark 12:28-31, Deuteronomy 6:4-5
See Scripture Panel
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Sermon | Rev. Jamie Swope
Deepening Our Delight

Confession of Faith | The Apostles’ Creed
Hymn No. 14

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution & Communion

Pastoral Prayer 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.

***Closing Hymn**
568 Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated
Words: Frances R. Havergal, 1874
Music: Henri A. César Malan, 1827

*Benediction

***Benediction Response**
Go Now in Peace
Words and Music: Don Besig and Nancy Price

*Postlude